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Jonathon Kay claims that poverty and democracy do not mix, yet we have the obvious example of the world's largest democracy, India. Neighboring Pakistan achieved Independence from Britain at the same time as India, yet has not embraced democracy.

Democracy has nothing to do with poverty or wealth, nor is it a function of who the colonial rulers happened to be. Rather, it is strictly a function of culture and civilization. The only difference between Pakistan and India is that one is a majority Islamic state, while the other has a Hindu majority.

Judeo-Christian and Hindu civilizations take to democracy like fish to water, while some other cultures do not.

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