



THE DYNAMICS OF POLITICAL REGIME IN MODERN UKRAINE: EMPIRICAL DIMENSION

Bikbulatov E. A.

The Data on Democracy Index of Ukraine on the Basis of the Monitoring Programme Nations in Transit (1996 – 2003)

Democracy Markers	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
<i>Electoral Process</i>	3,25	3,50	3,50	3,50	4,00	4,50	4,00	4,25
<i>Civil Society</i>	4,00	4,25	4,00	4,00	3,75	3,75	3,50	3,75
<i>Independent Media</i>	4,50	4,75	5,00	5,00	5,25	5,50	5,50	5,50
<i>National Democratic Governance</i>	4,50	4,75	4,75	4,75	4,75	5,00	5,00	5,25
<i>Local Democratic Governance</i>								
<i>Judicial Framework and Independence</i>	3,75	4,00	4,50	4,50	4,50	4,75	4,50	4,75
<i>Corruption</i>	–	–	6,00	6,00	6,00	6,00	5,75	5,75
Democracy Score	4,00	4,25	4,63	4,63	4,71	4,92	4,71	4,88

The Data on Democracy Index of Ukraine on the Basis of the Monitoring Programme Nations in Transit (2003 – 2014)

Democracy Markers	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
<i>Electoral Process</i>	3,50	3,25	3,00	3,00	3,50	3,50	3,50	3,75	4,00	4,00	3,50
<i>Civil Society</i>	3,00	2,75	2,75	2,75	2,75	2,75	2,75	2,75	2,75	2,50	2,25
<i>Independent Media</i>	4,75	3,75	3,75	3,50	3,50	3,50	3,75	4,00	4,00	4,25	4,00
<i>National Democratic Governance</i>	5,00	4,50	4,75	4,75	5,00	5,00	5,50	5,75	5,75	6,00	6,00
<i>Local Democratic Governance</i>	5,25	5,25	5,25	5,25	5,25	5,25	5,50	5,50	5,50	5,50	5,50
<i>Judicial Framework and Independence</i>	4,25	4,25	4,50	4,75	5,00	5,00	5,50	6,00	6,00	6,00	6,00
<i>Corruption</i>	5,75	5,75	5,75	5,75	5,75	5,75	5,75	6,00	6,00	6,25	6,00
Democracy Score	4,50	4,21	4,25	4,25	4,39	4,39	4,61	4,82	4,86	4,93	4,75



Political transformation in Ukraine can be arbitrarily divided into 3 stages:

1) democratization retrogression
(1996-2003)

2) democratization progress (2004-2009)

3) democratization retrogression
(2010-2014)

The Data of Political Transformation Index in Ukraine According to the Bertelsmann Fund Methodology (1998 – 2013)

Democracy Markers	2003 Report (1998-2002 Survey)	2006 Report (2003-2005 Survey)	2008 Report (2005-2007 Survey)	2010 Report (2007-2009 Survey)	2012 Report (2009-2011 Survey)	2014 Report (2011-2013 Survey)
<i>Stateness</i>	8,0	8,0	8,8	8,8	8,8	8,8
<i>Political Participation</i>	6,0	7,8	7,8	7,8	6,0	6,0
<i>Rule of Law</i>	6,0	7,0	6,8	6,3	5,0	5,0
<i>Stability of Democratic Institutions</i>	6,0	6,5	7,5	6,5	5,5	5,5
<i>Political and Social Integration</i>	6,0	6,3	6,0	5,8	5,3	5,3
Democracy Score	6,40	7,10	7,35	7,00	6,10	6,10

2003 Report

- From late 1990s to early 2000s, Ukraine remained close to non-democratic countries, the indicator being less than 6.
- The rest of indicators are considered to be constant, being ranked between «defective democracies» and «highly defective democracies».

2006 Report

- The final score makes up 7.10, the figure being the direct evidence of intensification of the nationwide democratization strategy as well as the systemic nature of democratic transformation
- The most obvious progress is observed in accordance with the “Political Participation” and the “Rule of Law” markers.

2008 Report

- Ukraine stabilizes and intensifies its democratization policy, yet remain in gin the group of countries with defective democracy.
- Ukraine is ranked 35 out of 126 countries under investigation.

2010 Report

- Ukraine gradually loses on democratization progress, achieved over the past years, the worst indicator being “Stability of Democratic Institutions” (1.00) that proves substantial retrogression.
- In the world rating (129 countries), Ukraine holds 37 position in lieu of its political institutions democratic transformation.

2012 Report

- Calamitous failures in democratic transformation are displayed accordance with such markers as “Political Participation” (−1.8) and “Rule of Law” (−1.3), the “Stateness” marker remaining relatively steady.

2014 Report

- Ukraine has continually displayed steady retrogression in democratic transformation, repeating the indicators of the previous years (6.10).

Ukraine

- State with transformational model of political system
- The most favourable period for democratic institutions development was the time framework of 2003-2007
- Tthe least favourable is the one from 2009 to 2013