

Democracy and Authoritarianism in the Digital Age

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Abstract. This research analyzes the impact of digital technology on democratic and authoritarian regimes, focusing on how the internet and social media shape political discourse and governance. The study examines the dual role of digital platforms in promoting democratic participation and enabling authoritarian control, offering a nuanced perspective on technology's political implications.

Keywords: Digital Technology, Democracy, Authoritarianism, Social Media, Political Discourse

Introduction

The digital age has transformed the political landscape, influencing both democratic and authoritarian regimes in profound ways. This paper investigates the impact of digital technology on political systems, exploring how the internet and social media have reshaped governance, political discourse, and citizen engagement. By examining case studies from various countries, the research analyzes the dual role of digital platforms in promoting democratic participation while also enabling authoritarian control and surveillance. The findings provide a nuanced understanding of technology's political implications, highlighting the opportunities and challenges it presents for governance.

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