

The Ethiopia Democracy and Its Challenges and Achievements. By Tewolde-B (Leipzig –Germany.) Jan.2017

"We don't have another Choice than Democracy in Ethiopia even if we don't like it" Meles Zenawi

The Ethiopian Democracy:-

The democracy in Ethiopia when we compare to its past History , challenges and third world countries, in General, it is a flourishing and growing Democracy. This is my view!

But why and How I dare to say that?

Everybody can have her/his own views but this IS MINE and there is for sure NO 100% democracy in the world. Even in countries known as the mother of Democracy.

Let me take you back to the 60s.

As we had learned to the Youth/ Student Movement in the 60th till late 70th in Europa, it had been partially like what was recently happening in Ethiopia and let me explain how? Compare yourself for any similarities and differences

.....After the Second World War, many chances and possibilities were given to the Youths even from the lower class and relatively poor families (working Families) to join Universities and Colleges.

....West European Countries had been benefited from the socio liberal economy in Europe, especially in Germany at that time known to many as the "Wirtschaftswunder" (wonder to the Economy) for 15 years but it went in to recession in 1966. The Population was increasing and were many Graduated Youths from different faculties however not enough vacancy's or jobs to engage them. They tend to believe the economic wealthy of the nation lead to a growing gap between the Rich and the Poor.

So they should have to search for an alternative. That has resulted the **Germany student movement**

(In Germany also called „68er-**Bewegung**")

This Movement is remembered as follows:-

"The Germany Police tried to crackdown the student Demonstration and were preventing them from gathering in public. And as result one student was killed and the Public were angered against what was perceived as police brutality and with the help of the press the Government tried to diffuse the situation. The Revolt against the Government reach its climax in May 1968 which led to the passing of the Emergency legislature (state Emergency)" as summarized from the link below. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/German_student_movement

But most people remembered it as the time of Rock and Roll or free Sex, Women Emancipation etc. But No one would do Demonstrations and various Movements for Rock and Roll or free Drugs and sex only. I think, everybody can do that separately, you don't need a Movement, may be similar as now to the Youths in Ethiopian who are busy in the shisha and ChaÄt Houses)

In Europa, the Number of Youth Graduates from colleges were much more in number than the jobs that were to be created at that time, even though the economy was growing. However as result of the student movement, a direct and indirect effects had been brought to the society. The Direct effect was in changing the influence of the culture and a better conditions for Women (Women Emancipation) and indirectly a "[radical decree](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/German_student_movement)" was passed by the Government to screen out those who were supporting the Free and Democratic principles of the country according to the Constitution from those who did not. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/German_student_movement

How is Ethiopia's Condition now?

So to me even without the question of Good Governance, Corruption, Miss-Management, and Chauvinist antagonism, Narrow minded separatists, the Developmental Democracy in Ethiopia should have expected these kinds of Demonstrations and Youth Movements as a natural outcome of the social Economical and Demographical Developmental changes in Ethiopia which has not yet created enough jobs for the 40% Youth and ten thousands of new Graduates every year. I don't need to read or refer to many Books to understand this fact. Imagine if that was the case during the Derg regime?

So to me the New Young Generation is not that much violate but easily manipulated!

Ethiopia has, of -course, managed in few years to build many Universities. ...according to the statics no one has managed to build so many institutions in short time in the third World Countries as Ethiopia did.

These Achievements, irrespective of the destructive forces and their Supporters from in or out of the Country, are now challenged.

We can see another Example of the Arab movements known to many of us as to the" Arab Spring Movements." <https://newrepublic.com/article/81611/making-sense-tunisia>

The core problem was the same to what I have tried to explain above like more or less the 68th Movement in Europe. I think.

For Example it is to read in many reports, in Tunisian, Diploma Engineers and MSc. Holders were forced to work as Receptionist and Taxi Drivers. The same was true to the Egyptians. There is no welfare in Africa.

Can anyone in the developed world think of that, **No work and No welfare?**

I guess , This is only possible in the third World countries.

...What was happening after the revolution is a very sad thing but it isn't my topic now. It needs, however, to be explained another time. In order to learn who could be behind the revolution be? Of course, in Tunisia and in Egypt, it could be different but what about the **Orange** color revolutions in Ukraine and, the **"Semayawi Party"** in Ethiopia, and so on! Who funded the color revolutions, by the way? <http://allafrica.com/stories/201504061322.html>

What so ever difficult the journey seems, the core principle of the Developmental Democracy and Federalism in Ethiopia is unreplaceable.

The problems now we see in Ethiopia is not a new thing, many Countries who are working hard to change the lives of their People are facing it.

Dictators who dictate the lives of Millions, and those who live under Unitarianism were seen recently joking on Ethiopia.

Democracy is a challenge but it is the only way we can go forward how costly and time taking it might be.

As the Late Mr. PM. Meles (R.I.P) said it clearly "we don't have another Choice than Democracy in Ethiopia even if we don't like it"

As to the chauvinist and Narrow minded once they know the transition period was about to END, that the Multi Billion Projects and Infrastructures is about to finish and the core problem will be addressed and no chance WILL BE given to entertain the Unitarianism and their PLAN to disintegrate Ethiopia, respectively.

So they must fight hard, incite anti Governmental DEMOS NOW and THEN! to disrupt the ongoing Projects in New Ethiopia. And recently they are trying to damage the image of the country as Drought affected areas are out of the control of the Government and the economy is in a bad shape. please read the following Report from world bank.

<http://www.africanews.com/2016/12/07/ethiopia-gets-world-bank-praise-for-economic-progress-despite-drought/>

What have we witnessed in the latest Demos in Ethiopia?

The Demand of the True Demonstrators or the "would be" demonstrators were Hijacked by those Narrowest and Chauvinists for their own political profiles to show how active they could mobilize the innocent Ethiopians against their Own Government. They have done it and will do it in the future as long as Money flows to their Accounts as a mercenary Agenda given to them by Ethiopian strategical enemies and jealous contenders. Exactly to what the opposition of Ginbot 7 propagates.

"What is the evidence on the impact of employment creation on stability and poverty reduction in fragile states? **UK-aid publication link**

<https://www.odi.org/sites/odi.org.uk/files/odi-assets/publications-opinion-files/8386.pdf> the following is to read:-

“There is strong empirical evidence that employment creation generally increases incomes and reduces poverty in low-income countries.

Employment creation is a priority for donors and governments in many fragile states, as outlined in the 2011 World Development Report (WDR), (World Bank 2011) ”

SO IT IS NECESSARY TO ENGAGE THE YOUTH IN DIVERSE ACTIVITIES and PROJECTS.

THE YOUTH MUST TAKE ANY JOB AVAILABLE AS LONG AS IT IS REASONABLE. LIKE WHAT IS STILL DONE IN EUROPA HOWEVER PRACTICING HOW TO WORK HARD, TOLERATE CHALLENGES, and FIGHT CORRUPTION COLLECTIVELY and SO ON SHOULD BE ON THE AGENDA OF EVERY YOUTH LIFE.

THE CHALLENGES SHOULD NOT BE LEFT ALONE ON THE SHOULDER OF THE GOVERNMENT, BUT FIRMS OR COMPANYYS, TRADERS, COMMUNITIES AND SO ON AND SO FORTH SHOULD TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR A JOB CREATION IN ETHIOPIA.

To me, Poverty is the biggest challenge to unrest and destabilization of all the Political grievances!

I thank you. TBT.