The Breakdown Of Democratic Regimes

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The conducted research showed: 1) democracy, as a political regime, implies the possibility of deformation of any parameter characterizing the ways and mechanisms of the realization of power in society; 2) "defect" of democracy is determined by the presence of shortcomings or limitations of institutional mechanisms created by the constitutional and legal democratic system for the realization of democratic practices of domination. Normatively, transitional justice will be conceptualised as an imperative of democratic equal concern. Prudentially, it can prevent further violence and provide an opportunity for initiating processes of democratic emotional socialisation. The resentment and indignation animating transitions should be acknowledged as markers of a sense of justice.

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