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## Chapter 1 : Political sociology : selected readings

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In lieu of an abstract, here is a brief excerpt of the content: What Makes Democracies Endure? Among democratic regimes, there were 50 parliamentary systems, 46 presidential systems, and 8 mixed systems. We follow Robert A. When in doubt, we err in the direction of calling a regime dictatorial. Our classification is not idiosyncratic, but is closely related to several alternative scales of democracy. The rationale and the rules for classifying regimes are discussed in the Appendix below. It may seem tautological to say that a country should have a democratic regime this year in order to have a democracy next year. We do so in order to dispel the myth, prevalent in certain intellectual and political circles particularly in the United States since the late s, that the route to democracy is a circuitous one. The claim is that 1 dictatorships are better at generating economic development in poor countries, and that 2 once countries have developed, their dictatorial regimes will give way to democracy. To get to democracy, then, one had to support, or at least tolerate, dictatorships. Both of the above propositions, however, are false: While analyses of the impact of regimes on economic growth have generated divergent results, recent econometric evidence fails to uncover any clear regime effect. The average rate of investment is in fact slightly higher in poor democracies than in poor dictatorships; population growth is higher under dictatorships but labor productivity is lower; and investment is more efficiently allocated under democracies. Dictatorships are no more likely to generate economic growth than democracies. South Korea and Taiwan are exceptional: These figures should be enough to dispel any notion that dictatorship somehow promotes economic growth in poor countries. Democracies are not produced by the development of dictatorships. Indeed, transitions to democracy are random with regard to the level of development: In order to strengthen You are not currently authenticated. View freely available titles:

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Clair , near Pottsville. He graduated from St. Clair Area High School in He became a licensed real estate agent, and later an insurance broker in He has worked as a probation officer and as Sergeant-at-Arms for the Pennsylvania House of Representatives , and was the sheriff of Schuylkill County from to The district was populated mostly by Reagan Democrats who were still willing to vote Republican in most elections it voted for George H. Bush in , Bob Dole in and George W. Bush in , but Holden was re-elected four times without serious opposition. Congressman Gus Yatron decided to retire. Pennsylvania lost two districts after the United States Census. The Republican-controlled General Assembly dismantled the 6th, splitting its territory among three other districts. This would have forced a primary matchup with Paul Kanjorski , an eight-term Democrat who was slightly more liberal than Holden. To some, it was blatant gerrymandering to force Holden into retirement. Gekas was forced into his first real campaign ever. Gekas got another rude surprise when Holden visited African American neighborhoods such as Uptown and Allison Hill after finding out that Gekas had never set foot in these neighborhoods in his congressional career. In November , in one of the biggest upsets in recent political history, Holden narrowly defeated Gekas. Nevertheless, Holden won re-election by a comfortable margin even as Bush easily carried the district. In much of the district, he was the only elected Democrat above the county level. Before Holden won the general election, he faced a primary challenge within his own party from political activist Sheila Dow Ford, who ran to the left of Holden, eviscerating the Congressman for voting against the Affordable Care Act in March The district lost Harrisburg and Lebanon , along with its shares of portions of Berks , Dauphin , Lebanon and Perry counties. To make up for the loss in population, the legislature pushed the district well to the north and east, adding Scranton , Wilkes-Barre , Pittston , and Easton , among other various towns in Luzerne , Lackawanna , Carbon , Monroe and Northampton counties. Holden now found himself running in territory that he did not know and that did not know him. The only county retained from his old district was his home county, Schuylkill County. As a result of these changes, the 17th was now considerably more Democratic than its predecessor, nearing 60 percent Democratic registration and leaving Holden vulnerable to a challenge to his left in the Democratic primary. For instance, he opposed abortion and gun control. However, he supported Democratic priorities on a number of issues. While Holden voted with a minority of House Democrats in favor of the authorization for the use of U. He is ranked as one of the top fifteen most conservative Democrats in the House by the National Journal. Holden became a co-sponsor of Bill H.

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