

Q) Worst democracy is better than best dictatorship.

Outline

1) Introduction

Thesis statement: Needless to say, even the best democracy is better than the best dictatorship. Though the former does not come without certain drawbacks, by taking appropriate steps, the negatives can be kept at bay.

2) What is democracy and what is dictatorship.

3) How is democracy better than dictatorship

a) Accountability of the government.

b) Rule of law

c) Rights of people upheld

d) People backed governments

e) no despotic tendencies.

4) Some Drawbacks of democracy

a) Minorities not fully represented

b) herds in policy formulation

c) Money wasted in political campaigns

d) Short-term policies

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5.) Way Forward

- a) Put a bar on excessive spending on campaigns
- b) more representation of minorities
- c) spread political awareness
- d) Remove hurdles from policy formulation process
- e) Increase Term-time of the government.
- f) Conclusion

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"Democracy is the government of the people, by the people, for the people; shall not perish from the earth"—Abraham Lincoln.

The statement aptly signifies the perpetual nature of democracy. Democracy is arguably the best form of government that can propel a country to prosperity. The Global North, especially the war battered Europe in the wake of World War II, serves as a testament to this. Democracy can prove beneficial in a number of ways: better accountability of the head, people do not grow resentful of the governing body, the rights of people are secured, no chance of despotic tendencies. There are also some drawbacks associated with democracy: minorities not appropriately represented, prodigal election campaigns, more hurdles in policy making, short-term policies are developed to keep people happy for the time being, etc. However, certain measures can be taken to mitigate the drawbacks: More representation allotted to minorities, put an upper limit on the amount of resources that

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are spent of campaigns, remove unnecessary hurdles from policy formulation processes, spreading political awareness among people. Needless to say, even the worst democracy is better than best dictatorship. Though the former does not come without certain drawbacks, by taking appropriate steps the negatives can be kept at bay.

Democracy refers to the form of government where true power lies with the people. The people elect their representatives, who, in turn, manage the legislative and executive functions of a state.

Democratic governments are characterised by, accountability, rule of law, equality, and the sovereignty of the common populace. Dictatorship, on the other hand, refers to a form of government where all major chunk of power lies with one individual. More often than not, this individual is not supported by people so he/she has to resort to arbitrary actions to induce ~~to~~ fear in people to keep them from revolting. Moreover, the

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dictator is not held accountable before the courts or any other entity. He enjoys absolute power, and anyone who tries to question his/her authority is met with the unbridled might of the state. In such a government, the ruler is most likely to grow corrupt, as also echoed by Lord Acton, a prominent historian, who says: "Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely".

There are many reasons why democracy is better than dictatorship, one of them is the accountability of the governing body. In democracy, the electables are always under strict scrutiny. The common people as well as the media is always in search of any misdemeanours done by the government. This is why in democratic countries the government have to tread really carefully. The recent experience of United Kingdom serves as a powerful example of the strict accountability process in democracies. The former prime minister, Boris

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Johnson, was ousted from office because he attended a party during COVID-19 lockdown. The prime minister, being the executive head of the government, ousted on such a trivial matter shows the strict accountability in a democratic system.

Another important benefit of democracy is that the rights of people are upheld. Since sovereignty in a democracy belongs to the people, safeguarding people's rights is paramount. Any arbitrary policies aimed at undermining fundamental rights can have serious repercussions. Moreover, the governments are well aware that their way into powers depends on people's votes, so any attempts to sabotage these rights is tantamount to the government shooting itself in the foot. Reinforcing this notion, The Human Rights Index 2022, ranks democratic countries like Sweden, New Zealand at the top of the chart, while dictatorial countries like North Korea are ranked at the bottom.

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