

# Good Governance without Democratic Accountability is not Possible:

## Thesis Statement:

Accountability is the foundation of good governance. Thus, it is not possible to establish a good governance without ensuring democratic accountability.

## Outline

### 1. Introduction

### 2. What is meant by the term "Good Governance"?

### 3. Factors indicating that establishing good governance without democratic accountability ~~is~~ is impossible ~~are~~:

3.1) Accountability of democratic institutions increases the prospects of transparency in such institutions.

3.2) Democratic accountability ~~curbs~~ ~~and~~ ~~promotes~~ curbs corruption by holding officials responsible for their illicit activities.



3.3) Democratic accountability reduces the probability of abuse of power in democratic institutions

3.4) Introducing the mechanisms of democratic accountability ~~or~~ can strengthen the rule of law thereby ensuring the prospects of good governance

3.5) Accountability mechanisms ensure check and balance ~~of~~ <sup>on</sup> state institutions

3.6) By ensuring check and balance, democratic accountability eradicates the threats for misappropriation of state assets

3.7) Strengthening democratic accountability ensures fair distribution of resources among citizens

3.8) By eliminating the probability of misappropriation, democratic accountability ensures ethical leadership

3.9) Strengthening accountability ensures civic participation in governance

3.10) ~~Ens~~ Increased civic participation ensures the protection of fundamental and civil rights of citizens



3.11) Democratic accountability attracts foreign investment and drive economic growth.

3.12) Increasing accountability ensures responsiveness in state democratic processes and eliminates unnecessary delays.

3.13) Strengthening <sup>democratic</sup> accountability fosters citizen trust in democratic practices.

3.14) Strengthening democratic accountability fosters inclusivity in democratic practices.

3.15) Ensuring accountability in governance promotes stability and order in society.

#### 4. Conclusion

According to the United Nations Development Programme for Sustainable Governance, democratic accountability is a major principle of good governance. A nation cannot establish a good governance without ensuring accountability ~~is~~ of its institutions and leadership. The preceding argument can be supported by numerous reasons. First and foremost, accountability of democratic institutions ensures transparen-



ncy in such institutions. Similarly, increased accountability mechanisms ensure a corruption free environment. Eliminating corruption also fosters public trust in state institutions which strengthens governance. Subsequently, strengthening accountability mechanisms eradicates the possibilities of illicit use of powers and strengthens the rule of law. Moreover, ensuring democratic accountability promotes check and balance of state institutions and eliminates the threat for misappropriation of state institutions. In addition to this, ensuring democratic accountability ensures fair distribution of resources among citizens of the state. By holding the officials accountable for their actions, democratic accountability also enhances the probability of building ethical leadership in the country.

To add to it, strengthening democratic accountability ensures enhanced civic participation in the democratic processes thereby enhancing the prospects for good governance. Furthermore, robust accountability mechanisms ensure the protection of fundamental ~~sig~~ human rights of citizens.

To further the prospects of good governance, democratic accountability also fosters economic growth, increases responsiveness and promotes stability in society. All things considered, it is safe to establish that good governance cannot be established without ensuring democratic accountability.



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According to the World Bank, <sup>the term</sup> good governance refers to the ethical, transparent and accountable management of public resources and affairs. The major principles of good governance include strengthening rule of law, fostering public trust, ensuring accountability, enhancing responsiveness, increasing civic participation, promoting inclusivity and equity, and establishing a transparent democratic system. Good governance is essential for sustainable development and political stability. It creates an environment conducive to economic growth, social equity, and the protection of human rights in society.

First and foremost, democratic accountability of institutions is requisite to ensure transparency. Strengthening transparency fosters trust and alignment of the policies with the needs of the citizens. The case study of Denmark in this regard is quite remarkable. The official website of world bank reported that ~~by ensuring~~ the high levels of democratic accountability in Denmark are ensured by its legislations, namely Public Administration Act and Freedom of Information Act. It further claimed that these regulations <sup>have</sup> not only increased the transparency of Denmark's democratic institutions, but have also fostered public trust in these institutions;



Thus, it can be maintained that democratic accountability increases transparency and fosters public trust in institutions.

Similarly, ensuring democratic accountability is requisite to curb corruption and hold the leaders responsible for their illicit activities. Curbing corruption increases the prospects for good governance. A significant case study in this regard is the e-reforms of Estonia in 2002. The country introduced e-reforms and digitized all important democratic processes. According to the United Nations Development Programme for Sustainable Governance, Estonia managed to detect majority of the incidents of corruption. This increased the detectability as well as punishability in such incidents. This in turn helped the country to contain the incidents of corruption. Therefore, democratic accountability is requisite to curb corruption.

Subsequently, strengthening the democratic accountability can reduce the probability of abuse of one's power for his wrongful gain. In order to establish good governance, it is requisite for governments to address the major concern of misappropriation of authority. The Watergate scandal of 1972 can be taken as an example to support the preceding



argument. The incident ~~show~~ highlights the abuse of powers by the <sup>then</sup> President Richard Nixon, which was revealed by the investigative journalist group 'The Washington Post'. As soon as the incident was publicized, President Richard had to resign from his office due to public aggression. This highlights the importance of democratic accountability to prevent the overreach of officials.

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## abuse of powers

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- ✓ 1 - Corruption
- 2 - misappropriation of state assets.
- ✓ 3 - Public trust erode.
- ✓ 4 - Transparency - financial institutions.
- ✓ 5 - Rule of law.
- ✓ 6 - ~~order of society~~ - ~~disrupt~~ protection of civil rights.
- ✓ 7 - fair distribution of resources.
- 8 - Legitimacy of institutions.
- 9 - sustainable development.
- ✓ [ 10 - checks and balance of powers
- ✓ 11 - Public participation.
- 12 - Quality of public services.
- ✓ 13 - Ethical leadership.
- ✓ 14 - Long-term planning
- 15 - Concentration of power prevent.
- 16 - Civic participation promote.
- ✓ 17 - social justice promote.
- 18 - Improves public sector performance.
- ✓ 19 - stability and order.

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- ✓ 20 - Economic growth

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- Transparency.
  - civic participation.
  - rule of law.
  - responsiveness.
  - consensus-oriented.
  - equity and inclusiveness.
  - effectiveness and efficiency.
  - accountability.
  - strategic vision.
  - sustainability.