

Democracy Without accountability is a threat to stability.

Outlines:

① Introduction:

Thesis Statement:

"A democracy lacking accountability threatens national stability, but reinforcing transparency, rule of law, and public scrutiny can reclaim its true spirit of governance."

② Democracy And The Pillar Of Accountability.

②a Accountability as the foundation of democratic trust.

(transparent institutions ensure citizen trust and prevent democratic backsliding)

(UNDP 2025)

②b Rule of Law And Responsible governance:

(6% global decline in adherence to rule of law, directly weakening democratic stability)

(World Justice Project 2024)

②c Democratic resilience through oversight.

(democracies with strong audit and parliamentary oversight remain 40% more politically stable)
(Freedom House 2025)

③ Erosion of Accountability and Threats to Stability.

③a) Unchecked corruption and elite capture.

(over 80% of countries still have stagnant or declining corruption scores, eroding faith in democracy)
(Transparency International 2025)

③b) Populism and weakened institutions (populist regimes undermine institutional checks, causing political volatility)

(The Economist Intelligence Institutions 2025)

③c) Lack of fiscal accountability.

(misuse of public funds in weakly monitored democracies worsens debt crises and instability)

(IMF Fiscal Monitor 2024)

④ Consequences of Democracy Without Accountability:

4a political unrest and protests:

(linking lack of transparency to higher risks of civil unrest and regime change in fragile democracies)

(World Bank 2024)

(4b) Economic mismanagement and inequality.

(Corruption and governance reduce GDP growth by up to 1.5% annually)

(OECD 2015)

(4c) Declining citizen confidence and voter.

(45% of citizens in emerging democracies trust elected institutions)

(Pew Research Center 2024)

(5) Strengthening Accountability Mechanisms:

(5a) Judicial and media Independence

(free media exposure reduces corruption and promotes public scrutiny)

(Reporters Without Borders 2025)

(5b) Institutional transparency and audits:

Robust anti-corruption agencies increase investor confidence and political calm.

(World Bank Governance Indicators 2024)

5c Digital governance and e-accountability
(Estonia and South-Korea for tech-based
accountability that curbs political corruption)
(UN e-Govt survey 2024)

6 Way Forward: Accountability as the anchor of stability

6a Civic Participation and watchdog
movements.
Strengthening citizen monitoring for transparent
democracies

(CIVICUS 2025)

6b Global cooperation on democratic
standards
International peer-review frameworks
for good governance
(OECD 2025)

6c Rebuilding democratic legitimacy
through reforms:
only accountable democracies
can sustain peace, justice,
and long-term stability.
(UNDP 2025)

7 Conclusion.