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Worst democracy is better than best dictatorship

(1). Introduction:

Thesis Statement: Worst democracy is better than best dictatorship.

Despite of all the flaws a democracy may have, it still offers an inclusive participation of the citizens, elects a government on people's mandate, upholds civil liberties, and provides a mechanism for transparency and accountability. Even the best dictatorship not possesses any of these features.

(2). Decoding the concepts of worst democracy and best dictatorship

(3). Worst democracy elects representatives, while best dictatorship is self-selected

(a). Free and fair elections vs no elections

(b). Public participation vs selected participation

(c). Representatives of people work for the people, while dictator's representatives work for the interests of dictator

(4). Civil liberties are upheld in worst democracy, while all rights are denied in best dictatorship

- (a). Constitutional supremacy vs an individual's supremacy
- (b). Rule of law vs dictator's law
- (c). Freedom of media and freedom of expression are only granted in democracies.
- (5). Worst democratic elected government is accountable to people, while dictatorship is accountable to none
- (a). Even the worst democracy offers accountability; ^{best} dictatorship, on the other hand, manifests, "I am the law" philosophy.
- (b). Decentralization of powers vs concentration of powers
- (c). Balance of powers and checks and balance only happen in democracies.
- (6). Best dictatorship can be better than worst democracy
- (a). Aristotle's concept of best and perverted forms of governments.
- (b). Best dictatorship can be effective in homogenous societies
- (c). Owing to political stability, best dictatorship can perform better in socioeconomic domains.
- (7). Conclusion

Worst democracy is better than best dictatorship because a government elected by the people eventually works in the best interests of the people. Even the worst democracy grants people the right to elect their representatives through elections. On the other hand, so-called best dictatorship deprives citizens ^{of} their fundamental right of electing representatives. It would therefore not be wrong to infer that elected representatives in worst democracy are better than selected representatives in best dictatorship. Similarly, democratic institutions, even of worst kind, uphold civil liberties due to constitutional supremacy prevalent in democracy. In contrast, dictator's supremacy curtails fundamental rights given by the constitution. Furthermore, even the worst democracy has some accountability mechanism due to balance of powers and decentralization while in best dictatorship, the dictator is accountable to none. However, best dictatorship can be better than worst democracy. According

to Aristotle, democracy is the worst form of government. In his views, if a monarch is just and wise, it can turn out to be the best form of government. Dictatorship can also be effective in homogeneous societies, especially if democracy has failed to achieve results. Also, the political stability in best dictatorship can have positive socioeconomic implications. Although possibilities like these exist, yet worst democracy is better than best dictatorship.

^{faulty} Worst democracy refers to a democratic system which does not fully adhere to democratic principles. This is often prevalent in developing countries where democracy is weak and controlled. Bad governance is often a manifestation of worst democracy, having poor socioeconomic conditions. On the other hand, best dictatorship implies having the rule of a visionary and a charismatic dictator ~~ship~~ who typically enables the country progress in various spheres. These concepts of 'best' and 'worst' can have different interpretations, but, in general,

they refer to best and worst forms of governance.

One of the reasons worst democracy is considered better than best dictatorship is that worst democracy elects representatives, while best dictatorship is self-selected.

Even in worst democracies, people have the liberty to participate in electoral process and elect their representatives. Since elected representatives are given on people's mandate, they work in the best interests of people. In contrast, even the best dictatorship is self-selected and deprives people from participating in elections and electing their representatives. A dictator selects his cabinet by his will, which therefore seldomly works to protect the interests of the dictator. Owing to the factor of elected leaders in worst democracy, it is better than a self-selected ruler in best dictatorship.

Similarly, worst democracy is also better because it upholds civil liberties, in contrast to best dictatorships which even curtails

Fundamental rights. It is due to the fact that constitution is sovereign in democracy. Despite of all the errors a democracy may have, constitutional supremacy assures that all citizens enjoy equal rights. For the same reason, worst democratic governance has rule of law with complete freedom of expression. However, best dictatorship seems like a nightmare to all proponents of human rights and constitutional rights. Rule of law is replaced with dictator's law and independent media is replaced with controlled media. From the perspective of constitutional rights, worst democracy is far better than so-called ^{best} dictatorship.