

Participatory democracy consists of state-sanctioned processes that devolve decision-making authority to venues that are *jointly controlled* by citizens and government officials. Citizens exercise voice, vote, and

Voice

Vote

Oversight

Social Change/Social Justice

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Statistically Significant Findings:

Increase in municipal spending on Health Care and Sanitation

Decrease in infant mortality

Increase in number of NGOs/CSOs/CBOs

All three relationships strengthen the longer the program exists.

All relationships are statistically significant at the 10% level. The relationship between municipal spending and infant mortality is also significant at the 5% level. The relationship between municipal spending and the number of NGOs/CSOs/CBOs is also significant at the 5% level.

Controlling for city population size, size of the local economy and region of Brazil where the municipality is located.

Adopt and adapt

What is the local problem to be solved?

New Policy provision? Expanding democracy? Dampening Corruption?

Voice and Vote

Citizens participate, deliberate and make binding decisions

How much authority will governments delegate to citizens?

Interlocking institutions

Tied horizontally and vertically to state agencies and to other participatory venues

Are government officials willing to reform how the state works?

Social justice

Allocate resources in new ways

Are resources available?

Is the government willing to spend resources in new ways?

