

The Accountability: ten proposals for the improvement of the democratic quality and the effectiveness of the public policies in Spain (Document 145/2009)

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The traditional conception of accountability, a liberal idea of which the governors and managers public responded of precise form and of clear mechanisms before the citizens and their political representatives by their activities, no longer is sufficient and perhaps it is not adapted to assure the assigned mission. Any political actors (Government, administration, social, citizen groups) is today the same, naturally, but mainly they are not related in the same way, nor they have the position asymmetries that formed the representative democracies until the Eighties of the past century. The accountability is questioned in the same measurement into which the democracy is transformed and had to become. The habitual reaction is to request more accountability like synonymous of more control.

One sets out to decide on a set of political decisions, mechanisms of action and control systems that, as a whole, verify the assignment of the system. On that task the old and new democracies anywhere in the world are pawns so much .