

**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

# THE DEMOCRATIC PEACE

no war  
no democide  
minimal domestic violence  
no famine

## 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

### ALL ALLEGED EXCEPTIONS TO 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.  
Serbia vs. Slovenia (1991)  
Countries a year-old and verged on autocratic  
Serbia vs. Croatia (1991)  
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### 117 ELECTORAL DEMOCRACIES (2004)

Albania, Andorra\*, Argentina\*, Australia\*, Austria\*, Bahamas\*,  
Bangladesh, Barbados\*, Belgium\*, Belize\*, Benin\*, Bolivia, Botswana\*,  
Brazil\*, Bulgaria\*, Canada\*, Cape Verde\*, Chile\*, Colombia, Costa  
Rica\*, Croatia\*, Cyprus\*, Czech Republic\*, Denmark\*, Dominica\*,  
Dominican Republic\*, East Timor, Ecuador, El Salvador\*, Estonia\*,  
Finland\*, France\*, Germany\*, Ghana\*, Greece\*, Grenada\*, Guatemala,  
Guyana\*, Honduras, Hungary\*, Iceland\*, India\*, Indonesia, Ireland\*,  
Israel\*, Italy\*, Jamaica\*, Japan\*, Kenya, Kiribati\*, Latvia\*, Lesotho\*,  
Liechtenstein\*, Lithuania\*, Luxembourg\*, Macedonia, Madagascar,  
Malawi, Mali\*, Malta\*, Marshall Islands\*, Mauritius\*, Mexico\*,  
Micronesia\*, Moldova, Monaco\*, Mongolia\*, Mozambique, Namibia\*,  
Nauru\*, Netherlands\*, New Zealand\*, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria,  
Norway\*, Palau\*, Panama\*, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru\*,  
Philippines\*, Poland\*, Portugal\*, Romania\*, Russia, St. Kitts and Nevis\*,  
St. Lucia\*, St. Vincent and the Grenadines\*, Samoa\*, San Marino\*, Sao  
Tome and Principe\*, Senegal\*, Serbia and Montenegro\*, Seychelles\*,  
Sierra Leone, Slovakia\*, Slovenia\*, Solomon Islands\*, South Africa\*,  
South Korea\*, Spain\*, Sri Lanka, Suriname\*, Sweden\*, Switzerland\*,  
Taiwan\*, Thailand\*, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Tuvalu\*, Ukraine,  
United Kingdom\*, United States\*, Uruguay\*, Vanuatu\*, Venezuela

\*Liberal democracy (88 in total)

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