

Worst Democracy is Better than Best Dictatorship

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I. Introduction

II. What are the differences between a democratic government and a dictatorship?

1. A democracy is government run by people's elected representatives, therefore, it is a government by the people.
2. Dictatorship is an absolutist government run by a single dictator, who accumulates power.
3. Democracy is a **Social Contract** between the people and the government.

III. Why is democracy better than dictatorship even in its worst form?

1. Democratic governments are accountable to the people.
2. Democracy gives rights to minorities and the marginalized groups.

3. Democracy gives rights such as freedom of speech and to protest.

IV. How have dictators accumulated power in history and what were their repercussions?

1. Mao Zedong's Great Leap Forward

was an ideology that promoted collectivism. It had far reaching repercussions for China's economy.

2. Joseph Stalin was one of the deadliest dictators, known for his political purges.

3. Mussolini's fascism had repercussions not only on Italy, but all of Europe.

4. Napoleon was a progressive dictator, he promoted education and gave a legal code. However, his dictatorship suppressed revolutions in Europe.

V. What are some of the worst democratic governments and why are they preferable to dictatorship?

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1. **Pakistan** and the political engineering make it a worst democracy. However, Pakistan has a constitution and an independent judiciary.

2. **India's Hindu Nationalist Project** has retreated democracy in India. However, it has freedom of speech.

VI. Conclusion