

- Atmosphere of vigorous yearning to eclipse hurtful past, leave the years of the dictatorship behind
- Mainstream belief that there was a price to pay for stability
 - Blind acceptance of neoliberalism by the leftist parties
 - Abandonment of the ideological rigidity seen prior to the *coup d'état*
 - Depoliticization of state and society
- The electoral exclusion of the far left and the pursuit of consensus did have the desired effect of preserving high levels of order and stability
- However, this has resulted in a **trade-off with a more representative and responsive form of politics**, leading to a disenchantment with political parties and other institutions and a significant decline in political participation

IMPLICATIONS FOR CHILEAN DEMOCRACY

- Democratic states allow for citizens to contest the state within the rule of law, allowing a safety valve upon which citizens can show dissatisfaction or resentment against state policies