

Has Democracy Failed To Deliver?

What Explains Satisfaction and Dissatisfaction with the Performance of Democracy

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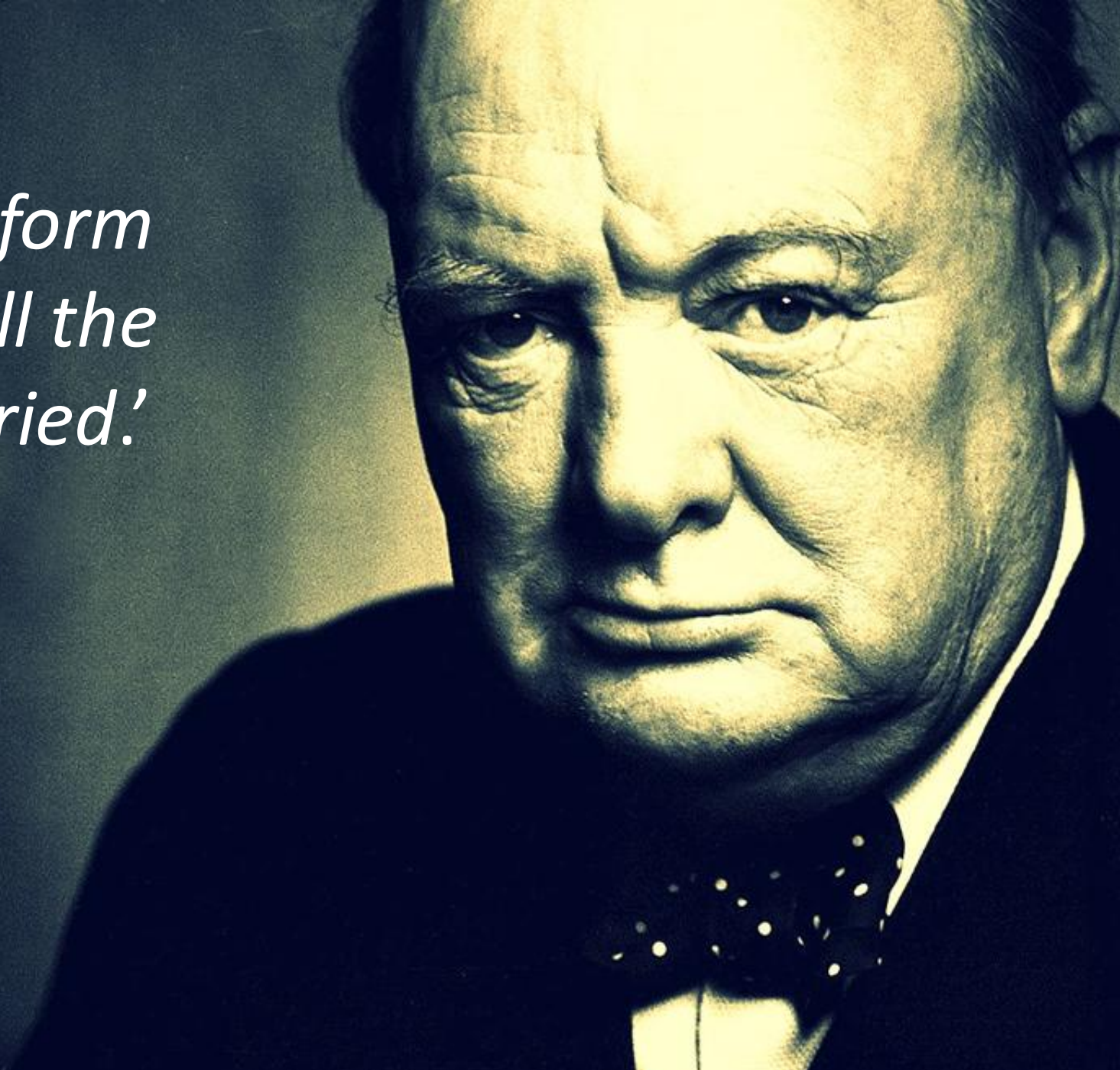
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*'It has been said that
democracy is the worst form
of government except all the
others that have been tried.'*

Winston Churchill.



Has Democracy Failed as a Norm?

NO

Has Democracy Failed its Pros and Practitioners?

Has it failed to fulfill their Expectations?

YES



Democracy has *not* failed as a Norm, but doesn't make unanimity

75%

still consider
Democracy to
be the *best*
available
political system

50%

Believe they
are
Ruled by the
*Will of the
People*

35%

Believe 'A good
way to govern
this
country is to
have the Army
Rule'

Americans of Upper Income & born after 1969
Source: World Value Survey
By Professor Inglehart of Michigan University

What is the source of this Evidence ?



The WIN/Gallup International End of Year Survey

- Nationally Representative
- Sample size of over 50,000

10 Year Data Trends

*Comes from EoY survey (2005)
and EoY Survey (2014)*

- Nations across the globe
- Same 52 countries included in both surveys



A majority in half of the *oldest adherents* of Democracy believe they are *not Ruled by the Will of the People*

Oldest adherents of Democracy: *Adopters of Democracy before World War 1-1914*
In our sample 12 countries fall in that category: USA, France, UK, Canada, Australia, Netherlands, Belgium, Sweden, Switzerland, Finland, Ireland and Iceland. We refer to first wave countries as the oldest adherents of democracy.

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Nations score
less than 50%
on Satisfaction
with
Democracy

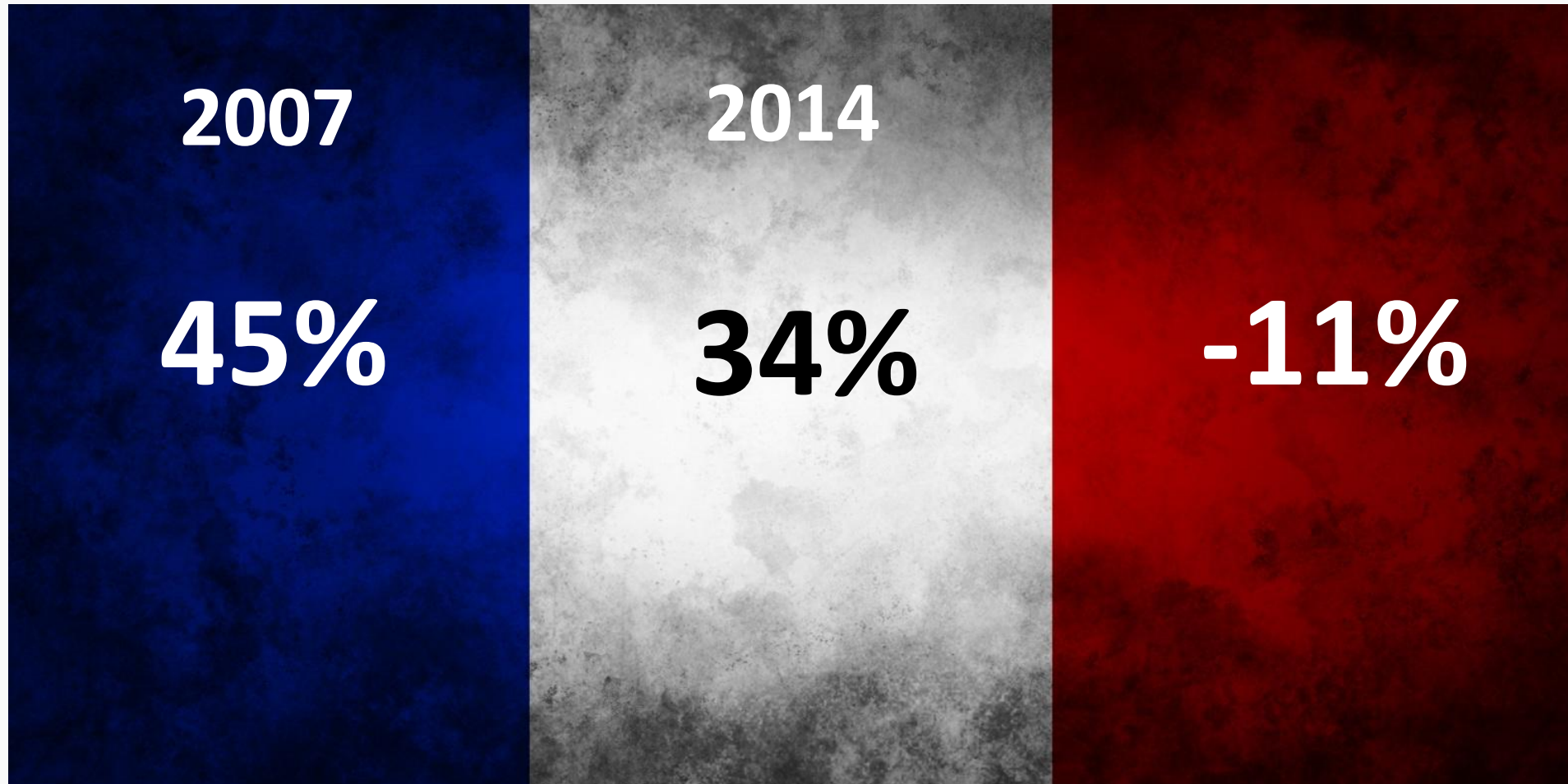
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Nations level
of satisfaction
declined
in the last 10
years



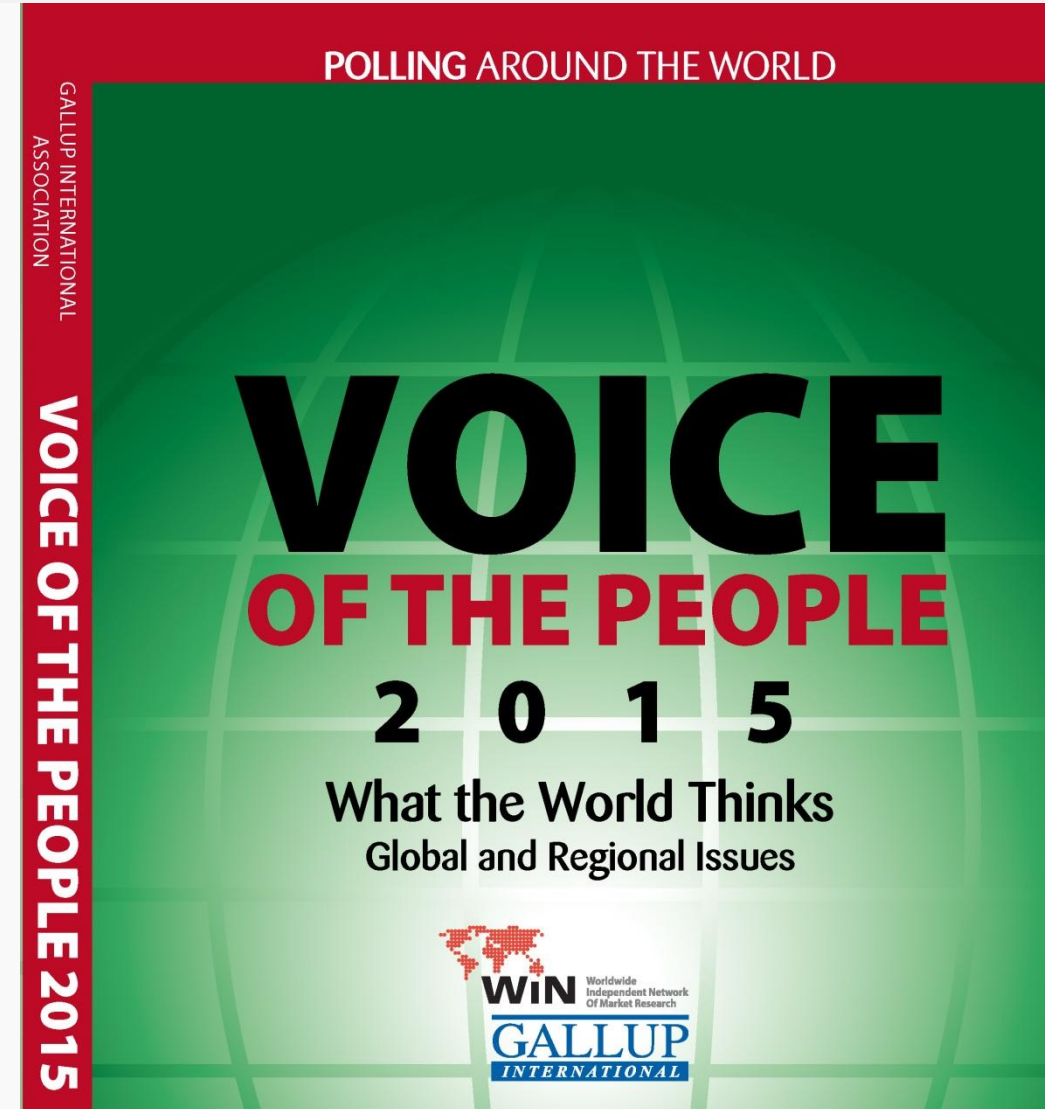
What explains Dissatisfaction with Democracy, especially among its oldest adherents ?

Example- France



What explains Dissatisfaction with Democracy?

The chapter, *When Democracy Fails to Deliver*, by Ijaz Shafi Gilani, from the Book *Voice of the People*, investigates thoroughly.



What explains Dissatisfaction with Democracy?

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CORRELATES OF DISSATISFACTION WITH DEMOCRACY

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MARCO-ECONOMIC FACTORS

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DEMOGRAPHIC FACTORS

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IDENTITY FACTORS

What explains Dissatisfaction with Democracy?

MACRO-ECONOMIC FACTORS

Smaller population size, lower inequality and higher per capita income produce higher satisfaction

DEMOGRAPHIC FACTORS

Patriotism, Nationalism and Religiousness are the strongest drivers of satisfaction

The strongest correlation Is with Factors Related to Identity

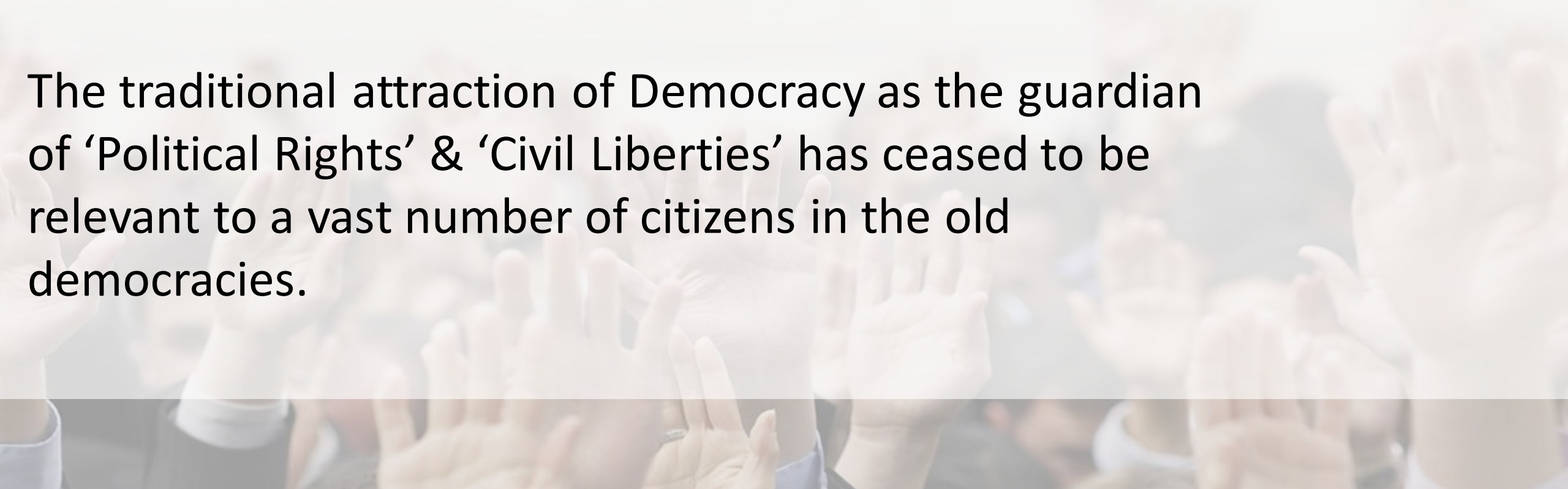
Key demographic factors such as Gender, Age or even education are not major influencers on satisfaction.



What explains Dissatisfaction with Democracy?

Those who have practiced democracy the longest are the most doubtful about its performance

The traditional attraction of Democracy as the guardian of 'Political Rights' & 'Civil Liberties' has ceased to be relevant to a vast number of citizens in the old democracies.



What explains Dissatisfaction with Democracy?

The concerns in old democracies are increasingly focused on **'Flight of jobs'** and **'Immigration'**.

Many link this to the inability of their country to cope with the **'Encroachment of Globalization'**.

What explains Dissatisfaction with Democracy?

**Those who dislike Globalization
are also most dissatisfied with
Democracy's performance**



What explains Dissatisfaction with Democracy?

The new question is:

**‘Does Democracy fail to deliver
in a globalized world?’**

Thank you

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