Final project - guidelines

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Type of democracy

• There is no a clear limit (even though 20 pages should be sufficient)

• At the beginning or at the end of your project, the type of democracy you think that the recipient country can/have to achieve

• Type of democratic regime: electoralist, procedural minimum, expanded procedural minimum, advanced, maximalist

• You can also find different definitions of democracy (e.g. “sovereign democracy”, “limited democracy”, “imperfect democracy” etc...)
Case study and variables

- Case study: general information on the regime (you can also analyze indices and indicators, e.g. Freedom Rating, V-Dem, Polity IV, Corruption Perception Index, Bertelsmann, etc.)
- You can decide to analyze actor-centered (point no. 1 and 2), structural (point no. 3 and 4) or strategic variables (point no.) or all three approaches.

1. Analysis of elites (positional method)
2. Analysis of civil society (is it active? Or not? Groups, NGO’s, associations, movements…)
3. Analysis of structures (history, previous regime, society, economy, religion, ethnicity, media system …)
4. Analysis of international environment (global, area) and international relations
5. Intersection between agency and structure: strategies
Promotion strategy

- You will have to point out:
- Type of possible democratization process: pacted/imposed, from below/from above, transplacement/transformation/replacement
- Means of democratization: imposition or promotion (realist-power policy vs. liberal-interests policy)
- Also imitation (diffusion, idealist-project policy) can be considered (long term project, local activities, avoid “too political” initiatives)
- Model of democracy promotion: political or developmental
- Expected results of your projects
- You can use the Logical Framework
- What are the possible indicators or indices you would use “to measure” the political change