**How Democratic?**

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|  | **Government structure** | **Natural Resources** | **Income per Citizen** | **Freedoms** |
| **Russia** | Elected president and parliament, courts not independent | Lots of natural gas, oil, and minerals | $17,000 | Little freedom of speech and press, no fair rule of law |
| **China** | Communist- Oligarchy with strong bureaucracy, courts not independent | Minerals and some natural gas | $8,500 | No freedom of speech and press, no fair rule of law |
| **Iran** | Elected president and parliament but religious leaders above government and courts | Lots of oil | $13,200 | Little freedom of speech and press, no fair rule of law, Islamic law is enforced on the citizens |
| **United Kingdom** | Elected parliament with a Prime Minister, independent courts | A few minerals, oil, natural gas | $36,600 | Good freedom of speech and press, fair rule of law |
| **Mexico** | Elected President and Congress with states, independent courts | Good amount of minerals, some oil and natural gas | $14,800 | Good freedom of speech and press, rule of law needs improving |
| **United States** | Elected President and Congress with states, independent courts | Some minerals, oil, natural gas | $49,000 | Good freedom of speech and press, fair rule of law |

1. **Rank countries by level of democracy. Why did you choose #1 and #6?**
2. **What characteristics make a fully developed democracy?**
3. **Can a country have elections but still not be free? Why or why not?**
4. **What effect might natural resources have on the level of its democracy? What effect might income level have on level of democracy?**