

“The Unbearable Heaviness of Being Deprived”

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Universal Suffrage

- Is there a trade-off between universal suffrage and economic development?
- Economic development first, political reform later?
- What is the global matrix?

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Countries by GDP per capita⁽¹⁾











Rank	Country	GDP (\$) per capita
1	Luxembourg	87,955
2	Norway	72,306
Qatar 6 2,9145		
Iceland 54 .8586		
Ireland 52 ,4407	Monaco	67,000
Switzerland 1151,771		
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United States 44, 19010		
Sweden 4 2,38384	Denmark	50,965

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(1) Source: International Monetary Fund 2006 Report

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Countries by GDP per capita

Rank	Country	GDP (\$) per capita
173.	 Rwanda	261
174.	 Sierra Leone	254
175.	 Eritrea	244
176.	 Myanmar	230
177.	 Guinea-Bissau	187
178.	 Liberia	185
179.	 Malawi	171
180.	 Democratic Republic of the Congo	144
181.	 Ethiopia	90
182.	 Burundi	90

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The Systems of Rules

- Monarchal Rule 14
- Theocratic Rule 2
- Military Rule 4
- Single Party Rule 7
- Transitional Rule 9
- Democratic Rule 156

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Monarchal Rule

- Morocco
- Nepal
- Saudi Arabia
- Cambodia
- United Arab Emirates
- Oman
- Lesotho
- Bhutan
- Kuwait
- Swaziland
- Qatar
- Brunei
- Tonga
- Monaco

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Theocratic Rule

- Iran
- Vatican City

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Military Rule

- Pakistan
- Congo (Democratic Republic)
- Myanmar
- Sudan

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Single Party Rule

- China
- Vietnam
- Syria
- North Korea
- Cuba
- Libya
- Laos

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Transitional Rule

- Iraq
- Afghanistan
- Somalia
- Rwanda
- Burundi
- Eritrea
- Liberia
- Bahrain
- Maldives

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Universal Suffrage

- Is this the road to serfdom?
- All power corrupts, absolute power corrupts absolutely
- Unnecessary government interventions lead to unpredictable and undesirable distribution of wealth
- A capitalist and free economy can only be guaranteed by a democratic system – universal suffrage is the first step