Please answer the following question in a **1500-word** long critical essay-paper

**Question:**

* **Assess and discuss the nature and relevance of *global private governance*is in the 21st century and discuss whether it is a challenge to or an opportunity for democratization processes worldwide.**
* As a reminder:
* An essay-paper is a critical argument based on a thesis statement that is presented in the introduction after having contextualized the topic and explained the question. The thesis statement is discussed, both confirmed and infirmed until finding a satisfying solution to the issue.
* Therefore the essay-paper will include a balanced argumentation and show analytical and critical skills. It is structured in: an introduction that includes a clearly stated and balanced **thesis statement**; sections, themselves organized in sub-sections, themselves organized in paragraphs; and a conclusion.
* Please avoid any direct quote that is longer than a one- or two liner. Long quotes more than often hide the paucity of analysis. To avoid this pitfall: Read your sources; **extract** the main ideas (thesis statements and arguments); compare and contrast these arguments across your sources; and then draw from this analysis your own statement and explanation.

**Sources:**

* At least **twelve (12)** **peer-reviewed sources**.
* For any Global Challenge paper, sources can be: textbooks, journals, case books, various expert and peer-reviewed publications from intergovernmental organizations (esp.: organizations from the UN system; World Bank Group; IMF; regional development Banks); think-tanks and research centers; and published PhDs.
* To start searching for sources: University Library system; see the following sections in the syllabus: suggested readings; think tanks and research centers; academic journals, etc.
* No news channels … CNN, Fox, MSNBC, etc. are *not* scholarly sources…
* Note on Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO): You may use peer- reviewed resources published on NGOs websites. One website can be the source of many sources/documents/articles. Make sure, however, that said NGO is active on the global stage, and that said NGO is reputable. Use caution when quoting directly from the pages or blogs as they can be descriptive and biased, rather use the official reports.
* Note on Newspapers and popular magazines: You will not use more than two (2) articles from newspapers and popular magazines.
* **Online resources**: **Only official academic/think tanks websites will be accepted**.
  + Wikipedia, “question.doc” and such non-academic web sources are NOT accepted.
  + Beware blogs! If you want to refer to blogs, do so only (1) if these blogs are posted on the webpages of reputable institutions and (2) if the author(s) are recognized as authorities in their field.
* Please do not forget to add: cover page, abstract page, acronyms’ and abbreviations’ list, bibliography pages; and, if any, annexes. These pages do not count towards the overall word-count.
* Format requirements for the essay are: Times new roman font, 12 point type, 1.5 line spacing.