

Outline of Democracy Conceptualization

Existence of Sovereign Representative Institutions

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 - Legislative
 - Executive
- Sovereignty of Representative Institutions
 - External Threats
 - Internal Threats

Integrity of Electoral Processes

- Openness of Electoral Arena for Elite Contestation
 - Legal Eligibility Restrictions
- Campaign Barriers
 - Campaign Costs
 - Public Financing
- Selection Procedures
- Existence of a Multi-party System
- Level of Threats/Intimidation
- Regular Elections
- Inclusive Elections
- Free Elections
- Fair Elections
- Informed Elections
 - Structure of Discourse
 - Structure of Information Flows
 - Transparency of Government
 - Structure of Election Campaigns
- Competitive Elections
- Binding Elections
- Provisions for Direct Democracy

Responsiveness of Policymaking Institutions

- Legislative Institutions
 - Independence
 - Capacity
- Bureaucracy
 - Capacity
 - Professionalism

Liberal Constraints

- Civil Liberty Guarantees
- Institutionalized Governmental Checks
 - Written Constitution
 - Delegated Powers
 - Checks and Balances
 - Federated System
- Societal Constraints
 - Interest Group Setting
 - Media Setting
 - Structure of Political Party System