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this text sums up the democratic experience in modern western civilisation it defines the term and notes the confusions in it and its changing meanings over the past two centuries or so it records criticisms and is especially concerned with the conditions that are necessary for it to exist this encompasses a comprehensive literature which the author seeks to summarise and present to the reader in accessible form it is appropriate material for course reading in western civilisation intellectual history political thought and philosophy

native scholars explore the relationship between political parties and democracy in regions around the world the development of political parties over the past century is the story of three stages in the pursuit of power liberation democratization and de democratization political parties and democracy is comprised of five stand alone volumes that probe the realities of political parties at all three stages in each volume contributors explore the relationship between political parties and democracy or democratization in their nations providing necessary historical socioeconomic and institutional context as well as the details of contemporary political tensions contributors are distinguished indigenous scholars who have lived the truths they tell and are thus able to write with unique breadth depth and scope they show the parties of their respective nations as they have developed through history and changing institutional structures and they explain the balance of power among them and between them and competing agencies of power today

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entscheidungen beeinflussen und dabei auch reale machverhältnisse zu überwinden vermogen in diesem band wird der zusammenhang zwischen diskurs und entscheidung im kontext repräsentativer politik erstmals einem empirisch analytischen ansatz zugänglich gemacht die mehrheitlich quantitativen analysen bestätigen einerseits das deliberative postulat dass diskursive prozesse einigungen fördern andererseits ist die diskursqualität praktisch ohne einfluss auf die realisierung substantieller gleichheitspostulate insbesondere zeigt sich dass die wirksamkeit diskursiver prozesse entscheidend von ausgeglichenen mehrheitsverhältnissen abhängt diskurse vermogen reale machverhältnisse also keinesfalls auszublenden könnten aber innerhalb der liberalen demokratie als argumentative gegeninstanzen etabliert werden

this edited volume brings together a number of well known scholars and activists from various parts of the world to present critical perspectives on recent and long term trends in the economic socio cultural and political life of the people of asia and examines the policies and constraints faced by the nation states of the region it contributes to and enriches the current debates on globalization the prospects for democracy and sustainable human development the book offers an incisive assessment of the role of civil society in creating a democratic political culture in asia

canadian parties in transition examines the transformation of party politics in canada and the possible shape the party system might take in the near future with chapters written by an outstanding team of political scientists the book presents a multi faceted image of party dynamics electoral behaviour political marketing and representative democracy the fourth edition has been thoroughly updated and includes fifteen new chapters and several new contributors the new material covers topics such as the return to power of the liberal party voting politics in quebec women in canadian political parties political campaigning digital party politics and municipal party politics

how effective are democracy clauses of regional integration organizations rios in promoting democratization and democratic consolidation among member states rios are increasingly adopting democracy only clauses in their treaties requiring democracy and political stability as a condition of membership stable democracy is a collective good for rio members without political stability uncertainty regarding economic exchange increases undermining the promise of integration the presence of powerful countries may be necessary for the rios to legalize democratic conditionality in this book the authors argue that once established democracy clauses exert an independent influence in promoting and defending democratic norms and institutions within the member states by increasing the transparency and credibility of democratic commitment and sanctions for violation the findings based on the analysis of 40 rios around the world and in depth analysis of the european union the common market of the south and the economic community of west african states indicate that rio democracy clauses help prevent democratic backsliding and coups and stimulate democratization and consolidation with

its global scope originality and theoretical rigor this is the first book to catalogue democracy clauses adopted by 100 countries worldwide with a thorough analysis of their effectiveness

in the twenty first century democracies across the globe are in crisis the strength of basic democratic institutions and core enduring political principles and values are eroding in key regions and countries authoritarian regimes are rising and populist leaders are emerging democracy in crisis across the world weaves threads of history and politics in two parts to analyze how long this trend may last and what the future may bring by first examining the state of democracy in sub saharan africa eastern europe western europe latin america and the middle east and north africa the second part of the collection highlights the democratic trajectory of india china russia and the united states ending with a look at how the world's governments have responded to the coronavirus pandemic contributors argue that unless democracy is defended with resolution and nurtured with resilience it will fall

campaign finance reform and the future of the democratic party offers a new interpretation of the dynamics of the american political system schneider explains how campaign finance reform would enable the democratic party to reverse the decades long decline in their voter base reform would incentivize the party to reallocate 1 trillion per year in contribution driven waste to popular programs without which the kind of progressive economic policies that have always energized the democratic base will continue to be starved of resources schneider shows that contrary to conventional wisdom writing an effective reform law that can't be loopholed is feasible so is a set of specific measures to force congress to enact an effective law in the end reform holds the key to the democratic character and dynamics of the political system reform also holds the key to investments for future u.s. productivity growth and the reduction of inequality

analyzes the practice and meanings of democratic decision making through an extended case study of school board meetings in one western u.s. community argues that for communication conduct in local governance bodies reasonable hostility is a more promising ideal than civility provided by publisher

this book addresses important and under researched issues such as the role of young people in democratization processes the role of new democracies in sharing their transition experience and the effectiveness of aid a major theme of the book is democracy assistance efforts by the ngos from central and eastern europe to support young people in eastern europe the western balkans and central asia it examines this theme in a comparative perspective and with a deeper analysis of reasons and ways to support young people the need to support them and the effectiveness of these efforts bringing together a wide range of material on democracy assistance of central and eastern european countries that includes surveying the providers and beneficiaries of aid

and looking for better methods of impact evaluation the book advances a framework for assessing democracy assistance efforts it concludes with implications of the impact of democracy assistance on young people and democracy diffusion from central and eastern european democracies to other countries this text will be of key interest to scholars and students of democracy democratization central and eastern europe post soviet studies and european and comparative politics as well as for practitioners donors ngos who want to know what works best and why and when in aid provision

this book offers a nuanced and multi layered approach towards comprehending the possibilities of democratization or likelihood of authoritarian resilience in the muslim world the volume highlights the complex diversity within islamist movements and parties characterised by internal tensions struggles and contestations the very existence of this diversity within and among islamist movements and their general willingness to partake in mainstream politics signals an important transformation in the muslim world over recent decades it demonstrates that the muslim world has gravitated from the simplistic focus on the compatibility or incompatibility of islam and democracy islamist movements and parties embody the multiple manifestations and trajectories within political islam the granular case studies and theological analyses in this volume draw attention to the policy refinements socio political reforms and ideological transformations engendered by muslim intellectuals and islamist movements and ideologues the diverse political landscape in the muslim world is inextricably linked to the socio political and theological shifts within islamism in particular the yearning for greater social economic and political justice a yearning that lies at the core of an inclusive wasatiyyah islam

in from revolution to reform he li examines political and economic transformation in china and mexico from the mexican and chinese revolutions at the beginning of the 20th century to economic reforms and political liberalization in recent decades li also explores lessons that other developing countries could learn from the experiences of china and mexico

argues for a more robust conception of responsibility in public life than prevails in contemporary democracies

exploring public relations is the definitive academic text on public relations this second edition continues to provide a critical analysis of the subject and a sophisticated blend of theory with real life and includes many case studies activity exercises discussion questions and full colour photographs to illustrate the discussions in the text

ultimately it is only with a renewed approach to u s policy one that includes respectfully engaging with the myriad histories and cultures of the region that we can hope to encourage strong and effective democratic traditions jacket

this fully revised and updated edition includes twelve new chapters on contemporary

topics such as ecological democracy native studies inquiry teaching and islamophobia the social studies curriculum fourth edition updates the definitive overview of the issues teachers face when creating learning experiences for students in social studies the book connects the diverse elements of the social studies curriculum civic global social issues offering a unique and critical perspective that separates it from other texts completely updated this book includes twelve new chapters on the history of the social studies democratic social studies citizenship education anarchist inspired transformative social studies patriotism ecological democracy native studies inquiry teaching islamophobia capitalism and class struggle gender sex sexuality and youth experiences in school and critical media literacy all the chapters from the previous edition have been thoroughly revised and updated including those on teaching social studies in the age of curriculum standardization and high stakes testing critical multicultural social studies prejudice and racism assessment and teaching democracy readers are encouraged to reconsider their assumptions and understanding about the origins purposes nature and possibilities of the social studies curriculum

africa is currently experiencing sociopolitical and economic changes of unprecedented proportions new leaders institutions discourses and methods of political organization and action are shaping a new future through a case study approach this essay collection provides a comprehensive analysis of the history trajectory actors institutions contradictions failures and opportunities in contemporary efforts at democratization in africa while presenting the dynamics of democracy and democratization in several african countries they also look at critical issues in africa s transition projects from political parties and elections through constitutions and constitutionalism to new structures of power and politics a provocative analysis for scholars students researchers and policy makers involved with african political and economic development

local participation can and does influence the political process local politics and participation in britain and france first published in 1990 provides a unique comparative study of the involvement of average citizens in local politics and government between national elections

the handbook of organizational and managerial innovation places humans their acts practices processes and fantasies at the core of innovation bringing together some of the world's leading thinkers academics and professionals both established and emerging this multidisciplinary book provides a comprehensive picture of the vibrant and engaging field of organizational and managerial innovation the contributors present organizational and managerial innovation as a complex concept underpinned by varied ontological and epistemological traditions and disciplines they reveal that it is something that exists and occurs at multiple levels of analysis and from multiple zones of experience the experience of managers workers psychologists philosophers and economists this innovative and engaging handbook will be an essential resource for researchers

practitioners and students alike with an interest in the role of innovation in organizations

while some people profess a disdain for politics in a democracy politics is the primary vehicle for citizens to influence the decisions and decision makers that shape public policy at every level this widely acclaimed book provides a clear and concise overview of public policymaking designed to equip citizens to participate more effectively in the policymaking process it gently introduces the reader to the players and institutions that comprise the public policymaking process of american society and it demonstrates the many access points in the public policymaking process where one can participate this fully updated third edition includes a discussion of growing modes of public policymaking participation including social media and voting by mail an evaluation of the impediments to participation including voter suppression an examination of the role of whistleblowers as part of bureaucratic responsibility all new case studies throughout the book on topics of interest to students and citizens alike such as the policy response to covid 19 george floyd and police reform homelessness and the affordable care act student projects throughout the text along with a glossary and extensive coverage on project citizen a format that provides students with hands on tools for participating in the policymaking process public policymaking in a democratic society third edition may be used in introductory courses on public policy internships or service learning programs it equally serves as an invaluable resource for any organized effort to involve citizens in community service and the exercise of civic responsibility

what is the relationship between sports and politics often politics are thought to be serious whereas sports are diversionary and apolitical using baseball as a case study democracy at the ballpark challenges this understanding examining politics as they emerge at the ballpark around spectatorship community equality virtue and technology thomas david bunting argues that because spectators invest time and meaning in baseball the game has power as a metaphor for understanding and shaping politics the stories people see in baseball mirror how they see the country politics and themselves as a result democracy resides not only in exclusive halls tread by elites but also in a stadium full of average people together under an open sky democracy at the ballpark bridges political theory and sport providing a new way of thinking about baseball it also demonstrates the democratic potential of spectatorship and rethinks the role of everyday institutions like sport in shaping our political lives offering an expanded view of democracy

editions for 1954 and 1967 by o handlin and others

classical liberalism has typically sought to maintain as much room as possible for the exercise of personal initiative in the face of the encroachment of states this book explores these questions of coercion and authority in the context of the size and scope of the state and argues that the state and its agents should be held to the same moral rules

as are the individuals it rules over the book considers how a distinct feature of the state is its police or coercive power about which one may ask how the state acquires it and what if anything would justify its use it considers the implication that there is nothing inherent about state agents that entitles one to behave in ways that we would not accept from a private actor and how once that argument is made the state's claim to authority is weakened the author also discusses the extent to which democracy has been thought to provide any sort of justification for coercion or authority this book will be of interest to academics and students of political philosophy especially classical liberalism and legal philosophy

examining southern support for johnson throughout his political career and his transformative leadership of the democratic party

this balanced and comprehensive text explores israeli government and politics from both institutional and behavioral perspectives after briefly discussing israel's history authors gregory s mahler and reuven y hazan examine the social religious economic cultural and military contexts within which israeli politics takes place they explain the operation of political institutions and behavior in domestic politics such as the constitutional system parliamentary government and the executive legislative and judicial machinery of government including discussion of elections and voting political parties and civil society and democracy in israel finally israel's foreign policy setting and apparatus are considered as well as the challenges faced by the palestinians in israel and the peace process between israel and its neighbors clear and concise politics and government in israel provides an invaluable starting point for all readers needing a cogent introduction to israel today

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a groundbreaking account of how prolonged grassroots mobilization lays the foundations for durable democratization when protests swept through the middle east at the height of the arab spring the world appeared to be on the verge of a wave of democratization yet with the failure of many of these uprisings it has become clearer than ever that the path to democracy is strewn with obstacles mohammad ali kadivar examines the conditions leading to the success or failure of democratization shedding vital new light on how prodemocracy mobilization affects the fate of new democracies drawing on a wealth of new evidence kadivar shows how the longest episodes of prodemocracy protest give rise to the most durable new democracies he analyzes more than one hundred democratic transitions in eighty countries between 1950 and 2010 showing how more robust democracies emerge from lengthier periods of unarmed mobilization kadivar then analyzes five case studies south africa poland pakistan egypt and tunisia to investigate the underlying mechanisms he finds that organization building during the years of struggle develops the leadership needed for lasting democratization and strengthens civil

society after dictatorship popular politics and the path to durable democracy challenges the prevailing wisdom in american foreign policy that democratization can be achieved through military or coercive interventions revealing how lasting change arises from sustained nonviolent grassroots mobilization

placing legislative privilege in historical context josh chafetz compares the freedoms and protections of members of the united states congress with those of britain s parliament

peaceful legal and political changing of the guards is taken for granted in developed democracies but is not evident everywhere as a relatively new democracy marred by long periods of military rule bangladesh has been encountering serious problems because of a prevailing culture of mistrust weak governance institutions constant election manipulation and a peculiar socio political history which between 1990 and 2011 led to a unique form of transitional remedy in the form of an unelected neutral caretaker government ctg during electoral transitions this book provides a contextual analysis of the ctg mechanism including its inception operation manipulation by the government of the day and abrupt demise it queries whether this constitutional provision even if presently abolished after overseeing four acceptable general elections actually remains a crucial tool to safeguard free and fair elections in bangladesh given the backdrop of the culture of mistrust the author examines whether holding national elections without a ctg or an umpire of some kind can settle the issue of credibility of a given government the book portrays that even the management of elections is a matter of applying pluralist approaches considering the historical legacy and contemporary political trajectory of bangladesh the cause of deep rooted mistrust is examined to better understand the rationale for the requirement emergence and workings of the ctg structure the book unveils that it is not only the lack of nation building measures and governments wish to remain in power at any cost which lay behind the problems that bangladesh faces today part of the problem is also the flawed logic of nation building on the foundation of western democratic norms which may be unsuitable in a south asian cultural environment although democratic transitions on the crutch of the ctg have been useful in moments of crisis its abolition creates the need for a new or revised transitional modality perhaps akin to the ctg ethos to oversee electoral governance which will have to be renegotiated by the polity based on the people s will the book provides a valuable resource for researchers and academics working in the area of constitutional law democratic transition legal pluralism and election law

a fully revised and updated edition of an introductory text book which includes political concepts institutions processes and voting behaviour the media and classification of governments among its contents drawing on examples from a wide variety of countries and political parties

american national trade bibliography

this book introduces a multilayered approach to the study of democracy combining specific knowledge of japan with theoretical insights from the literature on democratization it examines different aspects of japanese democracy historical institutional and sociocultural to provide a conscious understanding of the nature and practice of democracy both in japan and beyond the book s chapters give testimony to the dynamic nature and continuity of japanese democracy and analyze its strengths and weaknesses the central argument of this book is that japan s democratization should be seen as a multilayered experience shaped by the gradual process of absorbing democratic ideas forming democratic institutions and practicing democratic behaviors and rituals at various levels of society as the case of japan shows democracy is neither a structured formula nor only a set of democratic laws and institutions but a continuous gradual process

dieses grundlagenwerk vermittelt die wichtigsten konzepte methoden und forschungsinhalte der politikwissenschaft dank guter lesbarkeit und vielen beispielen ist es auch für leserinnen und leser geeignet die keine oder nur geringe vorkenntnisse besitzen teil i ist dem prozess der empirisch analytischen forschung gewidmet er vermittelt wie theorien zu politischen phänomenen entwickelt und empirisch getestet werden teil ii befasst sich mit den wichtigsten akteuren mechanismen und institutionen politischer systeme mit besonderem augenmerk auf die politischen systeme deutschlands Österreichs der schweiz und der europäischen union teil iii beschäftigt sich mit der internationalen politik sowie den ursachen und auswirkungen der globalisierung

this book introduces the first systematic and unified four dimension democratic approach to newspaper religion reporting it explores the coverage of faith with a particular focus on christianity and islam in the british and turkish national press the results of framing analysis conducted through content analysis of 1 022 news articles reveal that in both countries alongside the contrasting portrayals of the minority religions even the dominant religions had a disproportioned employment of the four dimensions spiritual world life political and conflict it contributes to scholarship not only empirically but also theoretically and methodologically with its theoretical and methodological contribution surpassing its empirical findings as such it will transcend geographical and temporal boundaries making it appealing and relevant to an international audience of academics professionals and students in the fields of journalism religion democracy media communication society and culture as well as individuals from various backgrounds

this e book presents an analysis on the correlative relations and interactions between democracy and education at macro and micro levels this analysis demonstrates that democracy and educational institutes are influenced by the natural demographic institutional and cultural dimensions of their society and that the relation between them should be dealt with under the authentic conditions of the society and with an integral perspective this e book provides a sound base for discussions on democracy at all levels

thus it contributes to functional discussions about the philosophy behind education and democracy by helping education institutions teachers administrators and all responsible citizens to consider their own roles within a comprehensible and simple frame in society through the process of democratization

the essays in the book are organized into three sections in order to address the conceptualization of democracy and citizenship reform efforts towards democratization in various societies and educational efforts to foster democratic citizens each is written from a different historical and national perspective by an international panel of prominent comparative education scholars and each tackles the theme of democracy and civic duty in education

this volume is a comprehensive collection of critical essays on the taming of the shrew and includes extensive discussions of the play s various printed versions and its theatrical productions aspinall has included only those essays that offer the most influential and controversial arguments surrounding the play the issues discussed include gender authority female autonomy and unruliness courtship and marriage language and speech and performance and theatricality

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From Feet to Meters: Mastering the Conversion and Addressing Common Challenges

The conversion between feet and meters is a common task encountered across various fields, from construction and engineering to everyday applications like understanding product dimensions or travel distances. While seemingly simple, inaccuracies in conversion can lead to significant problems – imagine the consequences of a miscalculation in a construction project! This article will guide you through the process of converting 13 feet to meters, address common pitfalls, and provide solutions to ensure accurate and confident conversions every time.

Understanding the Conversion Factor

The foundation of any unit conversion lies in understanding the relationship between the units involved. One meter (m) is approximately equal to 3.28084 feet (ft). This means that a meter is longer than a foot. This seemingly simple fact is crucial for avoiding errors – when converting from feet to meters, you'll be dealing with a smaller number of meters than feet.

Method 1: Direct Conversion using the Conversion Factor

The most straightforward method involves directly multiplying the number of feet by the conversion factor. Since 1 meter is approximately 3.28084 feet, the conversion factor from feet to meters is: $1 \text{ meter} / 3.28084 \text{ feet}$. To convert 13 feet to meters:

1. Set up the equation: $13 \text{ ft} \left(\frac{1 \text{ m}}{3.28084 \text{ ft}} \right)$
2. Cancel out the units: The "ft" units cancel out, leaving only meters.
3. Perform the calculation: $13 / 3.28084 \approx 3.9624 \text{ m}$

Therefore, 13 feet is approximately equal to 3.9624 meters.

Method 2: Using an Online Converter

Many free online conversion tools are readily available. These tools often provide greater precision and can save time, especially when performing multiple conversions. Simply search for "feet to meters converter" and enter the value of 13 feet. The result should be consistent with the calculation above, though online calculators may offer more decimal

places. However, it's important to note that relying solely on online converters without understanding the underlying principles can be detrimental in the long run.

Addressing Common Challenges and Errors

Several common mistakes can lead to inaccurate conversions. Let's address some of them:

- Reversing the Conversion Factor:** A common error is to multiply by 3.28084 instead of dividing. This arises from forgetting that a meter is longer than a foot, so you should end up with fewer meters than feet. Always double-check your equation to ensure you're dividing by the conversion factor when going from feet to meters.
- Rounding Errors:** Depending on the context, rounding to a specific number of decimal places is necessary. However, premature rounding during intermediate steps can accumulate errors and lead to significant inaccuracies in the final result. It's advisable to carry out calculations with as much precision as possible and round only at the very end.
- Using an Incorrect Conversion Factor:** Ensure you are using the correct conversion factor ($1 \text{ m} \approx 3.28084 \text{ ft}$). Using an outdated or approximated value can introduce substantial errors, particularly in precision-critical applications.
- Unit Inconsistency:** Always double-check that all your measurements are in the same units before performing the conversion. Mixing inches and feet, for example, will lead to incorrect results.

Step-by-Step Example with Precision and Rounding

Let's illustrate the conversion of 13 feet to meters with a focus on precision and appropriate rounding:

- Starting Value:** 13 ft
- Conversion Factor:** $1 \text{ m} / 3.28084 \text{ ft}$
- Calculation:** $13 \text{ ft} (1 \text{ m} / 3.28084 \text{ ft}) = 3.962403737 \text{ m}$
- Rounding:** Depending on the required precision, we can round the result. For most practical purposes, rounding to two decimal places (3.96 m) is sufficient. However, for engineering or scientific applications, more decimal places might be necessary.

Summary

Converting 13 feet to meters is a straightforward process that involves dividing the number of feet by the conversion factor (approximately 3.28084). Understanding the relationship between the units and avoiding common errors like reversing the conversion factor or premature rounding are key to achieving accurate results. Using online converters can be helpful, but it's crucial to grasp the underlying principles to ensure confidence and accuracy in all conversion tasks.

FAQs

1. What is the exact conversion factor from feet to meters? The exact conversion factor is based on the definition of a meter and a foot, and is derived from the relationship between the international yard and meter. While 3.28084 is a commonly used approximation, more precise values can be found depending on the specific definitions used. 2. Can I convert from feet to centimeters directly? Yes, you can. First, convert feet to meters, then multiply the result by 100 (since there are 100 centimeters in a meter). 3. How do I convert square feet to square meters? Convert feet to meters first, then square the result. This is because area is a two-dimensional measurement. 4. What if I have a measurement in feet and inches? First, convert the inches to feet (divide inches by 12), add this to the feet measurement, and then convert the total feet to meters. 5. Are there any other units of length I can convert from/to? Yes, many other units exist, including yards, miles, kilometers, etc. You'll need the appropriate conversion factors for these units to perform the calculations accurately. Remember to always check your units carefully before and after your calculations.

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