

Political Science - II

QUESTION:- NO1

Define democratic peace. Highlight its basic norms and discuss how it played a vital role in the political-economic integration of European Union (EU).

ANSWER

① INTRODUCTION

It is democracy that is made European Union Successful

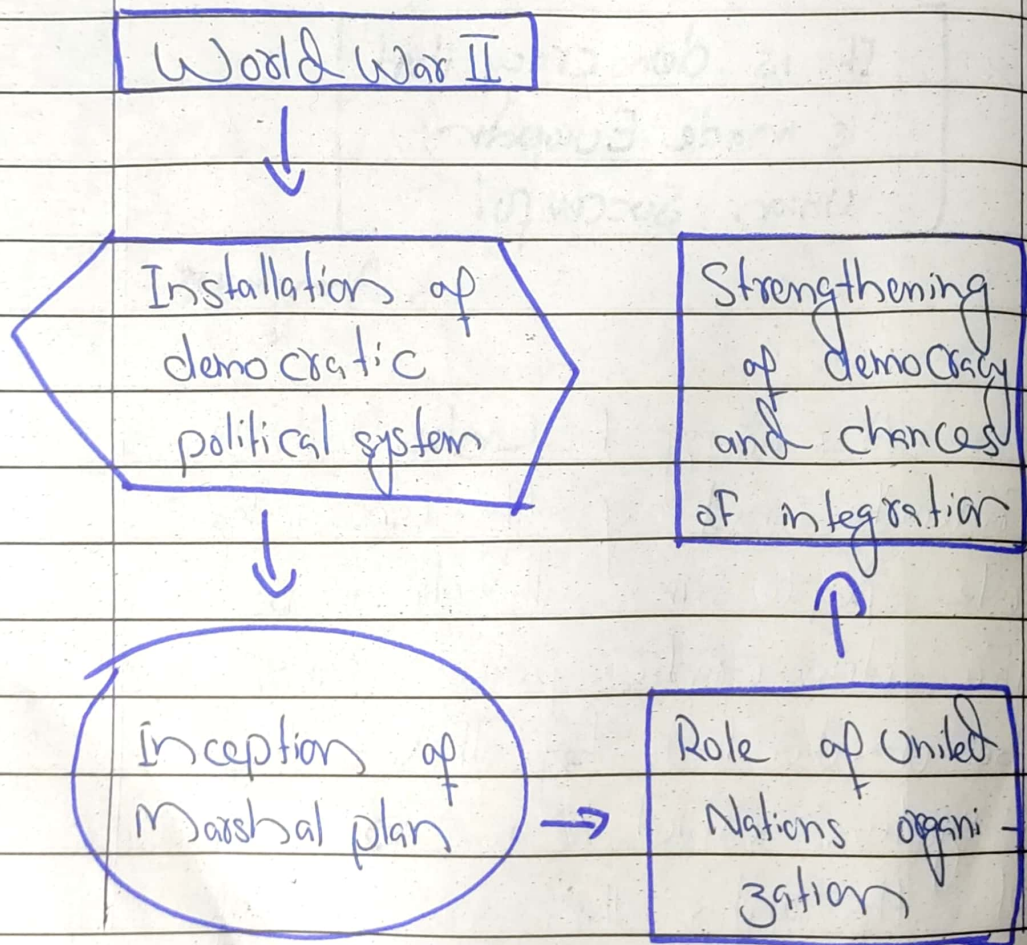
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According to Locke liberty, Fraternity and equality can integrate people in all directions.

The democratic peace can be understood by this - it is a system which is carried out through the essence of

Popular sovereignty, human equality, hatred to nationalism and concept of human equality. These are the basic norms of democratic peace which eventually helped European union in integration.

② Democratic Peace and political-economic integration of European Union (EU) - An overview



The above mentioned flow-chart has highlighted the condition of Europe after the World War II (WWII) and process of democratization.

What is democratic peace?

According to Oxford dictionary it is a peace which is installed or carried-out through the principle of democracy. Similarly, Rousseau has referred it peace which respects 'General will' and popular sovereignty.

Understanding factors that eligible democracy to bring democratic peace

#1- Empowering the assent of masses - re-establishing the balance of power

Re-distribution of balance of power from 'Authoritarian rule' to popularly elected man.

Therefore, as per Montesquieu's separation power theory it helps in bringing stability and called as democratic peace.

42- Political parties and public scrutiny - a way to encourage trading culture in a region.

Moreover, the democratic principle motivate the masses in scrutinizing the rulers through Mass Protests that help in rendering Realpolitik. The Laos-Vietnam war and peace rejoinment is a

43- Democracy and cross-cultural ties - a process strengthens socio-cultural integration.

On the similar note, the Schengen zone in the E.U has also motivated the masses to share cross cultural ideas which is also associated to the democratic norms.

Basic norms of democratic peace and its role in political-economic integration of European Union (EU)

5.1- Popular sovereignty - a mutual concept strengthened the diplomatic relations of nations

All the E.U nations follow 'Popular sovereignty' as a kind of State Sovereign. As Rousseau said 'General will' brings prosperity. This is the reason of integration.

5.2- Free tariffs and Quotas - a process played an important role in bringing integration

Similarly, the E.U zone has also disregarded the Quotas and tariffs. Yusef Nosh Herraiz once said, Trade discourages war therefore the region is integrated.

s.3. People to People concept - a mechanism to spread democracy and trade

Schengen Zone has played an important role in encouraging member states to participate in democratic process

s.4 - Strong Judiciary and protection of liberty - another way of rapid integration of E.U

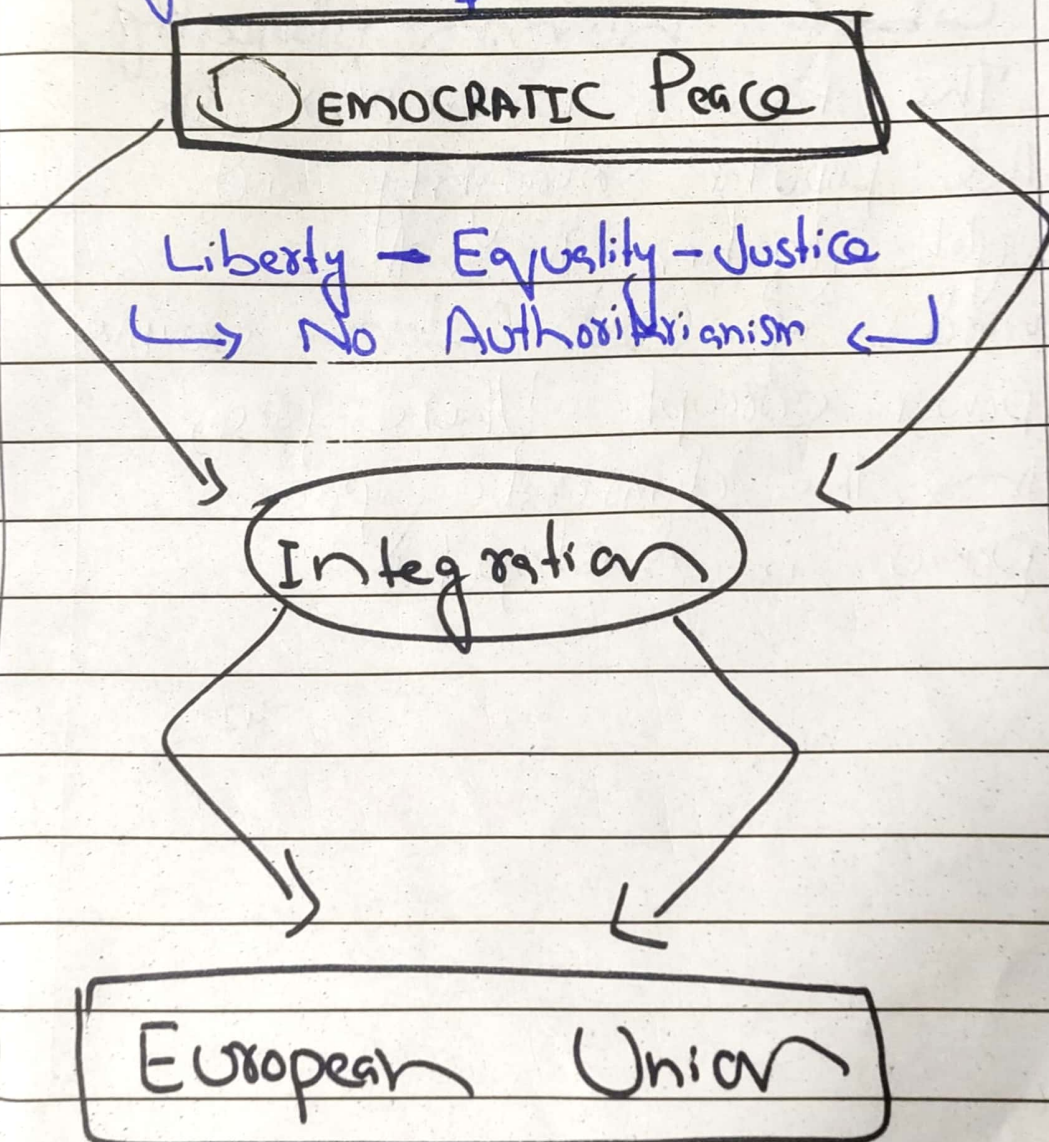
As Montesquieu said independent judiciary is important for the protection of civil liberties. The E.U zone has independent judiciary.

s.6 - Lack of concepts of excessive nationalism - another factor integrated the E.U

After - the rise of Nazism and Fascism

- The European countries disregarded the concepts of excessive nationalism which helped in integration and democratic peace.

Representation through flow chart - democratic peace and integration of E.U



The flow-charts highlights the whole process.

⑦ CONCLUSION

To reiterate, the democratic process is a process which revolves around the idea of human equality; liberty, human prosperity. The main principles are - the popular sovereignty and globalization. In the words of Lord Acton - excessive power corrupts. Therefore, in the democratic process power is distributed.