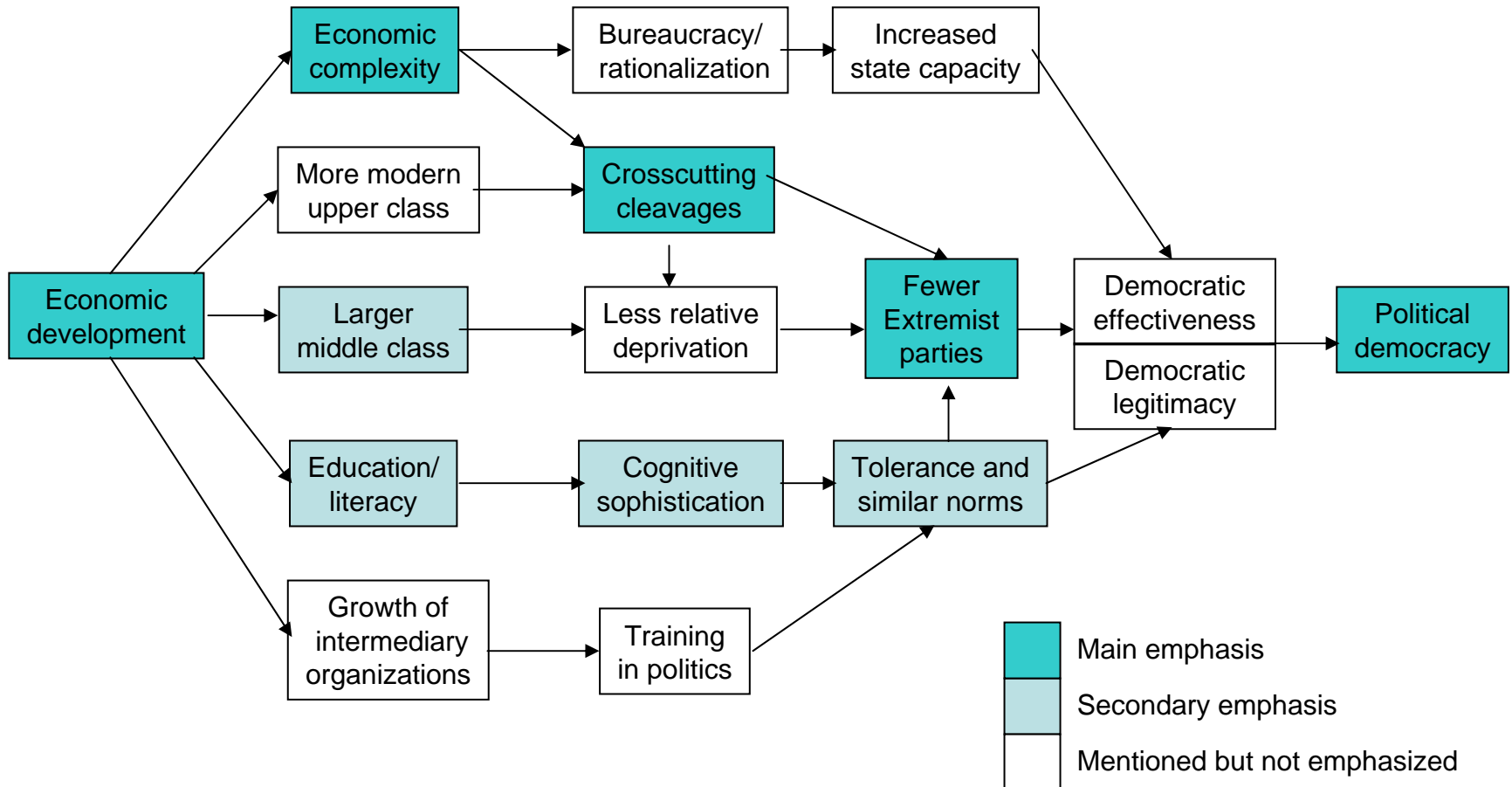


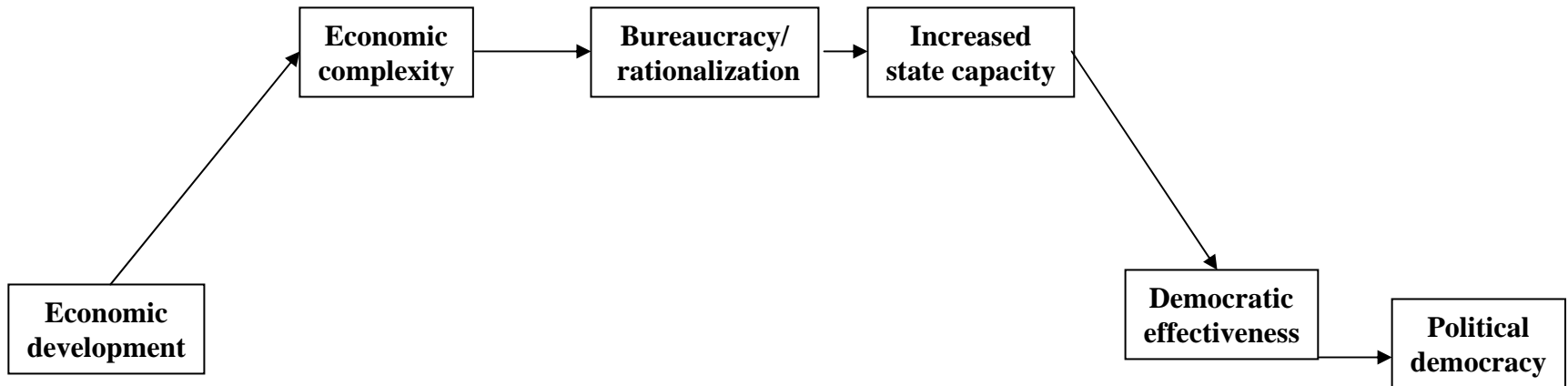
Modernization theory and its critics

The Lipset model (*Political Man*, 1961)



Lipset, Seymour M. *Political Man: The Social Base of Politics*. Expanded Ed. Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1981. ISBN: 9780801825224.

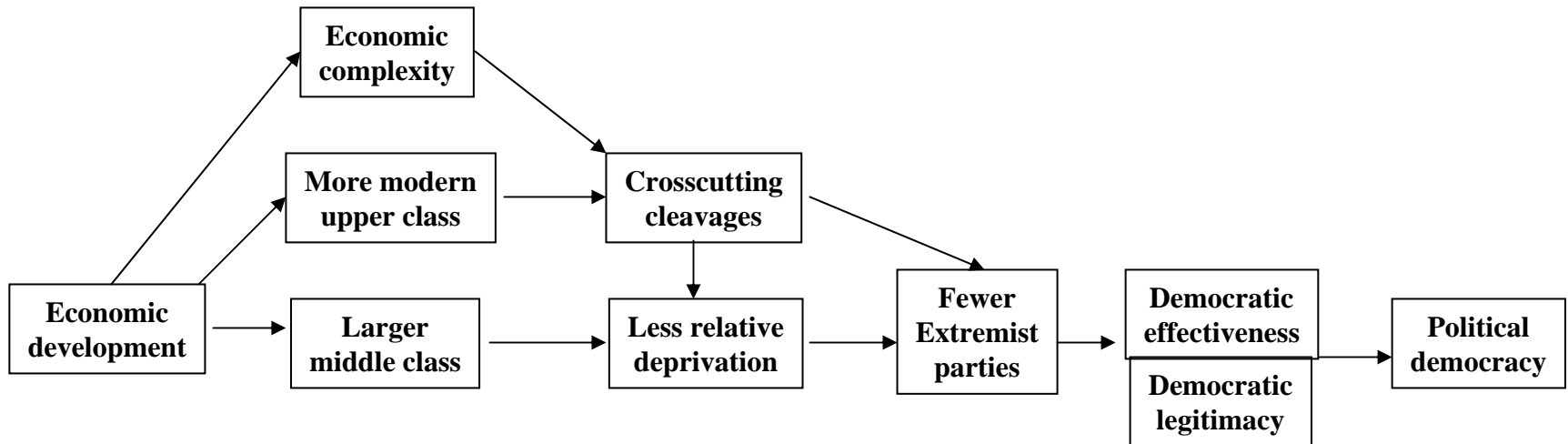
The Lipset model: State capacity may be a mixed blessing...



Problems

- Increased state capacity that promotes economic growth benefits any incumbent regime, regardless of whether it is democratic (Linz; Bermeo)
- Increased state strength could allow authoritarian regimes to suppress opposition groups (Tocqueville; Rueschemeyer, Stephens and Stephens)

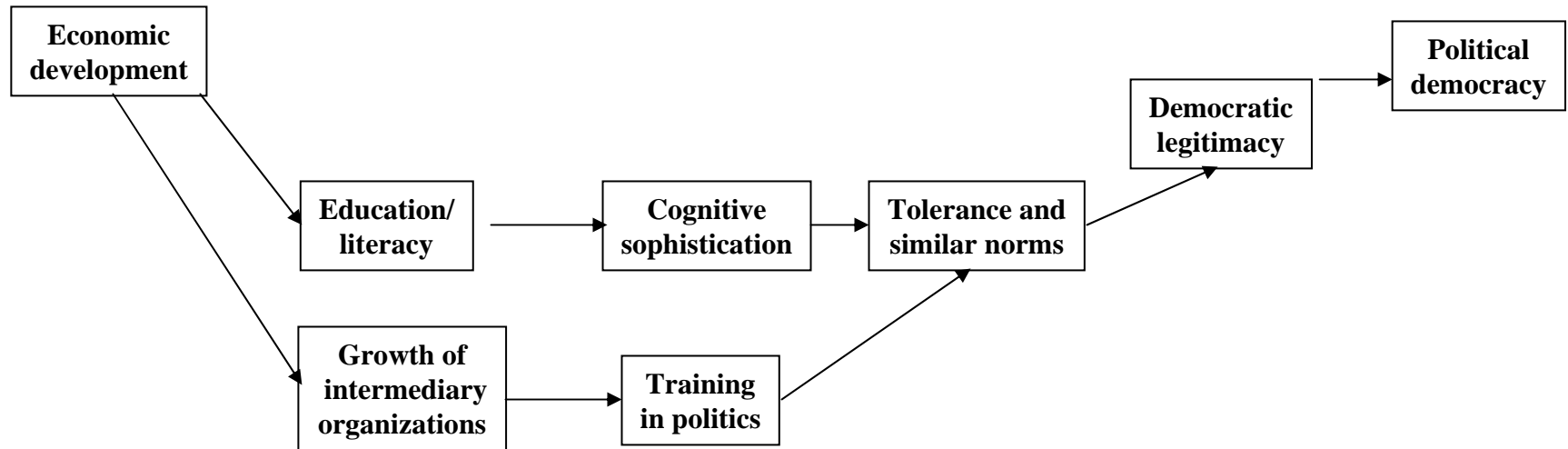
....all good things may not go together...



Problems

- Economic development does not necessarily lead to larger middle class or less relative deprivation in short term (Wolf, Gurr, Kuznets)
- Economic development does not necessarily lead to larger middle class or less relative deprivation even in long term (Gunder Frank, Evans, Wallerstein)
- Certain forms of economic development might not lead to more modern upper class (Moore, Karl, O'Donnell, Baloyra-Herp)
- Middle classes may support extremist parties when faced with threat from Left (Marx, Orwell, Lipset, O'Donnell, etc.)

...and civil society may not be so civil



Problems

- Increased social mobilization multiplies the demands on the state and can cause anarchy (Huntington)
- Increases in education and social organization may activate ethnic, racial, or religious cleavages, rather than trigger cross-cutting cleavages (Ozbudun, Diamond, etc.)