

Overview

In this lesson, students will use a graphic organizer to think about how democratic various countries in the region are.

Length

One class

Materials

[Americas \(World101\)](#)

Graphic organizer (attached)

Instructional Plan

1. Have students explore the Americas in World101.
2. Assign or have students choose three countries that vary in how democratic they are. Bolivia, Brazil, and Venezuela are three countries in the region discussed in detail as suffering from democratic backsliding, and Cuba is clearly autocratic.
3. Have students fill out the attached graphic organizer.

How Democratic?

Choose three countries in the Americas and place them on the line below that represents a spectrum from autocracy to democracy. Then, in a sentence or two, defend where you placed each country relative to the others, citing specific details.

