



Democracy

Development Ranking

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Issue

- **Lack of objective measuring instrument to qualify democratic development of countries**
- **As a result:**
 - ‘Democracy’ is (probably) the most abused socio-political term in the world
 - There is hardly any dictator around who does not claim to be a democrat
 - (often) hopeless struggle by under-funded opposition groups against their well funded PR machine of their oppressive Governments, therefore
 - Countries with non-mature democratic institutions are especially adversely affected
- **Even well developed democracies need further enhancement**

What we monitor is what we get

(more true in business than in social matters)

- **Strong focus and commitment can make a difference**
- **Examples**
 - **Elections**
 - **Inflation**
 - **Leaded gas**
 - **Child labour**
 - **Environmental awareness**
 - **Nutrition**

World Bank: a tall order

- **Exceptionally high quality instrument to monitor & rank economies**
- **It was hardly known just a few years ago**
- **Today, there is hardly anyone who does not use it in business or Government**
- **Result / impact**
 - **Facts and reason have overtaken emotions and subjective judgment calls** (in business / economic discussions)
 - **Most Governments with low ranking consider improving their ranking on the World Bank Index as strategic**
 - **De Facto world standard for socio-economic application**
- **Obvious linkage between democracy and economic development**

Lesson to be leaned: Need

(Mission Statement ?)

Create an objective set of criteria based measuring instrument / yardstick to

- **assess / measure and**
- **monitor**

democratic development of countries.

Current status & possible new qualification categories

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|---|-------------------|
| Elections | Very well covered |
| Party financing | Not handled |
| Soundness of civil society | Not handled |
| Recall | Not handled |
| Independence of judiciary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police • Prosecution • Courts | Not handled |
| Diversity, independence / strength of media | Not handled |
| ... etc. ... | |

Solution / Execution Approach (possible)

- 1. Social scientists, legal & political experts and / or institutions with such expertise are WANTED !!!**
- 2. Inter-disciplinary approach is required.**
- 3. Execution Approach**
 - Create the panel of experts / organisation
 - Define mission statement
 - Develop Categories / criteria
 - Develop To-Do-List
 - Identify sponsor institution(s)
 - Develop Project Plan
 - Create the Instrument
 - Maintain the Instrument



Thank you for your attention.

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