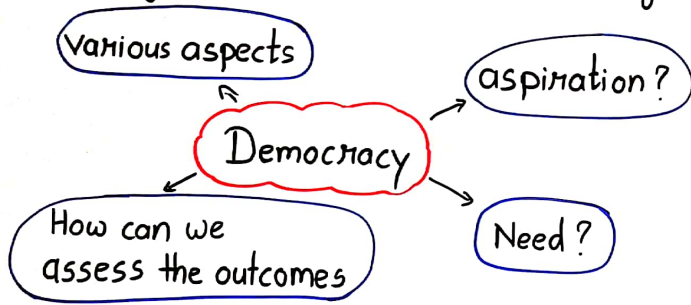


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Introduction

※ Moving from Specific themes to a general set of questions.



※ What we are going to study in this chapter?

- Democracy and issues related to it.
- Accountable, responsive and legitimate government.
- Growth and issues related to it. [Poverty]
- Social diversity
- Dignity and freedom.

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How do we assess democracy's outcomes?

∴ Democracy and other forms of government → Advantages which democracy have 😊??

∴ Democracies → Many democracies 😊

But all these democracies ↓ are very much different from each other. 😊??

∴ We = Democracy = Our expectations

∴ Democracy is just a form of government

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→ It only creates conditions for achieving something. → Citizens have to take advantage of those conditions and achieve those goals.

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Reality of these advantages 😊??

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

→ So, do we prefer democracy only for moral reasons? Or are there some prudential reasons also?

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Accountable, Responsive and Legitimate Government - I

※ Democracy and our expectation 😞??

- Right to choose their rulers.
- Participation in decision making.
- Government should be accountable.



※ Citizens are there, they will ask for answer.

- Regular free and fair elections
- Open public debate
- Citizens participation
- Free of Corruption.

※ Is the democratic government efficient?

→ Decision making. [Democratic
v/s
Non-Democratic] 😞??

※ In Democracy decision making is based on the idea of deliberation and negotiation.

※ Transparency

※ Is the government responsive towards all our expectation?

→ Government should act in response to the demand.

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Accountable, Responsive and Legitimate Government - II

∴ There are many aspects on which the performance of a democratic country is not satisfying → Then why do we accept it?

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In one respect democratic government is better than its alternatives 😞??

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Democratic government is legitimate government = Something which can be justified.

- ∴ It is people's own government.
- ∴ People wish to be ruled by representatives elected by them.
- ∴ Data from South Asia.

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Economic Growth and Development

* Democracy = Good government, then why not development. ☹️??

* Democracies v/s Dictatorships [1950 to 2000] → Growth Rate



* But we cannot reject democracy only on this reason.

→ Because economic development depends on several factors [Population size, global size etc.]

* Democracy = Development is not guaranteed, but it can compete with dictatorships over economic growth.

* Economic growth in less developed countries. * Democracies v/s Dictatorships



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Reduction of Inequality and Poverty

∴ Democracy and our expectation from it to reduce economic disparity.

∴ Democracies are based on

· Equal distribution of wealth

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Political equality

But growing economic inequalities.

Rich (↑)

(↓) Poor

∴ Developed and developing Countries.

- Poor → Constitute a large proportion.
- No party will like to lose their vote
- But democratically elected government do not appear to be as keen to address the question of poverty.

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Accommodation of Social diversity

∴ Democracy and our expectation from it towards a harmonious social life.

∴ Cannot reduce the social difference but we can accommodate them.

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→ This outcome can be produced best in the democracy.

∴ Democracy has the ability to handle social differences, divisions and conflicts.

∴ Then why the situation in Sri Lanka was so different? 😞??

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It should accommodate social diversity

∴ Democracy must fulfil two conditions in order to achieve this outcome.

→ Not the rule by majority opinion, majority always needs to work with minority.

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

[Different person or group should have a chance of being in majority]

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Dignity and freedom of the Citizen

※ Democracy and our expectations from it in regards to the dignity of an individual.

※ But it is difficult to achieve this in a society which have been built for long on the basis of subordination and domination. 😞??

e.g. Dignity of women in a male dominated societies.

※ But equality over such issues can be demanded with moral and legal foundations in a democratic country.

※ Most distinctive thing about democracy is that its examination never gets over. 😞??

→ People will always come up with more expectations and many complaints in a democracy.

→ Complaining people are itself a testimony to the success of democracy. 😞??

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