

DEMOCRATIC ELECTION CELEBRATION OF CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS

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ABSTRACT

The celebration of democratic elections is a cornerstone of modern democracy, marking a pivotal moment in the exercise of civil and political rights. It is an occasion where citizens come together to participate in the electoral process, exercising their fundamental right to choose their leaders and shape the future of their nation. The significance of democratic elections extends beyond the mere act of casting ballots; it represents a triumph of human rights, a testament to the power of collective action, and a beacon of hope for a more just and equitable society. In this article, we will analyse democratic election process and political rights.

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INTRODUCTION

The two primary values in the contemporary Western experience are examples of this general phenomenon. In the seventeenth century, the English debated the most appropriate means of limiting the power of their monarchs. Whereas one group of people saw constraining the monarch through a body of law as the most effective means of promoting an allowed to vote. By the early eighteenth century, these kings' discussion over restrictive laws evolved into discussions more closely resembling what we call "democracy" today. These modern ideas of democracy were imported and exported to and from the new American colonies. However, a democratic electorate and the ideas of civil and political rights came about. During the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, a great level of social change was realized and inspired amongst the inhabitants of America. This time period saw many giving people a perception of their rights.

The Civil War was an example of a social movement. It led to the freedom of the African American slaves and ensured the continuance of free public instruction for every child in Georgia. This was the first generation being given hope to improve their lives. The establishment of the Constitution of the United States sums up the efforts of these two centuries. In the period beginning from WWII and going up until the 1960s, the American climate has been one of support for the ideas of democracy and rights for all. These ages have been a learning curve. Many rights and several concepts of democracy have been tried and tested while various groups of people have strived to gain these rights for themselves. At this point, many people have come to believe that these rights and this type of democracy is what is best for the United States. This has been an era of success for the voting rights and ideas of democracy propelled on many by the Civil Rights Movement. This has led to the current state of the US trying to push its ideas and values onto many other nations. In recent times, our nation has seen much controversy through events such as the Vietnam War and the election of George W. Bush. However, it is the mere continuing to push these modern ideas of

democracy that show the unrelenting faith of our people in the democratic system and in their rights.

At its core, democratic elections are a celebration of civil rights, which are enshrined in international law and national constitutions. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the United Nations in 1948, guarantees the right to freedom of opinion and expression, as well as the right to participate in government through free and fair elections. These fundamental rights are essential to the functioning of a healthy democracy, allowing citizens to hold their leaders accountable and ensuring that power is exercised in the interests of the people.

The celebration of democratic elections also underscores the importance of political rights, which are critical to the exercise of citizenship. Political rights encompass the freedoms to associate, assemble, and petition, as well as the right to vote and be elected. These rights enable citizens to engage in the political process, influencing policy decisions and shaping the direction of their country. In a democratic system, political rights are not limited to voting alone; they extend to active participation in civic life, including membership in political parties, advocacy groups, and community organizations.

Moreover, democratic elections serve as a powerful symbol of resistance against authoritarianism and oppression. Throughout history, struggles for democracy have been marked by courageous acts of defiance against tyrannical regimes, often at great personal risk. The celebration of democratic elections honors these sacrifices, acknowledging the bravery and determination of those who fought for freedom and equality. In this sense, democratic elections represent a triumph over tyranny, demonstrating that even in the face of overwhelming odds, ordinary people can effect change through collective action.

Furthermore, democratic elections foster social cohesion and national unity. By providing a peaceful means of transferring power, elections help to diffuse tensions and promote stability. In divided societies, democratic elections offer a platform for reconciliation and healing, allowing citizens to come together around shared values and goals. This is particularly significant in post-conflict countries or nations emerging from periods of authoritarian rule, where democratic elections can help to rebuild trust and foster a sense of shared citizenship.

In addition, democratic elections promote accountability and transparency in governance. By holding leaders accountable for their actions, elections ensure that power is exercised responsibly and in the interests of the people. This is achieved through mechanisms such as checks and balances, independent media outlets, and robust systems of oversight. As a result, democratic elections help to prevent abuses of power, corruption, and human rights violations. Finally, democratic elections inspire hope for a better future. They demonstrate that even in times of uncertainty and turmoil, citizens have the power to shape their own destiny. By participating in the electoral process, individuals become invested in the outcome, fostering a sense of ownership and responsibility for the direction of their country. This sense of empowerment can lead to increased civic engagement, community activism, and social mobilization, ultimately driving positive change and progress.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the celebration of democratic elections is a momentous occasion that embodies the very essence of civil and political rights. It represents a triumph over tyranny, a testament to collective action, and a beacon of hope for a more just and equitable society. As we mark this occasion, we honor the sacrifices of those who fought for freedom and equality, while reaffirming our commitment to democracy as a universal value. Ultimately, democratic elections remind us that even in an imperfect world, ordinary people have the power to shape their own destiny and create a brighter future for generations to come.

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