



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
- Democracy is a method of nonviolence
- Democracies have no famines

INCIDENTS OF INTERNATIONAL VIOLENCE OF ANY KIND 1973-2003

DYADS	Violent Incidents
F-F	0
F-PF	6
F-NF	11
PF-PF	5
PF-NF	4
NF-NF	20

F=liberal democratic
PF=Partly free/authoritarian
NF=Nonfree/totalitarian

SOURCE: Freedom House; Monty Marshall and Ted Robert Gurr

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 50% of population can vote
- Competitive elections for legislature and executive
- At least one transfer of power

117 ELECTORAL DEMOCRACIES (2004)



*Liberal democracy (88 in total)

20th Century Famine Totals

	Liberal democratic	Partly undemocratic	En-democratic	Colonies	Totals
No. of Countries	0	15	30	16	60
Famine dead (000)	0	14,374	>60,080	>12,115	>86,569

WARS 1816-1991

Belligerents	Wars*
democracies vs. democracies	0
democracies vs. nondemocracies	155
nondemocracies vs. nondemocracies	198
	353

* At least 1,000 killed.

SOURCE: Melvin Small and J. David Singer

ALL ALLEGED EXCEPTIONS TO NO WARS BETWEEN DEMOCRACIES AND WHY THEY ARE 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 Autocratic government 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.)/ 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)

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