

What makes election \$ in India democratic

- In our country elections are conducted by an independent and very powerful Election Commission
- It enjoys the same kind of independence that the judiciary enjoys.
- ~~Chief~~ Election Commissioner is appointed by the president of India.
- But once appointed, the chief Election Commissioner is not answerable to the President OR the govt.
- If the ruling party OR the govt. does not like what the ~~com~~ commission does, it is virtually impossible for it to remove the CEC.
- EC takes decision on every aspect of conduct and control of elections from the announcement of election to declaration of result.
- It implements the code of conduct and punishes any candidate or party that violates it.
- During the election period, the EC can order the govt. to prevent use and misuse of govt. power to enhance its chances to win elections OR to transfer some govt. officials.
- When on election duty, govt. officers work under the control of the EC and not the govt.