Disjunctions of Democracy and Modernity in Brazil in Formation: A Critical Examination of the Development of Brazilian Democracy and Modernity

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Abstract

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The Legacy of Slavery

The legacy of slavery is a major factor in understanding the disjunctions between democracy and modernity in Brazil. Slavery was abolished in Brazil in 1888, but its legacy continues to shape Brazilian society today. The vast majority of slaves in Brazil were of African descent, and their descendants continue to face discrimination and inequality in Brazilian society. This discrimination and inequality is a major obstacle to the full realization of democracy in Brazil.

The legacy of slavery also shapes the way that Brazilians view modernity. For many Brazilians, modernity is associated with whiteness and European culture. This association is problematic because it excludes the majority of Brazilians, who are of African descent. As a result, many Brazilians feel alienated from modernity and its promises.

The Authoritarianism of the Military Regime

The military regime that ruled Brazil from 1964 to 1985 was another major factor in the disjunctions between democracy and modernity in the country. The military regime was a period of authoritarian rule that was characterized by the suppression of dissent and the violation of human rights. The military regime also oversaw a period of rapid economic growth, but this growth was not evenly distributed throughout society. The vast majority of Brazilians did not benefit from the economic growth, and the gap between the rich and the poor widened.

The authoritarianism of the military regime left a lasting legacy on Brazilian society. Many Brazilians today are distrustful of the government and the military. This distrust is a major obstacle to the full realization of democracy in Brazil.

The Persistent Inequalities of Brazilian Society

The persistent inequalities of Brazilian society are another major factor in the disjunctions between democracy and modernity in the country. Brazil is one of the most unequal countries in the world. The gap between the rich and the poor is vast, and the vast majority of Brazilians live in poverty. This poverty is a major obstacle to the full realization of democracy in Brazil.

The inequalities of Brazilian society also shape the way that Brazilians view modernity. For many Brazilians, modernity is associated with wealth and privilege. This association is problematic because it excludes the majority of Brazilians, who are poor. As a result, many Brazilians feel alienated from modernity and its promises.

The disjunctions between democracy and modernity in Brazil are a major challenge to the country's future. These disjunctions have prevented the full realization of either democracy or modernity in the country. The legacy of slavery, the authoritarianism of the military regime, and the persistent inequalities of Brazilian society are all major factors in these disjunctions.

The future of Brazilian democracy and modernity depends on overcoming these disjunctions and creating a more just and equitable society. This will not be an easy task, but it is essential for the country to move forward.

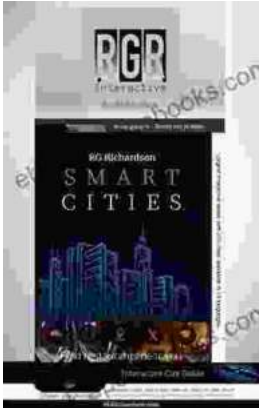### Insurgent Citizenship: Disjunctions of Democracy and Modernity in Brazil (In-Formation) by James Holston

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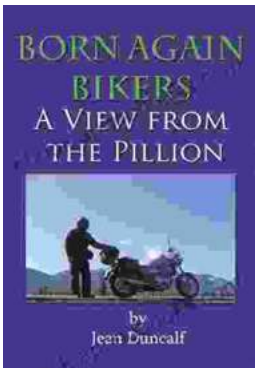|	
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