Traveling notions of democracy
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Research question

- Do people support traditional/new models of democracy?
  - Direct Democracy: The government should seek the opinion of its population much more often.
  - Technocracy: We should leave the important decisions to the experts.
  - Deliberative Democracy: Male and female politicians must often make decisions based on discussions among citizens.
  - Representative Democracy: Since politicians are the ones responsible they have to make the decisions themselves.
  - "Business" democracy: The government would work better if decisions were made by people who have succeeded in business.
- Who? And Why?

Support for five models of democracy

	Direct democracy	Technocracy	Deliberative democracy	Representative democracy	Business democracy
Strongly agree	42,5	19,1	27,5	12,2	8,6
Agree	41,9	43,4	49,8	40,5	24,2
Neither agree nor disagree	8,9	22,0	14,5	23,6	36,4
Disagree	6,1	12,4	7,5	19,9	28,2
Strongly disagree	0,8	3,2	0,8	3,7	8,6
Total	100	100	100	100	100

Two democratic orientations

	Component	
	Participative	Delegative
Direct	0,868	0,044
Technocratic	0,012	0,703
Deliberative	0,853	-0,003
Representative	-0,117	0,631
Business	0,197	0,718
Eigenvalue	1,599	1,343
Extraction Method: Principal Component Analysis.		
Rotation Method: Varimax with Kaiser normalization.		

Who and why?

- Participatory orientation:
  - Feeling of external political efficacy is negatively correlated
  - Lower level of education
  - Same goes for political interest
  - Social categories who are the most critical of the effectiveness of the representative government
- Delegative orientation:
  - Age: positive effect
  - Lower level of education
  - Political interest and the feeling of external political efficacy are negatively correlated

Complex democratic preferences

- The most disadvantaged social categories and those who believe little in the effectiveness of the current system tend to desire a change of democratic model, regardless of its form
  - The delegative model is supported by people who have more confidence in the traditional political actors
- More of a rejection of the current situation than the specific desire of another political model – see Webb (2013)
- Lack of a consensus