

Civil Society

Organised life between the family and the state.

Political Science

Functions and debates.

Functions

Aggregating and voicing interests

Training citizens in cooperation

Monitoring and checking the state

Delivering services independently

Providing alternative information

Debates

Not all associations are pro-democratic

Dependence on state or donor funding

Representativeness of unelected groups

Restrictions on foreign funding in many states

Educational reference. Restrictions on civil society funding and registration are a widely used tool of democratic erosion.