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#### 0.0 INTRODUCTION

The political science is, in my opinion, a predominant field of research, because, it notably analyses the politics and the different events that arise in the world. In fact, the politics is, according to me, a vocation, that very conscious persons enter in it, to make progress the society. These conscious persons who entering to politics have, in my opinion, the project to governe for a better society. Also, the politics is, to me, not to be considered as a ordinary job. That is to say, the conscious persons who enter the politics, should to do it, because they truly have the vocation to help other citizens, and not because they want to get a power nor to satisfy a personal ambition. The political science can analyse the politics at different levels, as a country wide, internationaly, also is able to analyse the differents political concepts, as for example the democracy, etc.. The politics, is also, in my opinion, the « art » to prepare a more livable world for the next generations. Also, there are different types of political subjects, and all are studied by the political science, notably, the international politics (soft power, etc.), the international relations, the women in politics, etc. The comparative politics study the different types of governance and concept, etc. In our today interconnected world, one event happened in an area of the world can be seen from another area, that is to say, the social medias are today more important for policy makers because first they can stay in touch with their supporting public, and they also can inform their public (voters in most of the countries) of their last political propositions, votes, adopted laws, etc. The United Nations Organization (UNO) also has an important place in politics, particularly in political matters at a global scale. In my opinion, the UNO is a progressist organization that support several projects for the sustainable development of the world. These projects are notably, the 17 Sustainable Development Goals which should be met by 2030 (No poverty in the world, zero hunger, etc.), the limitation of the global warming with its agency that work on it which is the Intergovernmental Panel for Climate Change, the UNESCO which notably works on the democratization of the education, the World Health Organization, the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank Group, the International Labor Organization, etc. Also we can say that the politics affects the economy because the policy makers are the legislators, and they often legislate to make easier the stimulation of the economy by according some facilities, benefits, advantages, etc. to the entrepreneurs for example. Finally, the politics is a part of our lives because we are always living relatively differently depending on the types of political system of the country where we live. In this essay on the political science, we are going to develop our personal views about politics, and also we are going to explain why the human rights are the most important concept for all citizens of the world.





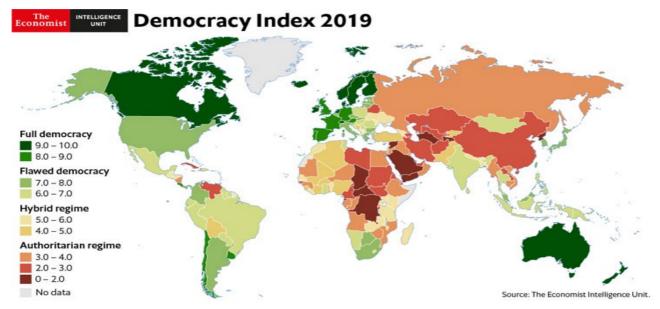
#### 1.0 ESSAY DEVELOPMENT ON THE POLITICAL SCIENCE

The politics of today has become today truly global due in part of to the development of the social medias. Today, everyone is able to explain his or her political point of view on videos accessibles to the general public. Also, there is not today any hegemonic politics of a country unlike the past century. In fact, the world of today is not dominated by a country in particular. By the way, there are international organizations that are focused on the sustainable development of the world. The world is changing very quick, for example, China was considered as a poor country fourty years ago, and now is the first economy in the world by GDP in PPP. Africa is also emerging as the most encouraging and developing continent notably because the very fast development of the China is reproduced in Africa notably with the help of China. The 54 African Union countries and China are sharing common aspiration to become livable countries. The African Union has developed the Agenda 2063 which is a pan-African framework for the renaissance and sustainable development of Africa. In the context of this Agenda 2063, the pan-African vision is to build « An integrated, prosperous and peaceful Africa, driven by its own citizens, representing a dynamic force in the international arena »<sup>1</sup>. In my opinion, due the unique natural resources and raw materials in Africa, the important number of its total population which is of more than a billion, the high number of african graduates (in Africa and its diaspora), the Africa is predestined for a bright future. By the way, it is natural to deal with the China development of the fourty past years. In fact, China made a statement decades ago which was that the country would be modern country but with a modern road network, that is why China has began its fast development by constructing roads (financed by entrepreneurs and government), and today China is one of the country with the most developed road network in the world. China has constructed many types of infrastructures within its country boarders (Airports, Buildings, bridges, water towers, artificial islands, etc.). We can even notice that China in the context of its global economic and political project is developing its economical and political relations with Africa, and in this context, has made many common projects in the African continent (Stadiums, Roads, Airports, ports, bridges, buildings, cities, etc.), and these projects are in my opinion common, because, these projetcs are made with the acceptance of both African Union countries and China public authorities. Africa and China share also a common past (colonization).





When we are talking about the today world politics, it is hard to avoid democracy, the UNO and the Climate Change. In fact, democracy is a governing system that gives in theory the power to the peoples by notably its votes. The democratic system has been developed especially in Europe and British Commowealth kingdoms during the last centuries. That is the USA constitution of 1788 which « provides the world's first formal blueprint for a modern democracy »<sup>2</sup>. There are many countries in the world where the head of state is directly (For example France) or indirectly (For example the USA) elected by the citizens. Below, a map of the countries considered as a democracy.



As we can see on the map, the modern version of the democracy (modern because an older democratic system has been adopted by the ancient greek empire in the 5<sup>th</sup> century before common era<sup>3</sup>) rules countries in different parts of the globe (Oceania, Americas, Europe, Africa, Asia). In our today world, the democracy means several practical concepts which are notably the independance of the Justice, the election of the policy makers, the respect of the human rights and freedom, the equality between women and men, the inclusion of the civil society in democratic processes, etc. The United Nations Organization (UNO) works on different projects for a sustainable development of our world notably on the promotion of the democratic governance in the world, by several ways and notably by funding, even the UNO does not advocate for a specific model of governance<sup>4</sup>.

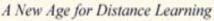
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> History of Democracy

Democracy in Ancient Greece
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United Nations and Democracy
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In general, in todays democracies, there are different political parties, and before the presidential elections, there are a few candidates within the political parties who announce their ambition to become a candidate for the governance of a country. Then, there are internal elections within these political parties to choose the one who will run the presidency. After the choice of a candidate is done within a party, this party will support by many actions (distribution of flyers, posters collage, conferences, debates, etc.) the choosen presidency election candidate in the goal to the candidate is eleccted at the presidency. That is to say, a candidate at a presidency has generally a program, for example, the reduction of taxes, the diversification of the economy, the rise of the budget of army... And in countries which are «traditional» democraties, there are in general two big parties from where the futures presidents elected are from, that is true in the USA (Democrate and Republican parties), in France (Social-Democrate and Conservative parties even the current president 2017 -2022 mandature is not from these parties), in UK (Labor and Conservative parties), in Germany (Christian and Social Democratic parties), in other European Union country members as well, etc. When we are talking about politics, we also should to deals with the international politics. In fact, the international politics is notably the politics between states on the international arena. In our today interconnected world, everywhere we live, there are political events that the citizens can be informed with notably because we live in a world where the social medias are able to transmit news very fast. The NGOs are working for different forms of political subjects including the empowerment of human rights worldwide. For example, the International NGO based in the USA and named WorldBeyondWar militates for a peaceful world without any war at a global scale. I am listing this NGO within this essay because this year in January the 22<sup>nd</sup>, the nuclear weapons become illegal worldwide under the international law as the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons enters into force<sup>5</sup>. There are of course many other NGOs and all work for charity, the limitation of the global warming, the elimination of certain diseases (polio, aids, etc.), the end of corruption of certain governments, etc. In general the NGOs are financed by different sources, notably, the donations and the members of that specific NGO. Also, due to the exeptional global warming that our world is knowing today, there are NGOs which works on it, which means, there sensitize the larger public possible to the world population is informed of the risks and potential consequences of the climate change. The number of these organizations is growing each year which help the governments since there are too many problems to solve for these governments.

The nuclear weapons ban treaty gets set to enter into force <a href="https://ieer.org/news/the-nuclear-weapons-ban-treaty-gets-set-to-enter-into-force/">https://ieer.org/news/the-nuclear-weapons-ban-treaty-gets-set-to-enter-into-force/</a>
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In international politics, we have seen the example of the what we can call the 3<sup>rd</sup> world war which was the cold war between the USA and USSR. In that context, there were countries which were a support of the USA and others of the USSR, but the two countries were considered as superpowers, and since the implosion of the USSR, the Russia has inherited of the USSR permanent sit at the UNO security council but today there are still tensions between these countries, and the USA were from the date of the fall of the USSR and Berlin wall, until last previous years as the unique hyperpower. There is also a 3<sup>rd</sup> group formed independently which is called the G77 Group with China at the United Nations, established in 1964, and is composed today of 134 countries from South America, Africa and Asia, principaly (the original G77 name was retained due to its historic significance)<sup>6</sup>. The G77 Group is a the largest intergovernmental organization of developing countries in the United Nations, « which provides the means for the countries of the South to articulate and promote their collective economic interests and enhance their joint negotiating capacity on all major international economic issues within the United Nations system, and promote South-South cooperation for development ». There are other international organizations that exist notably the NATO, which is a political and military alliance composed by 30 member countries (principaly the North-American and European countries), this organization aims to notably promote the democratic values and is committed to the peaceful resolution of disputes<sup>7</sup>. The Shanghai Cooperation Organization, is a political and economical alliance between countries of Asia, created in 2001 by China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, today the SCO include the India, Pakistan, and other countries are observers (Afghanistan, Belarus, Iran and Mongolia) as well as the SCO has 6 dialogue partners (Turkey, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Cambodia, Nepal, Sri Lanka). These intergovernmental organizations (NATO, SCO, etc.) are in theory made for the peace keeping (NATO, Collective Security Treaty Organization which has the same political and military objectives as the NATO but with Russia and in Eurasia, principaly) and the economical stimulation by free trade zones areas, and political motivations. By the way, we can say that, the MERCOSUR is an economical alliance between South American countries, the Africa has also a free trade zone which the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), and the Asia with its Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) is the largest free trade zone area of the world. We can notice then that the world is today organized by zones and areas of interests and partnerships.

G77 Group at United Nations
<a href="https://www.g77.org/doc/index.html">https://www.g77.org/doc/index.html</a>
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NATO presentation
<a href="https://www.nato.int/nato-welcome/index.html">https://www.nato.int/nato-welcome/index.html</a>
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There are different current subjects that are treated by the governments at the global scale, for example, the need of a equality between women and men, the protection of the children in South countries because they are sometimes working which is forbidden by international law, the education of the children in the world for they have the best conditions to enter in the adult life, the end of poverty, the eliminiation of hunger, the limitation of the global warming, etc. In fact, we can notice that the politics have many problems to resolve in the world, that is why this vocation is difficult to assume. That is why i say, the politics is not a job but a vocation where only very serious persons should engage in. Also, in my opinion, because there are many problems in the world, the politics cannot at this time resolve all the problems without help of the International organizations, the NGOs, the civil society, etc. In this context, the political scientists, have a lot a matter to research and study to understand better the different problems that unfortunately exist in the world. The comparative politics is not easy as well, because when it comes to compare different political systems, there are always, persons who will support one political system rather than another. For example, at current, there a is what we can call frictions between USA and China, and both are considered as superpower countries, but the USA is a democracy, while China has an unique party government. To be honest, i think that the duality in politics doesn't have its place (despite there is a lot of duality in our today world unfortunately) that is why i believe that the international organizations (United Nations, etc.), because, our world is today globalized, should have a better place in politics especially because they can be the motor of a sustainable development of our planet, and these organizations are the most often working for a peaceful world as well. At a country wide, there are often not the same problems facing the governments because there are differences between countries, some are considered as richs, others as poors, there are countries which are traditionally of christian heritage and culture, others are of muslim heritage and culture, the countries have not the same history, nor the same size by the number of their population, etc. That is why, in my opinion, the governance at a country scale differ from the international politics, and that is why, in France and Russia, for example, the elected President, is the holder of the international politics and relations of their country, and in France for example, that is the Prime Minister who is affected to the major part of the country wide politics. But in general, regardless of the political system of a country, that is the President(e) who is giving the plan to where and when the country should go, and the presidential program is then declinated at a country scale by his or her Prime Minister or Vice-President, or at an international scale on certain subjects (for example the secretary of state for the ecology presenting an international project for the ecology).

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I think to be a successful Man or Woman of State, the person must be passionate about politics and helping persons (as a reminder, i think the politics is a vocation and not a job). I say this because we can see that there are sometimes elected public policy makers when they are elected do not really improve the conditions of the citizens. This past decade has been rich or busy in political events around the world, for example, the Arab spring in 2011, the Maiden protests in Ukraine in 2014, the takeover (for certains persons) or annexation (for other persons) of the Crimea by Russia in 2014, the Brexit (United Kingdom leaving the European Union) in 2016, the Hirak protests in Algeria from 2019, the yellow vests protests in France from 2019, the Covid 19 pandemic in 2020.

In my opinion, the political scientists as the scientists of all fields must be independent as much as possible, to give a point of view the most accurate as possible, which is possible for political scientists. But it is difficult for the, for example, elected head of states to have an independant point of view to support because they are often elected with a clear program, that their choosen political parties support, and then their political program is submitted to voters for they choose to accept or not the political program of a candidate for a presidency election. I think there are countries which have partners at the international scale, for example the USA have partners which are members of the NATO, but also countries of the British Commonwealth, of the European Union and Israel as other countries in Middle-East. Russia and China have both partners as well, notably the countries which are part of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, of the Eurasian Economic Union, of the Commowealth of the Independant States (Former Soviet countries). There are also other intergovernmental organizations that exist, for example, the League of Arab States (22 States), and the Islamic Cooperation Organization (57 States where the Islam is the predominant religion). Also, what we can see in international politics is in my opinion not always easy to understand for someone who is not initiated to the geopolitics, as an example, the USA is a democracy but a partner of the Gulf Cooperation Council (6 kingdom countries of the Middle-East) countries which are not realy democratic but rich countries. In the same time, we can see Turkey which is a member of the NATO alliance, and also Turkey aspires to integrate the European Union but without recognizing a country which is a member of the European Union (Cyprus). Another example is the India, which the largest democracy of the world according to the mainstream news providers (certain medias), and India is a member of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization with Russia and China, but is also participating to the military exercises with USA, which is not currently in very good terms with China. Finally, i think that the foreign affairs and international politics of the countries is an affair of interests, of values, of influence, and unfortunately of military power, etc.

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Unfortunately, the politicians deals also with the violence, and if we count the number of military interventions in the world, we can see that the world of today as in the past, is a violent world. In my opinion, our generation still does not live in a peaceful world and the peace in our planet is to me the only component that is still needed to live in a sustainable and developed world. In fact, in my opinion, the human of our era is brillant, has created the plane, the car, the industry, the modern science, the stores, etc. But unfortunately, the development of our world is not suffisantly sustainable, that is true that the humanity has been successful in accumulating the knowledges, the sciences, the technologies, etc. of the past empires and civilizations. And today, a component which was not existant the previous centuries, is that fortunately, the first time from millenaries there are international organizations that works in part or exclusively on peace on Earth and that is in an interconnected world which was not the case in the past. When i say the peace, that is means a world where for example the soldiers are not needed, which can be seen as impossible. But for the first time in our modern history (the 2 to 3 past centuries) there are for example NGOs that work on implementing peace on our world, which to me means, that even we have lived during the millenaries with wars between countries and empires, the fact is that in my opinion, the world of today is different, it is interconnected, and there are many NGOs, that works on protecting the human rights, the transparency in politics, the state of law, the education for children, to end the poverty, to end certain diseases, the equality between women and men, the peace on Earth, etc. That is also means, that maybe during the 3<sup>rd</sup> millenary, these NGOs, especially the ones which works on implementing peace will be successful, i truly believe that the process to implement peace on Earth has really began. And there are not only the NGOs fortunately, there are too many more persons in the world (than for example during the 20th century because today the distance is not perceived as it was during the 20th century) because of the interconnection of our world, which makes that we feel more close to other persons even without to live in the same area of the world. That is to say, the intergovernmental organizations as the UNO, is due in my opinion to be heard more in the near future. The voters have also a responsibility to choose candidates rather than others during the elections (i am talking about all kind of elections and regardless of the political system used in the countries). Finally, i think that we are all responsible (the adults) at different levels of the world we have today and the world we will have tomorrow. In conclusion, i would like to repeat that the politics is a vocation and not a job, we cannot govern a country as we manage a company, and i think there are persons at current which are elected not only for helping others unfortunately, that is why i say that the voters and non voters citizens (adults) has a responsability to vote consciously.





#### 2.0 DISCUSSION ABOUT THE POLITICAL SCIENCE

In the context of this essay, i have, that is true, more explained my personal view on the politics especially about the current international politics than on the political science. But since the political science is often based on determined political events, i have choosen to write a synthesis of the world how i see it at the moment. In other words, i have written a kind of mapping of the current world, but of course, my opinion can change, and i have written this essay on politics because i think that having a political conscience is important when we want to make a successful entrepreneurial career. I have tried to write an independant point of view, which means, i am not at all supporting one government rather than another in the international current political context. That is to say, i think that the duality between humans as between governments leads to nowhere positively. The duality leads to more duality and i think that a benefical politics leads to a more benefical politics (social, education, culture, sports, etc.), and violence, war, terrorism, etc. leads as well to more violence, war, terrorism. That is what i think, i don't say that is the truth, but that is what i think at the moment, and i think that won't change. Finally, the politics, in my opinion, when we are a « ordinary » citizen like me, is important to be knowed, but, i am not much interested about the politics. As i have written, i have choosen this course, to get knowledges and a minimal political conscience, because, in the current interconnected world, the politics is close to the economy and its operators notably the entrepreneurs, that is why i think that sometimes for the entrepreneurs, it is important to know that to be informed especially about the rules, the laws, the public policies, countries wide as internationally, etc. is important, as it is also important, in my opinion, to have a political conscience, for example because, the political conscience in my opinion, makes us more socialy conscious. That is to say, starting a company and running it, in my opinion, is not only to develop the sales turnover and maximizing the profits. I think that it is important to make business by integrating « political » elements, as an example, on my e-commerce website, which is not officially launched, i have added the possibility for customers, and because, all products will be shipped and delivered, for free (social strategy), to pay a fee for a certified carbon offset to get carbon neutral orders (limitation of the global warming at my scale and level). Also, on my business planification, i am written almost everyday, how i can improve my future business. For example, i already know that in the context of the development of my business, all the profits the company will get will be reinvested into the business and distributed to the workers (but i am beginning alone). I will take only a suffisant wage to live. Other ideas are going to be tested.

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#### 3.0 CONCLUSION

As we have seen on this essay, there are different politics, different political systems, and the world, is uncertain, but better in my opinion, than of the previous century. Of course, i repeat that politics is a vocation for verious serious and conscious persons, and the persons who have lived in their lives many personal events, the disabled persons, the persons from minorities, the experienced persons, the persons of a certain age, the women, etc. all have a place in politics as everybody. It is very important, in my opinion, to not discriminate anybody. Then the question is who are the very serious and conscious persons? I think that these persons can be choosen for their exceptional career as usual (but not necessary in politics only), but also, younger persons for their intelligence, of course, but as well as, for their moral values and these persons can be spotted for example in their community, also, i think that the experience is in my opinion always more efficient than intelligence (experience added to the intelligence is the best solution to me), that is to say, it can be useful, for example, to end the matter of poverty, to choose for a secretary of state for the social affairs, someone who have lived the poverty, to end the matter of unemployment, to choose for a secretary of state for the labor, someone who has lived the unemployment, for a secretary of state of the cults, for example a collegial governance of representatives of different religions, etc, etc. I don't say i have the truth but i think that it is important in politics (i am observing the politics for two decades now) to get help from the largest majority as possible of peoples, civil society, NGOs, Intergovernmental Organizations as UNO, WTO, etc., country wide and internationally, but always act with humanity and without duality, because it is better to have only friends than potential adversaries. Of course, what i have written, is already done in many countries, but i think, not suffisantly, and that is true that for the major political issues, the decisions are taken in difficult contexts and in a sophisticated world. And that is more difficult to convince a person on one subject than on another, especially when it comes to decisons related to violence, war, terrorism, etc. The public decision makers especially in democraties are under pressure from their voters as well. That is not easy to do politics, in my opinion, that is true. That is why i said that is a vocation and not a « normal » job. That is why, i understand also the persons who are governing in the current world, because it is not always easy to be criticized all the time, but that is why, i say that the politics is a vocation. But the public decision makers have in return many benefits and advantages (financially, socially, professionally, etc.) as well. In conclusion, i would like to add, that is important in politics in my opinion to stay naturaly very open and to work for a peaceful and sustainable world.

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#### 5.0 ABBREVIATION LIST

**UNO** United Nations Organization

WTO World Trade Organization

**NGO** Non Governmental Organization

GDP in PPP Gross Domestic Product in Purchasing Power Parity

**NATO** North Atlantic Treaty Organization

**USSR** Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

UK United Kingdom

**USA** United States of America

The other abbreviations are defined in the text