

# Culture

# Does MIT have a culture?

What is it?

How would we know?

How would we prove it was actually different from Harvard's?

Does this culture extend to all parts of Institute?

How might it change?

# Tocqueville uses internal comparisons to show effect of culture on democracy in the U.S.

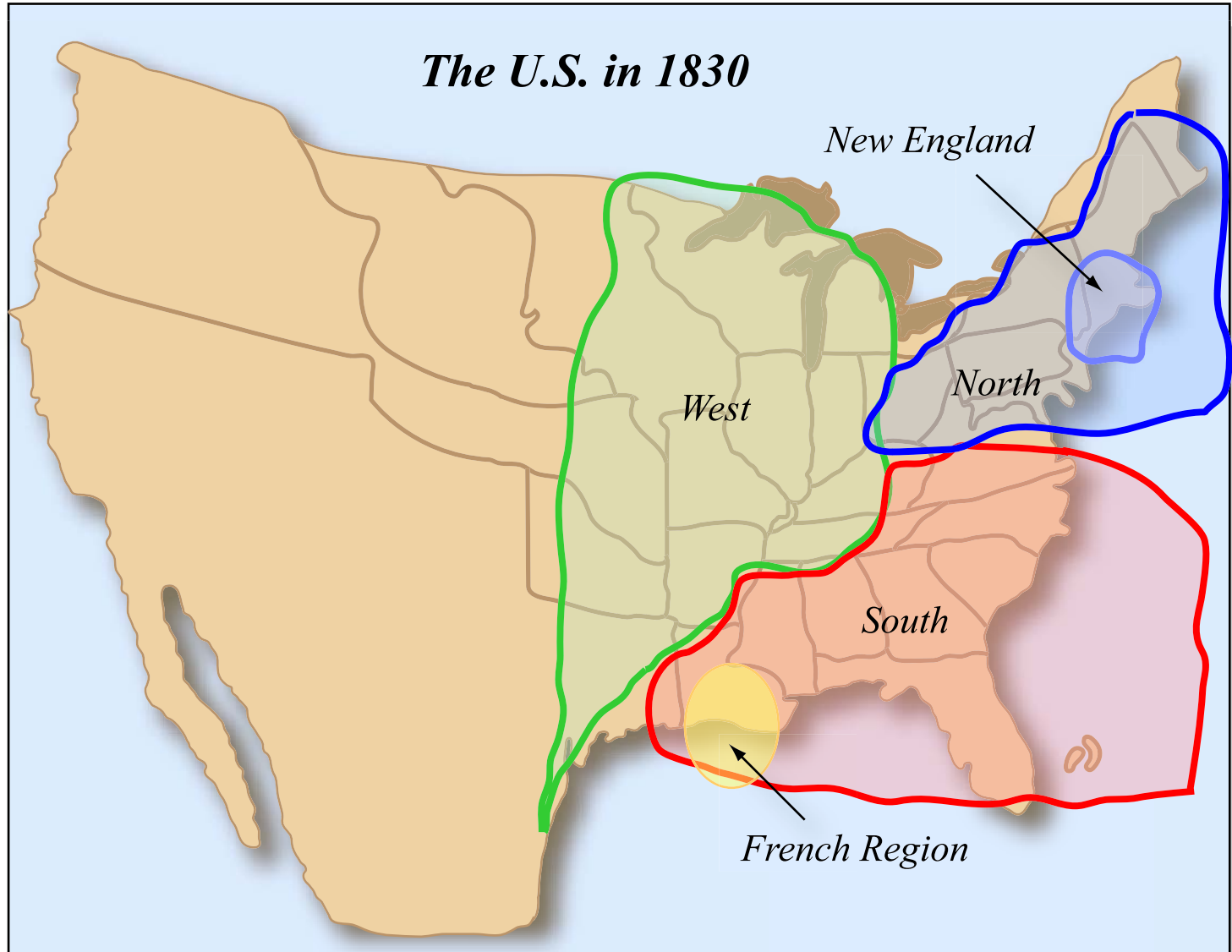


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# A cultural theory of democracy must include measures of culture

(Lagos 1997)

Country	Support for Democracy	Satisfaction with Democracy	Defense of Democracy	Index of Democratic Perceptions	Perception of Full Democracy
Costa Rica	80	51	85	<b>72.0</b>	23
Spain	81	57	76	<b>71.3</b>	29
Uruguay	80	52	78	<b>70.0</b>	34
Argentina	71	34	73	<b>59.3</b>	12
Panama	75	28	75	<b>59.3</b>	13
Bolivia	64	25	84	<b>57.7</b>	13
Ecuador	52	34	80	<b>55.3</b>	20
Peru	63	28	75	<b>55.3</b>	14
Venezuela	62	30	74	<b>55.3</b>	16
Nicaragua	59	23	72	<b>51.3</b>	7
Colombia	60	16	74	<b>50.0</b>	7
El Salvador	56	26	60	<b>47.3</b>	10
Honduras	42	20	80	<b>47.3</b>	13
Paraguay	59	22	59	<b>46.7</b>	9
Brazil	50	20	69	<b>46.3</b>	4
Chile	54	27	53	<b>44.7</b>	10
Mexico	53	11	66	<b>43.3</b>	10
Guatemala	51	16	56	<b>41.0</b>	6

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## **Question wording for Lagos (1997)**

Support for democracy: Percentage of respondents who agreed with the statement, "Democracy is preferable to any other kind of government."

Satisfaction with democracy: Percentage of respondents who answered "very satisfied" or "fairly satisfied" to the question, "In general, would you say that you are very satisfied, fairly satisfied, not very satisfied, or not at all satisfied with the way democracy works in [nation]?"

Defense of democracy: Percentage of respondents who answered "yes" to the question, "Would you be willing to defend democracy if it was under threat?"

Composite measure: Average of percentages in the first three columns.

Perceptions of full democracy: Percentage of respondents who answered "fully established" to the question, "Do you think that democracy is fully established in [nation], or do you think that . . . there are still things to be done for there to be a full democracy?"

# This measure should have predictive power

## Prediction of cultural theories 10 years later

Country	Support for Democracy	Satisfaction with Democracy	Defense of Democracy	Index of Democratic Perceptions	State of democracy
Costa Rica	80	51	85	<b>72.0</b>	Very strong
Spain	81	57	76	<b>71.3</b>	Very strong
Uruguay	80	52	78	<b>70.0</b>	Very strong
Argentina	71	34	73	<b>59.3</b>	Strong
Panama	75	28	75	<b>59.3</b>	Strong
Bolivia	64	25	84	<b>57.7</b>	Mixed
Ecuador	52	34	80	<b>55.3</b>	Mixed
Peru	63	28	75	<b>55.3</b>	Mixed
Venezuela	62	30	74	<b>55.3</b>	Weak
Nicaragua	59	23	72	<b>51.3</b>	Weak
Colombia	60	16	74	<b>50.0</b>	Mixed
El Salvador	56	26	60	<b>47.3</b>	Mixed
Honduras	42	20	80	<b>47.3</b>	Mixed
Paraguay	59	22	59	<b>46.7</b>	Mixed
Brazil	50	20	69	<b>46.3</b>	Strong
Chile	54	27	53	<b>44.7</b>	Very strong
Mexico	53	11	66	<b>43.3</b>	Mixed
Guatemala	51	16	56	<b>41.0</b>	Weak