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The crisis of democracy?

Abstract

The word “democracy” is one of the most popular words used in the contemporary world of politics. However, nowhere except for Anglo-Saxon countries did it gain full clarity and practical unambiguity. It served to describe a form of government and a ruling body, mechanisms for realizing the ruling body and participation of society in the ruling body. It was also often used as a synonym for civil rights. Almost all political systems want to be presented under the banner of democracy no matter what their ideological interpretations are. The aim of the article is to clarify a discourse on democracy pointing at the problem of types, value as well as the definition of democracy. When it comes to the title question, the article pays attention to some of the problems and difficulties of democracy in practice.

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