

India allows world's eyes in

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Poor miss out on India's boom

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Nicholas Kristof misses the point that unlike India, no one really knows the real condition of China's poor masses in remote villages and regions. Lack of democracy means Communist China steers gullible Western journalists away from the oppressed hinterland and limits coverage of China's problems.

The citizens of the world's largest democracy, India, can protest freely without worrying about being killed by the thousands with government tanks. They can also rest assured that poverty and other issues are revealed to the world by a free press.

Problems which are concealed cannot be solved. India will resolve such issues more effectively than China because the former is an open book that allows dissent, while the latter hides the facts and suppresses debate.

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