

Match one concept (1.-21) or more with one of the countries or polities/institutions below. Note that there might not be any “correct” answers. You’re all entitled to your own interpretations and opinions, but be prepared to explain and defend your choices. (Don’t match things unless you have a reason you can explain.) Feel free to look things up on the internet if you’re unsure or don’t know many/any of the concepts or regimes.

The political regime of the following countries from approximately 2010 to the present day...

The USA      Iran      Singapore      Russia      India      Australia      Turkey      Japan  
Local “self-governance” in the PRC

The following national & sub-national U.S. polities, institutions, or politicians in the 21st century...

\*California      \*The U.S. Congress      \*Citizens’ Councils & Town Hall Meetings      \*Bernie Sanders & “The Squad”

You may also associate some concepts with the following...

The Ideal Type of Democracy      Liberal Democracy as It Actually Exists      Non-Democracies

1. Schmitter & Karl’s “electoralism”
2. Illiberal Democracy
3. for the people > by the people
4. Robert Dahl’s “polyarchy” (Contested elections w/ an equivalence of the full population in the electorate)
5. Marxist critics call this “bourgeois democracy”
6. Lee Kwan Yew’s “Asian Values”
7. Popular referenda
8. Western imposition of liberal democracy on non-Western countries
9. “Competitive Authoritarianism”
10. A liberal democratic system dominated by one party.
11. Backsliding into authoritarianism as a democratically elected leader consolidates more and more power.
12. Anocracy (a mix of democratic & autocratic/authoritarian elements)
13. good results > rights & procedures
14. Majoritarian democracy (aka “Tyranny of the Majority”)
15. Huntington’s “Third Wave of Democratization”
16. Amartya Sen defends liberal democracy in developing countries in “Development as Freedom”
17. Mandatory voting is questionably democratic in an otherwise liberal democracy
18. Consolidated liberal democratic regime
18. “Minority rights” may actually be minority rule (oligarchy) which oppresses the majority.
20. “Democratic Socialism”
21. The popularity of democratic legitimacy as a concept requires non-democracies to call themselves democratic even though they aren’t really.

Procedural variations...place #s next to what you associate with these as well. Place the letter (A.-D.) next to an example polity above if you think it fits.

- A. Representative Democracy (people vote to elect their representatives in gov’t)
- B. Deliberative Democracy (a deliberative body made up of a representative sample of the population votes on policy)...sometimes also called “demarchy” or “democracy without elections”
- C. Direct Democracy (people vote on policies directly rather than electing officials to represent them)
- D. “Mass Line” Democracy in the PRC under Mao Zedong
- E. “Socialism with Chinese Characteristics”