



DEMOCRACY = government by the people either directly or through elected representatives

MODERN

ELECTORAL

Universal franchise
Secret ballot
Regular and competitive elections

LIBERAL

Electoral
Plus freedom of speech, religion, association, and rule by law

HISTORICAL

At least 2/3 of the adult male population can vote
Competitive elections for legislature and executive
At least one transfer of power

INTERNATIONAL WARS 1816-2005

BELLIGERENTS	WARS*
democracies vs. democracies	0
democracies vs. nondemocracies	166
nondemocracies vs. nondemocracies	205

*At least 1,000 killed
Sources: Melvin Small and J. David Singer, SIPRI, PRIO, Monty Marshall, R.J. Rummel

INCIDENTS OF INTERNATIONAL VIOLENCE OF ANY KIND 1973-2005

PARTIES	VIOLENT INCIDENTS*
democracies vs. democracies	0
democracies vs. nondemocracies	18
nondemocracies vs. nondemocracies	42

*At Least 1 killed
Sources: Monty Marshall; R.J. Rummel; SIPRI; PRIO

WELL ESTABLISHED DEMOCRATIC PEACE PROPOSITIONS

Democracies do not make war on each other
Democracies have the least foreign and domestic violence
Democracies commit the least democide (murder by government)
Democracy is a method of nonviolence
Democracies have no famines

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116 ELECTORAL DEMOCRACIES (2004)



*Liberal democracies (88 in total). There were 192 countries and 76 nondemocracies in 2004

20th CENTURY FAMINE TOTALS

	Liberal Democratic	Partly Undemocratic	Un-democratic	Colonies	Totals
No of Countries	0	15	30	16	61
Famine Dead	0	14 mil.	60 mil	12mil	86 mil.

Source: R.J.Rummel, Saving Lives

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ALL ALLEGED EXCEPTIONS TO THE "NO WARS BETWEEN DEMOCRACIES" PROPOSITION AND WHY THEY ARE IN FACT NOT EXCEPTIONS

Athens vs. various democratic city-states (427B.C.-369B.C. No battles; other not perceived as a democracy by Athens; not autonomous; vague history)/ U.S. vs. Britain (1812, Britain not a democracy)/ U.S. State of Georgia vs., Cherokee nation (1828 Cherokees oligarchic and undemocratic)/ Zurich, Bern et. al vs. Lucerne (1847 Lucerne a virtual dictatorship)/ France vs. Roman Republic (1849 Transient democracies, roman Rep. not an independent state)/ U.S. Civil war (1861 Confederacy oligarchic, not an independent state; not seen as democratic)/ Chile vs. Peru (1879 Both oligarchic)/ France vs. Britain (1897 Bloodless Niger/Fashoda crisis)/ U.S. vs. Spain (1898 Spain controlled by a monarchy)/ Britain vs. Boer Republics (1899 Boer franchise limited to some whites)/ U.S. vs. Philippine Republic (1899 New Philippine government oligarchic)/ U.S. & Allies vs. Germany (1914 Germany autocratic in foreign and military policy)/ Britain vs. Finland (1941 Finish autocrats took control and rejected democracy during the war; no Finn-British battles)/ Israel vs. Lebanon (1948 Lebanon ruled by oligarchic elites)/ U.S. vs. Guatemala (1954 Guatemala engaged in authoritarian repression. Bloodless conflict for U.S.)/ India-Pakistan Wars (1947-48, 1965, 1971. Pakistan held fraudulent democratic elections in 1965; otherwise a dictatorship) / Britain vs. Iceland (1972, 1975 Bloodless. Only shots across fishing boat bows)/ Peru vs. Ecuador (1981 Border clashes. Both authoritarian)/ Britain vs. Argentina -- Falkland Islands War (1982 Argentina a military dictatorship)/ Serbia vs. Slovenia (1991 Countries a year-old and verged on autocratic)/ Serbia vs. Croatia (1991 Countries a year-old and verged on autocratic)