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## Is Ukraine endangered by elections?

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What will be the election race in war-wounded Ukraine - a collapse of statehood or a breath of fresh air in a roughly sealed system adjusted to the service of oligarchs? The language, first and foremost, is about the parliamentary elections.

Whether the handling of the idea of elections in terms of parliamentary war is a bluff or truth, this news needs to be taken seriously.

As a person who has not once enforced the right to vote, I see elections in itself an illusory game that only legitimizes the will of the ruling class.

But restricting the right of millions of people to free will is absolutely detrimental to democracy. This leads to an accumulation of disappointment, controversy, and alienation. Tim is on a wave of total distrust in power, which no longer can be broken by a single distribution of 100,000 steps... No matter how, but citizens are gradually losing faith that they are the full-fledged masters of the country they defend with such sacrifice.

In principle, the authorities have reason to be interested in elections because they will instill a short-term sense of democracy holiday and relieve tension.

The people, too, have reasons to participate in the electoral process: it is a chance to put an end to the monopoly slavery and to put more worthy people into power who have demonstrated their virtues exactly during the invasion.

But many questions remain: freedom of agitation, voting security, polarization of society...

In my opinion, some of these hypothetical risks are clearly exaggerated. Often this is the unwillingness of a certain part of society to "get stuck" into this dirty history or an inability to offer an alternative to the existing consensus. Simply put, for a significant margin of liberal public it is much more convenient to criticize the government for corruption, because they cannot propose a meaningful AGENDA. All suggestions of changes are point-to-point / personnel nature or consistent with the government's capital-centric rhetoric.

Instead, elections cannot be afraid of forces that are SOCIALly different from the ruling class: they oppose the oligarchy, for first counting of workers' voices in the course of reforms and criticize capitalism's destructive pauperizing influence. Of course, provided they are allowed to have their own party.

Therefore, I find the beginning of a debate about elections in the face of war useful if it allows for a broad range of public opinion. But alternatives to election procedures that can fuel the interest of the people to politics:

- 1) decentralization of power with the delegation of functions from parliament to local councils with gradual updating of the latter;
- 2) strengthening the advisory bodies such as public councils, so that they stop being decorative;
- 3) Guarantee of participation of employees in the supervisory councils of state monopolies for the construction of manufacturing democracy.

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