



# DOES A TWO-PARTY SYSTEM AFFECT DEVELOPMENT?



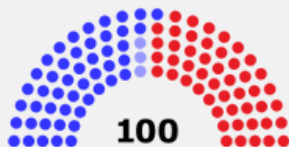
## Background & Motivation

Two-party political systems can mean that there is little political upheaval over long periods of time. This can lead to complacency and ultimately, stagnation of development. Is a two-party system inherently linked to stagnant quality of life improvement?



## Innovation

There seems to be no existing research exploring the correlation between the number of elected parties and development in democracies. To plug this gap, I propose a thorough analysis of democracies around the world accounting for external factors, while carefully defining the two-party state.



The US Senate currently has senators from two parties.

## Description

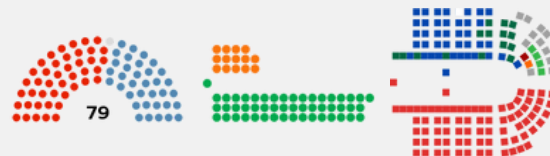
This research will seek to analyse the relationship between development and the political systems in democracies, more specifically their competitiveness in terms of successful political parties.

To do this, a sturdy definition of the two-party state is necessary, either in the form of a binary categorisation or a scale.

Furthermore, a definition of development or quality of life (perhaps using HDI).

Once we have clearly defined these factors, statistical analysis can be applied while filter out external effects.

The main limitations will be the choice of these definitions, which are inherently subjective, as well as the process of eliminating external factors (such as natural conditions or even economic conditions) in countries developmental progression.



Other two-party-parliaments around the world.

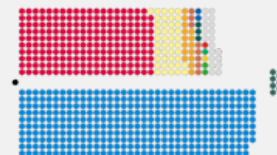
## Anticipated Impact

This research could allow voters in two-party systems to have a more informed idea of the consequences of their vote.



## Path Forward

- Step 1: Identifying & categorising states.
- Step 2: Analysing each state's development.
- Step 3: Mathematically removing external factors & finding correlation.
- Step 4: Presentation



While the UK regularly elects MPs from several parties, a third party has been in government once since World War II, and even then in a coalition.