

The Democracy Deficit In The Global Economy Enhancing The Legitimacy And Accountability Of Global Institutions

The "democracy Deficit" in the Global Economy-Joseph S. Nye 2003 We need to think harder about the norms and procedures for the governance of globalization." writes Joseph Nye in setting out the goals of this report. Focusing on the roles of the World Trade Organization, International Monetary Fund, and World Bank, Professor Nye poses six questions to contributors Jessica Einhorn, Béla Kádár, Hisashi Owada, Luis Rubio, and Soogil Young. 1. Protesters assert that institutions like the WTO, the World Bank and the IMF are effectively accountable to no one. Is there any validity to their claims? 2. Does it make any sense to speak of democracy at the global level in the absence of a strong sense of political community? 3. Within the European Union it is often suggested that a stronger European Parliament will reduce the sense of a "democratic deficit" as the regional community evolves. Does the analogy make sense on a global scale? 4. What roles can and should NGOs play in accountability at the global level? 5. Representativeness is a critical dimension of legitimacy. How should we think about the representativeness of the governance of the Fund, Bank, and WTO? What changes should be made? 6. Defenders of international institutions could experiment to improve accountability. What experiments in processes and procedures would you recommend? Nye suggests "There is no single answer.... But the need to develop answers is absolutely essential.... We need changes in processes that allow politics more play and that take advantage of the multiple forms of accountability that exist in modern democracies."

Governance and the Democratic Deficit-Victor Bekkers 2016-04-22 It is widely acknowledged that we are witnessing a major transformation of public policy making, a transformation which has been labelled as a change from 'government' to 'governance'. Governance is used to describe policy making and implementation without a central authority in a non-hierarchical, network-like structure through negotiation and cooperation between public and private actors at one or across different political levels. This comprehensive volume combines empirical analysis and normative assessment of governance practices, providing a systematic approach based on a framework for assessing democratic legitimacy. It addresses different modes of governance at the local/regional, national, European and international levels. The volume assesses the alleged 'democratic deficit' of these new governance practices and as such is ideally suited to courses on public administration.

The European Union Democratic Deficit and the Public Sphere-David Ward 2002 An assessment of EU communications policy judged against democratic and normative criteria within the framework of the question of the need for a European-wide public sphere. It argues that the EU should proceed through the mass media, with a policy based on a public service philosophy.

The Democracy Deficit-Alfred C. Aman 2004-12 Economic globalization has had a chilling effect on democracy since markets now do some of the work that governments used to do through the political process. More than two decades of deregulation have made a healthy economy appear to depend on unrestrained markets. But appearances are misleading—globalization is also a legal and political process. The future of democracy in the twenty-first century depends on the ability of citizens to reclaim a voice in taming globalization through domestic politics and law reform. "The book's topic could not be more important: how do we adapt contemporary democratic governance- and contemporary administrative law- to the challenge of a globalizing world?"—Kal Raustiala, UCLA School of Law Can citizens govern globalization? Aman argues that they can, and that domestic law has a crucial role to play in this process. He proposes to redefine the legal distinction between public and private to correspond to the realities of the new role of the private sector in delivering public services, and thereby to bring crucial sectors of globalization back within the scope of democratic reform. Basing his argument on the history of the policies that led to globalization, and the current policies that sustain it, Aman advocates specific reforms meant to increase private citizens' influence on globalization. He looks at particular problem areas usually thought to be domestic in nature, such as privatization, prisons, prescription drugs, and the minimum wage, as well as constitutional structural issues such as federalism and separation of powers.

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Democracy in the Arab World-Samir A. Makdisi 2011 Despite notable socio-economic development in the Arab region, a deficit in democracy and political rights has continued to prevail. This book examines the major reasons underlying the persistence of this democracy deficit over the past decades and touches on the prospects for deepening the process of democratization in the Arab World. Contributions from major scholars in the region give a cross country analysis of economic development, political institutions and social factors, and the impact of oil wealth and regional wars, and present a model for democracy in the Arab world. Case studies are drawn from Algeria, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Sudan and the Gulf region, building on these cross-country analyses and probing beyond the model's main global variables. Looking beyond the effect of oil and conflicts, the chapters illustrate how specific socio-political history of the country concerned, fear of fundamentalist groups, collusion with foreign powers and foreign interventions, and the co-option of the elites by the state contribute to these problems of democratization. Situating the democratic position of the Arab World in a global context, this book is an important contribution to the field of Middle Eastern politics, development studies, and studies on conflict and democracy.

Democratic Deficit-Pippa Norris 2011-02-14 Many fear that democracies are suffering from a legitimacy crisis. This book focuses on 'democratic deficits', reflecting how far the perceived democratic performance of any state diverges from public expectations. Pippa Norris examines the symptoms by comparing system support in more than fifty societies worldwide, challenging the pervasive claim that most established democracies have experienced a steadily rising tide of political disaffection during the third-wave era. The book diagnoses the reasons behind the democratic deficit, including demand (rising public aspirations for democracy), information (negative news about government) and supply (the performance and structure of democratic regimes). Finally, Norris examines the consequences for active citizenship, for governance and, ultimately, for democratization. This book provides fresh insights into major issues at the heart of comparative politics, public opinion, political culture, political behavior, democratic governance, political psychology, political communications, public policymaking, comparative sociology, cross-national survey analysis and the dynamics of the democratization process.

The 'Double Democratic Deficit'-Heiner Hänggi 2017-11-28 Many current threats to security arising from terrorism, 'rogue' states and civil wars are highly complex and often transnational in nature and effect. Such threats can no longer be meaningfully addressed at the national level alone but require an international response. Since the end of the Cold War, the use of force under international auspices (UN, NATO, EU) has increased substantially. However, such actions have not necessarily been accompanied by improvements in their democratic accountability. Pre-existing problems and inadequacies of parliamentary oversight of armed forces and use of force at the national level of many democratic states are mirrored, and even magnified, at the international level. The effect of imperfect democratic controls at the national level and the challenges to provide transparent and accountable multilateral responses results in the so-called double democratic deficit of the international use of force. Each chapter in this innovative work analyses the challenges of parliamentary and democratic supervision of international security structures and puts forward proposals on how to improve democratic accountability of multinational responses to complex security challenges.

The Democratic Deficit and the „No Demos“-Thesis-Annemarie Kunz 2014-04-02 Seminar paper from the year 2012 in the subject Politics - International Politics - Topic: European Union, grade: 2,0, University of Hamburg (Wirtschafts- und Sozialwissenschaften), language: English, abstract: Scholars have vigorously argued that a democratic deficit exists within the European Union (EU). This paper analyses the concept democratic deficit, firstly in general, defining democracy and the term democratic deficit, and providing general reasons for this perception. This paper supports the thesis of a democratic deficit for multiple reasons, including a dominating executive in the EU, a lack of accountability of EU institutions, technocratic untransparent decision-making and a European Parliament with too few powers. The focus of this paper rests on the "No Demos"-Thesis: that European democracy cannot be achieved simply because the lack of a European demos, which is the Greek word for people. Therefore, at the beginning of the second part, the term demos will be defined and the role of citizenship of the EU explained. Thereafter, reasons for the lack of a demos at EU level are contextualised: the disregard of citizens of the EU, the lack of a European-wide public discourse, the complexity of European decision-making and the distance of the EU to the average citizen. These factors result in a low and steadily decreasing voter turnout in EU elections.

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The Democratic Deficit Debate in the European Union-Livia Door 2008 The idea of the integration we live in today was born after World War II. At the outset of the European integration there were only six countries establishing the European Coal and Steel Community and their aim was to maintain peace and prosperity. In order to fulfil this aim, supranational institutions were established. With the development of the European Community more and more power has been delegated to the supranational institutions and therefore from the 1980s articles, studies, books started to be published dealing with the European Community from a democratic point of view. A number of critics were written stating that the integration suffers from a democratic deficit. The question raised in this book is the following: Is there a democratic deficit in the EU? In order to receive an answer, first the term democratic deficit itself is focused on (what is meant by it and how it relates to the European Union) and then the EU Institutions and the Constitutional Treaty of the European Union are concentrated on. This work should especially be useful for anyone who is interested in politics and wants to study the system of the EU more deeply.

From the "Democratic Deficit" to a "Democratic Surplus"-Athanasios Psygkas 2017-10-17 Challenging the conventional narrative that the European Union suffers from a "democratic deficit," Athanasios Psygkas argues that EU mandates have enhanced the democratic accountability of national regulatory agencies. This is because EU law has created entry points for stakeholder participation in the operation of national regulators; these avenues for public participation were formerly either not open or not institutionalized to this degree. By focusing on how the EU formally adopted procedural mandates to advance the substantive goal of creating an internal market in electronic communications, Psygkas demonstrates that EU requirements have had significant implications for the nature of administrative governance in the member states. Drawing on theoretical arguments in favor of decentralization traditionally applied to substantive policy-making, this book provides insight into regulatory processes to show how the decentralized EU structure may transform national regulatory authorities into individual loci of experimentation that might in turn develop innovative results. It thus contributes to debates about federalism, governance and public policy, as well as about deliberative and participatory democracy in the United States and Europe. This book informs current understandings of regulatory agency operations and institutional design by drawing on an original dataset of public consultations and interviews with agency officials, industry and consumer group representatives in Paris, Athens, Brussels, and London. The on-the-ground original research provides a strong foundation for the directions the case law could take and small- and larger-scale institutional reforms that balance the goals of democracy, accountability, and efficiency.

The Democratic Deficit and the European Parliament-Juliet Lodge 1991

Democratic Deficit Claim in the EU. A Myth?-Sesan Adeolu Odunuga 2018-05-28 Scientific Study from the year 2018 in the subject Politics - International Politics - Topic: European Union, grade: 1, University of Catania, language: English, abstract: The European Union has always been alleged of institutional democratic deficit with the claim that the main institutions of the Union suffer from democratic accountability. The debate on democratic deficit in the EU led to the Spitzenkandidaten system in 2014 in which European political parties nominated candidates for the president of the European Commission. The nomination of the candidates for the position of president of the Commission is considered as one of the important ways to make the institution accountable to EU voters through their representatives in the European Parliament. This paper examines the extent at which the introduction of Spitzenkandidaten influences voting behavior of the EU citizens in the 2014 European parliamentary elections, especially in the Member States of the two leading candidates nominated by the two major or largest, in terms of number of MEPs, European political parties in the EP. On the other hand, the paper critiques the claim on democratic deficit which largely borders on lack of accountability in the institutional framework of the EU in relation to decision making by adopting a teleological interpretation of the Treaties. The aim of this paper is in three folds, first, to analyze the result of the 2014 parliamentary election turnout (with special attention on the countries of the two leading candidates proposed by the political parties for the president of the Commission) with the introduction of Spitzenkandidaten. Second, to examine representation and accountability among the three main decision making EU institutions with respect to Treaties' provisions in order to provide answers to the questions bordering on democratic unaccountability raised in many studies. And third, to adopt the intertwined responsibilities and competences enshrined in the foundation of the Union (i.e. the Treaties) to explain the reason for multiple and sometimes, overlapping agenda-setting processes in the European Union. Then, I will conclude that the democratic deficit claim in the European Union is a myth as the EU is constructed in such a way that allows for checks and balances amongst the main decision-making institutions which make them accountable to one another with the extensive powers of National Parliaments of Member States, as well as EU citizens, to exercise control over the European Commission, European Parliament and the Council.

Can a Directly Elected European Parliament Abolish the Democratic Deficit of the European Union?-Nina Eder-Haslehner 2011-02 Seminar paper from the year 2010 in the subject Politics - International Politics - Topic: European Union, grade: 1,0, University of Innsbruck (Politikwissenschaften), course: Europäische Integration - Vertiefung: Das europäische Parlament zwischen Stigmatisierung und Machtgewinn, language: English, abstract: "As politicians we have to react to the fact that many people do not feel that they can relate to the EU." Angela Merkel For 52 per cent of Germany's population a strong, democratic co-termination is the most crucial element of a European identity (Aktion Europa) but when we observe the European Union or more specifically the European parliament, the question occurs if the EU is suffering from a democratic deficit and if the directly elected Parliament is able to abolish this deficit. The aim of the essay is to discuss that question."

Parliaments and Human Rights-Murray Hunt 2015-04-30 In many countries today there is a growing and genuinely-held concern that the institutional arrangements for the protection of human rights suffer from a 'democratic deficit'. Yet at the same time there appears to be a new consensus that human rights require legal protection and that all branches of the state have a shared responsibility for upholding and realising those legally protected rights. This volume of essays tries to understand this paradox by considering how parliaments have sought to discharge their responsibility to protect human rights. Contributors seek to take stock of the extent to which national and sub-national parliaments have developed legislative review for human rights compatibility, and the effect of international initiatives to increase the role of parliaments in relation to human rights. They also consider the relationship between legislative review and judicial review for human rights compatibility, and whether courts could do more to incentivise better democratic deliberation about human rights. Enhancing the role of parliaments in the protection and realisation of human rights emerges as an idea whose time has come, but the volume makes clear that there is a great deal more to do in all parliaments to develop the institutional structures, processes and mechanisms necessary to put human rights at the centre of their function of making law and holding the government to account. The sense of democratic deficit is unlikely to dissipate unless parliaments empower themselves by exercising the considerable powers and responsibilities they already have to interpret and apply human rights law, and courts in turn pay closer attention to that reasoned consideration. 'I believe that this book will be of enormous value to all of those interested in human rights, in modern legislatures, and the relationship between the two. As this is

absolutely fundamental to the character and credibility of democracy, academic insight of this sort is especially welcome. This is an area where I expect there to be an ever expanding community of interest.' From the Foreword by the Rt Hon John Bercow MP, Speaker of the House of Commons

Why we need to renew democracy in Europe-Michaela Böhme 2013-03-08 Essay from the year 2010 in the subject Politics - International Politics - Topic: European Union, grade: 1,7, Zeppelin University Friedrichshafen, language: English, abstract: Certainly, at least in Europe and the United States, democracy is taken for granted. Not only is our political system democratic, our entire society is democratically organized. Our current understanding of democracy came about as a result of the emergence of the European nation-state. The functioning of modern democracy is consistent with the political system of the state. In the twentieth century the transforming processes of globalization, including the empowering of global institutions as well as technological revolution, influenced the role and functioning of the modern nation state. A new complexity and greater number of actors appeared on the world stage and the term 'government' was increasingly regarded as inappropriate in capturing political reality. The differentiated governance approach is more likely to be capable of dealing with complexity. But what are the effects on democracy? This term paper argues that change from 'government' to 'governance' forces a change in the concept of democracy as well. To prove this assumption the European Union is closely examined.

Voices Off-Liz Cooper 1995

The Democratic Deficit-Justice (Society) 1996

Imperfect Democracies-Patti Tamara Lenard 2012-10-01 Canada and the United States are consistently ranked among the most democratic countries in the world, yet voices expressing concern about the quality of these democracies are becoming louder and more insistent. Critics maintain that the two countries suffer from a "democratic deficit," a deficit that raises profound questions about the legitimacy and effectiveness of their democratic institutions. Imperfect Democracies brings together Canadian and American scholars to compare how the democratic deficit plays out in the two nations. An important contribution to the field of democratic theory and the study of democratic institutions, this timely book will spark debate on both sides of the border.

Democratic Deficit?-Thomas D. Zweifel 2002 This work provides a rigorous, comparative examination of the European Union and the federal democracies of Switzerland and the United States.

How Far Can the European Parliament Correct the European Union's Democratic Deficit?-Nicoleta Lasan 2008 Whatever the definition for democracy and democratic deficit is, the European Union is expected to develop some of the democratic features that member states present in order to compensate for the loss of legitimacy at the national level. The European Parliament, as the single elected institution of the European Union, is not only expected to comply with the basic requirements of democracy, but also to be a tool for enhancing democracy in the whole European political system. Starting the discussion by presenting the most important views expressed in the literature regarding the European Union's democratic deficit, the paper aims to present the main strengths and weaknesses of the European Parliament in correcting the democratic deficit. It will be demonstrated that although the EP can correct the democratic deficit at the European level through its elections, the functions it performs and through its party system, it also has many limits in fulfilling this task. It can be stated that the same mechanisms which allow the EP to be a promoter of democracy inside the EU, also limit its capacity in this area and make the EP seem rather as part of the problem than a solution to it.

The Democratic Deficit of the European Union-Óscar Fernández 2013 The European Union prides itself in being a global defender of democracy. Nevertheless, most people still tend to regard European integration as a distant and bureaucratic process driven primarily by the elites. Is an enhanced democracy feasible on a supranational level and, if so, is it desirable? These crucial questions have acquired even more relevance since the onset of the current economic crisis, which has brought about new challenges that pose a threat to the stability of the European project. By exploring identity, socioeconomic and institutional issues, this book aims at shedding some light on the democratic dimension of the European Union and determining the measures that should be undertaken.

The Democratic Deficit in the European Union-Dimitris Liakopoulos 2012

Planning Against the Political-Jonathan Metzger 2014-07-11 This book brings together a number of highly innovative and thought provoking contributions from European researchers in territorial governance-related fields such as human geography, planning studies, sociology, and management studies. The contributions share the ambition of highlighting troubling contemporary tendencies where spatial planning and territorial governance can be seen to circumscribe or subvert 'due democratic practice' and the democratic ethos. The book also functions as an introduction to some of the central strands of contemporary political philosophy, discussing their relevance for the wider field of planning studies and the development of new planning practices.

The "democracy Deficit" in the Global Economy-Joseph S Jr Nye 2001

Democracy in the European Union-Christopher Lord 1998 There has been much talk of the 'democratic deficit' in the European Union, but little sympathetic understanding of the problems of constructing a transnational democracy, or even a systematic analysis of those democratic practices that do exist in the Union's political system. This book seeks to remedy these defects by looking at democratic authorization, representation and accountability of Union power, in both their supranational and intergovernmental modes.

Could the Lisbon Treaty Bring the EU and Its Institutions Closer Towards Democracy and Reduce the Democratic Deficit?-Sabina Agarunova 2016-04-19 Seminar paper from the year 2014 in the subject Politics - International Politics - Topic: European Union, grade: 1,0, course: European Integration, language: English, abstract: The main purpose of this paper is to look at the democratic deficit from different perspectives and find out if the last treaty of the EU, the Lisbon Treaty, could bring the EU and its institutions closer towards democracy and eliminate or at least reduce the democratic deficit. In order to do so, first an attempt is made to define democratic deficit going to its roots and first implementation relating to the EU. Second, different debates and opinions about the democratic deficit, its existence or absence will be presented in the second chapter of this seminar paper. Opinions of the most prominent scholars in this field such as Moravcsik, Majone and Hix, whose contribution to democratic discussions was enormous in the last decade will be thoroughly analyzed. The part involving opinions of Moravcsik and Majone of this chapter is the longest one based on an assumption that in our everyday life we often hear arguments in support of the existence of democratic deficit. It was important to show another perspective on this issue as not enough attention is drawn to assess democratic deficit from the point of its non-existence. Further opinions of scholars who agree with existence of democratic problems will be presented, whereas there will be many wanted correlations with Moravcsik and Majone to give a complete overview over the issue. After defining and presenting different perspectives on democracy and democratic deficit I will continue talking about contributions made by the Lisbon Treaty to democracy as well as main reforms and opportunities for further development of the EU.

Harvard Law School Thesis-Eugenia González Rivas 2000

Globalizing Democracy and Human Rights-Carol C. Gould 2004-08-02 Publisher Description

THE DEMOCRATIC DEFICIT OF THE EUROPEAN UNION: AN INSTITUTIONALIST APPROACH.- 2001 This thesis analyses the democratic deficit problem of the European Union in a historical context. As the Union develops from a purely economic community into political and social entity, its democratic credentials are put into question. In this thesis, it is argued that technocratic and elitist institutional structure of the Union causes this democratic deficit. Therefore, in order to rectify it and make the Union more legitimate in the eyes of its citizens, the institutions of the Union should be re-structured.

Enhancing the Democratic Deficit?-Christina Parascha 2015

In Defense of the "democratic Deficit"-Andrew Moravcsik 2001*

European Union and the Democratic Deficit-David E. Martin 1990

The Solution to the 'Democratic Deficit'-Laurent Pech 2006 Without radically upsetting the institutional and political balance of the European Union, the Commission's White Paper on Governance (2001) proposes a new basis for the EU's institutional legitimacy. However, this conceptual re-foundation gives rise to new and fundamental questions. To speak of governance within democracy is indeed unthinkable unless "democracy" is redefined as a form of government where the legitimacy of public action (as well as its efficiency) is made possible by a "proceduralization" of law. The failure to promote legitimacy with concepts borrowed from the vocabulary of the nation-state is nevertheless puzzling: Should "participatory democracy" be considered a substitute for representative democracy? Even if this is not the case, it is uncertain whether "participatory democracy" sufficiently embodies the democratic ideal, at least at the European level.

DEMOCRATIC DEFICIT IN THE EUROPEAN UNION.- 2001 This thesis analyzes the democratic deficit problem inherent in the European Union since the initial stages. In the study, the two dimensions of the problem is studied and within this context, the decision making procedures in the European Union, the functioning of the European Union institutions, the European Parliament elections are discussed in detail. Moreover, issues related to Europeanness and European identity are referred to and the improvements achieved by European Union concerning institutional structure and popular unity to overcome the democratic deficit are analyzed.

The evolution of democratic deficit in the European Union-Mauro Romani 2009

The Democratic Deficit in the European Union Revisited- 2001

The Inherently Undemocratic EU Democracy-Eva Nanopoulos 2018 This chapter argues that the debate on the democratic 'deficit' or 'default' of the EU, both generally and specifically with reference to the Euro-crisis, is misplaced. What is usually perceived as a crisis of EU democracy is a manifestation of a more systemic displacement of democracy, as an inherent feature of the European project. This assumption is explored by examining the ideological and normative influences that informed the EU's construction, as well as the forces that have continued to provide a vehicle for those influences to take political and legal form. These suggest that the undemocratic nature of the EU is necessary for the survival and perpetuation of the Union's specific vision of a common (free) market, and thus of contemporary European capitalism, as well as for the affirmation and continuity of the EU bureaucracy and a symbiotic world of socio-economic interests. Consequently, the 'democratic deficit' of the EU cannot be palliated through institutional reform. Moreover, the EU will likely increasingly engage in a process of building European identity based on a singular vision, resulting in the gradual exclusion of those who do not share a commitment to the EU's market telos and the marginalisation of substantive democratic critique.

Attention Deficit Democracy-Ben Berger 2011-09-11 Handwringing about political apathy is as old as democracy itself. As early as 425 BC, the playwright Aristophanes ridiculed his fellow Athenians for gossiping in the market instead of voting. In more recent decades, calls for greater civic engagement as a democratic cure-all have met with widespread agreement. But how realistic--or helpful--is it to expect citizens to devote more attention and energy to politics? In Attention Deficit Democracy, Ben Berger provides a surprising new perspective on the problem of civic engagement, challenging idealists who aspire to revolutionize democracies and their citizens, but also taking issue with cynics who think that citizens cannot--and need not--do better. "Civic engagement" has become an unwieldy and confusing catchall, Berger argues. We should talk instead of political, social, and moral engagement, figuring out which kinds of engagement make democracy work better, and how we might promote them. Focusing on political engagement and taking Alexis de Tocqueville and Hannah Arendt as his guides, Berger identifies ways to achieve the political engagement we want and need without resorting to coercive measures such as compulsory national service or mandatory voting. By providing a realistic account of the value of political engagement and practical strategies for improving it, while avoiding proposals we can never hope to achieve, Attention Deficit Democracy makes a persuasive case for a public philosophy that much of the public can actually endorse.

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