

So you'd like to say we got lucky? What do you have to say about the aftermath of the end of the Cold War, effectively in 1989? If memory serves me correctly, a great deal of peace broke out in Eastern Europe since then. Not only did it happen in the former Soviet buffer states, who regained their national identities, but within Russia, as well. While Russia has some military power, they no longer are the threat to World peace they were for about 49 years. In addition to being peaceful, they are also democratic, where the citizens now have a voice.

We left the 20th Century with about 160 democracies; we entered it with about 100. Applying statistical analysis at a very basic level says that's a 60% increase. In this century, Afghanistan has been added to the list.

From a standpoint of a "vote count," I'd say the majority chooses democracy. Who are we to presume the Iraqis don't want it? Notice how quiet it has been in Afghanistan?

To finalize this post, I ask rhetorically, why can't we use our experience of the past, specifically the aftermath of WWII and the Cold War, to see the expansion of democracy is a move that is for the betterment of all mankind?

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