

Democracy and Democratization

Section 5

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Gov 20: Foundations of Comparative Politics

Overview

- 1 Paper tips
- 2 Review of concepts
- 3 Discussion: dimensions and pathways to democratization
- 4 Discussion: explanations of democratization

Reminders

- Paper now due 10/10, prompts released
 - I am happy to look over an outline
 - Will not respond to paper questions within 24 hours of deadline
 - Cite (including the lectures)! I don't care about style just please cite!
- Come to office hours! Sign up:
<https://tinyurl.com/simaOH>

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2. **Demonstrate** their preferences to officials
3. Have a government that **accurately reflects** the distribution of these preferences

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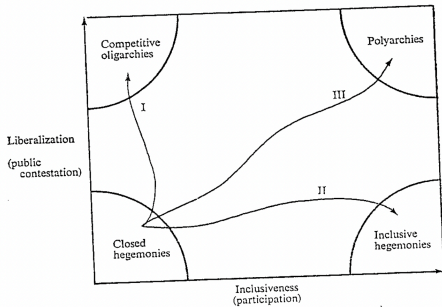
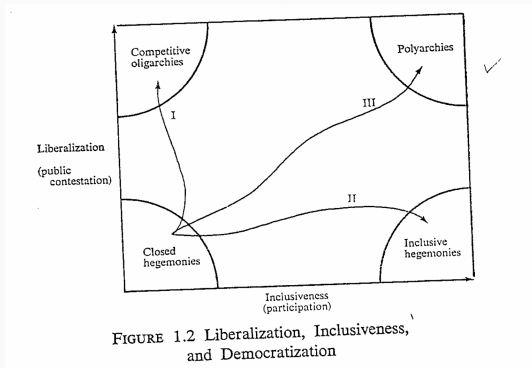


FIGURE 1.2 Liberalization, Inclusiveness, and Democratization

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What path did the US take? What about some of the cases Professor Levitsky mentioned in Thursday's class?

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Which do you find more convincing? Which theory explains the most number of cases?

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Next week: reminders

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Focus on these readings: Huntington, Svulik, Gunitsky, Wood

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