

The Democracy Measuring: Deviation of Democracy in EU Countries?

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Abstract:

The Study is the result of the linking the theory of democracy by Giovanni Sartori with the study of the current state of democracy by the Britain's leading cross-party think tank DEMOS. The aim of the study is to react on a negative perception of the journalists about the current state of the democracy and the consequent impact of such opinions on the ordinary citizens, resulting in the consecutive negative public attitude. The aim so to determine whether these statements have also the objective basis, which can be quantified. The study is based on the democracy index, created to measure the democracy. The effort is, based on a comparison of historical piece of work and the current research work, to point on the existence of certain factors which indicate the democracy and the degree of its application, which are picked up in both compared periods of time. The author is trying to point out the problem of the definition of the democracy. Further is seeking to find the cause of why the people in EU countries feel a retreat from democracy and whether it is actually the negative developments of the democracy or there is crisis only of the certain principles of democracy. The work is divided into the introduction, where the various definitions of the democracy are mentioned and the one is chosen as the definition to be used further in the text. The core of the thesis is the comparison of the democracy in EU based on the study made by DEMOS, confronted with historical conclusions from the work of Sartori. On the example of Slovakia, it is described how the measuring of the democracy is taking place in EU country. The conclusion summarizes the findings of DEMOS and also author's findings and conclusions.

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