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**DOES MODERNIZATION THEORY PREDICT
A DEMOCRATIC CHINA?**

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Abstract

Rooted in Hegel, developed by Lipset, and proclaimed by Henry Rowen, modernization theory argues that as a country reaches middle-income levels it becomes ready for democracy. Taiwan, South Korea, and Brazil are examples. But will this optimistic transition apply to China? There are reasons for doubt.

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