



Liberal Democracy

LIBERAL

Classical Liberalism: a **government** whose **powers are limited** through a social contract and/or constitution that respects personal freedoms and rights

Economic Liberalism: an **economic system** based on a belief in private property and the promotion of a free-market driven by supply and demand

DEMOCRACY

Republic (Indirect Democracy): Parliamentary, Presidential, Hybrid

Pluralism: interests (business and labor primarily) **freely compete** to influence state public policy.

Corporatism: a system of social compromise between **government, business, and labor** facilitated through state institutional arrangements.

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A liberal democracy is a society that believes in majority rule, minority rights, free market economics, and limits on the power of government.

CHARACTERISTICS:

- *Stable Government*
- *Post-Industrial (Service-Based)*
- *High Quality of Life*
- *Global Influence*
- *Free, Fair, Competitive Elections*
- *Vibrant Civil Society*
- *Independent Judiciary*
- *Free Media*

Source: *The Economist's Democracy Index (2008)*

Region	Democracies	Contenders
Europe	<i>Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta, Norway, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Netherlands</i>	<i>Croatia, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Turkey</i>
The Americas	<i>Canada, Costa Rica, Uruguay, USA</i>	<i>Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Most Caribbean Islands</i>
Asia & Pacific Islands	<i>Australia, Japan, South Korea, New Zealand</i>	<i>India, Indonesia, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Taiwan</i>
Africa	—	<i>Benin, Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa</i>
Middle East	---	<i>Israel</i>



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	Countries	Percentage of Countries	Percentage of World Pop
Full Democracies	25 <i>USA, UK</i>	15%	11%
Flawed Democracies	53 <i>Mexico</i>	31%	37%
Hybrid	37	22%	14%
Authoritarian	52 <i>Russia, China, Iran, Nigeria</i>	31%	38%

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