

Outcomes of Democracy

© Introduction :-

How do we assess democracy's outcomes?



Why to assess?



Because democracy is a better form of government when compared with others.

- Promotes equality among citizens.
- Enhances the dignity of the individual.
- Improves the quality of decision making.
- Provides a method to resolve conflicts.
- Allows room to correct mistakes.

Dilemma (दिसमना)

Democracy is seen to be good in principle but felt to be not so good in practice.

Do we prefer democracy only for moral reasons?



What may be achieved or not achieved under each of these democracies will be very different.

We = Democracy = our expectations



It is just a form of govt., it only creates conditions for achieving something

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Accountable, Responsive and legitimate

Accountable



Democracy = people



Government elected by the people should be accountable to the citizen

Is the democratic govt. efficient



Decision making

effective!

Democratic v/s Non-Democratic

- Democratic govt. follow procedures before arriving at a decision
- Transparency in democratic government.

→ Responsive

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Meaning

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Responding to the need & demand

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Regular, free & fair elections; open public debate on major policies and legislations; & citizen's right to information about the govt and its functioning.

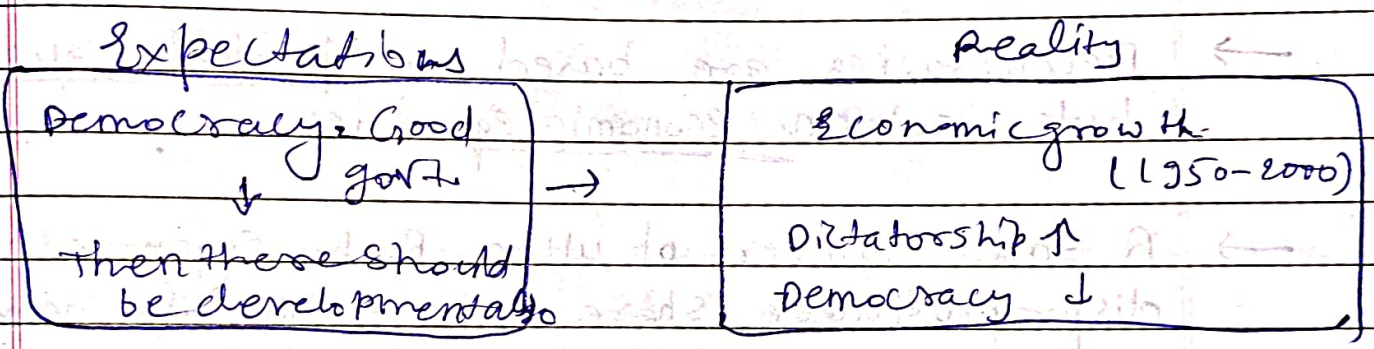
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Outcome

→ legitimate
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which is highly value
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not necessary that democratic
govt. is always satisfying.
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Then, why do we accept it?
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Because it is a legitimate
form of govt.
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Elected by us therefore it is our
own govt.

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Theha hai Par
Mera Hai

② Economic Growth & Development



• then why didn't we reject democracy?

→ Because economic growth depends on several factors. [country's population size, global situation, cooperation from other countries, economic priorities.]

Reasons for acceptance of democracy?

→ the difference in the rates of economic development between less developed countries with dictatorships & democracies is negligible.

→ It is better to prefer democracy as it has several other positive outcomes.

Reduction of Inequality and Poverty

Democracy and our expectation

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Reduction in economic inequality

More reasonable expected outcome?

→ Democracies are based on political equality but not on economic equalities.

→ A small number of ultra-rich enjoy a highly disproportionate share of wealth and incomes.

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Those at bottom find it difficult to meet their basic needs

Not very successful in reducing economic inequalities.

→ Though the poor makes up a large proportion of our votes and no party would like to lose their votes, yet democratically elected govt. are not keen to address the question of poverty as we expect.

⊙ Accommodation of social diversity -

Democracy → our expectations

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For a harmonious social life

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We can not reduce the social differences but we can accommodate it.

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Only in Democracy

Democracy must fulfill two conditions in order to be accommodative.

→ Majority needs to work with minority.

→ Rule by majority does not become rule by majority community in terms of religion or race or linguistic groups.

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Rule of majority in terms of opinion.

Democracy = Rule of Majority

This majority doesn't become rule of majority community in terms of religion or race or linguistic group etc.

Every person or group should have a chance of being in majority

© Dignity and the freedom of the citizens -

Democracy stands much superior to any other form of government in promoting dignity and freedom of the individual.



For societies which have been built for long on the basis of subordination and domination, it is not a simple matter to recognise that all individuals are equal.

But a democratic country provides a moral and legal force for the recognition of the principle of individual freedom and dignity

e.g. - Women's claims, claims of disadvantaged and discriminated section.

It is the recognition that makes ordinary citizens value their democratic rights

② Examination of democracy never gets over

→ As people get some benefits of democracy they ask for more making democracy even more better expression of

→ A public dissatisfaction with democracy shows the success of the democratic project. (Aware citizens have ability to expect and look critically at the power holders.)

The End