

POLS 103 A

Comparative Politics

Class 12:

Democracy and democratic backsliding

The United States in a comparative perspective

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India

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Brazil

Bolsonaro Is a Threat to Brazil's Democracy

The far-right leader's flair for fascism recently included ordering a celebration of the coup that brought Brazil's military dictatorship to power.

By [Eugênio Bucci](#), May 8, 2019.



Jair Bolsonaro (Photo: Shutterstock)

Philippines



Global Politics

US intelligence report: Philippines' Duterte a threat to democracy

Reuters

February 21, 2018 · 11:00 AM EST



United States

The New York Times

Opinion

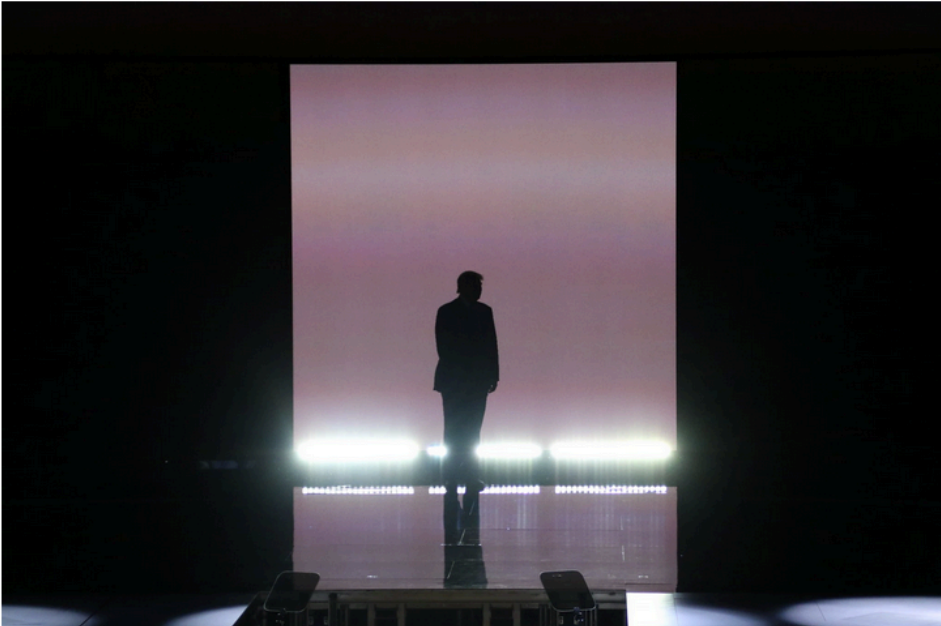
NICHOLAS KRISTOF

Trump's Threat to Democracy



By Nicholas Kristof

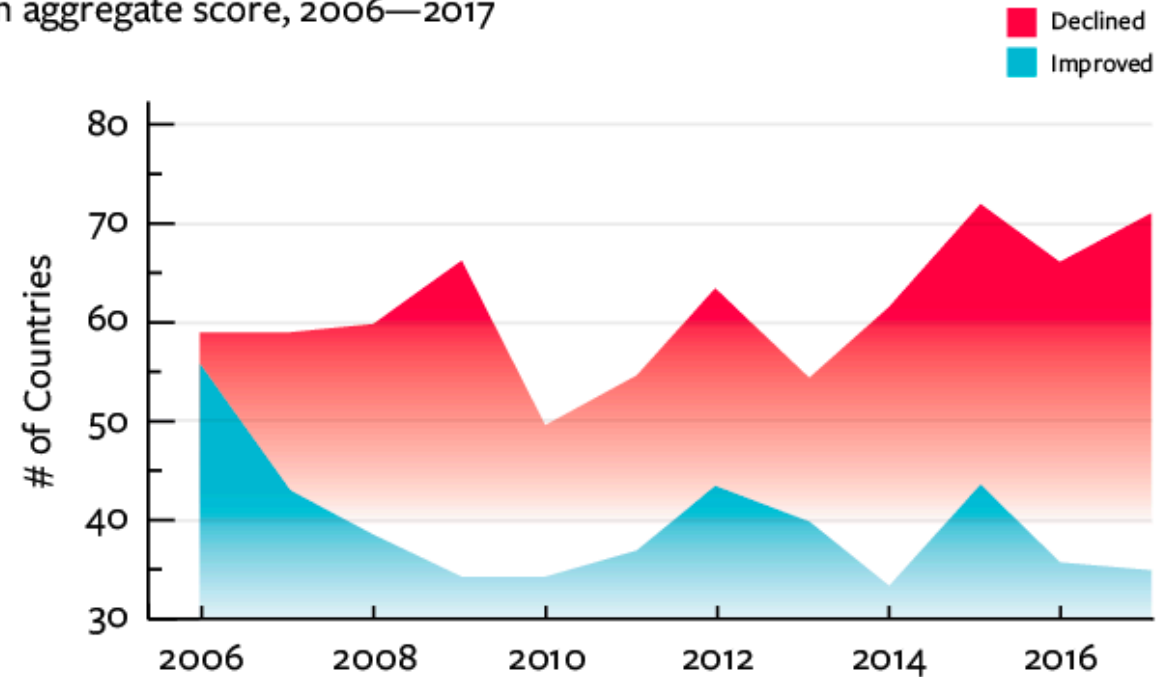
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Democratic backsliding

Twelve Years of Decline

Number of countries that declined and improved in aggregate score, 2006—2017



Democratic backsliding

Daily chart

Democracy continues its disturbing retreat

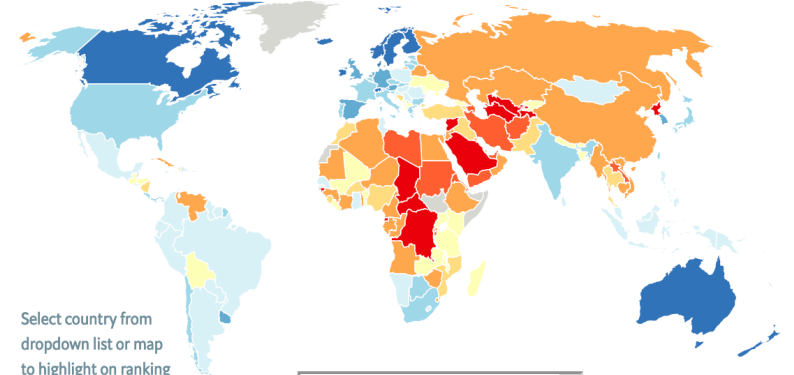
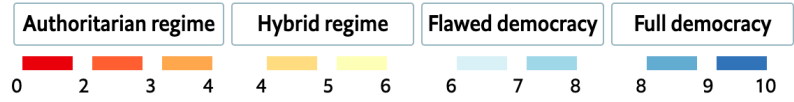
More than half the countries in the latest update of a democratic-health index saw their scores decline

Graphic detail >
Jan 31st 2018 | by THE DATA TEAM



The Economist Intelligence Unit's Democracy Index

167 countries scored on a scale of 0 to 10 based on 60 indicators



Select country from dropdown list or map to highlight on ranking chart below

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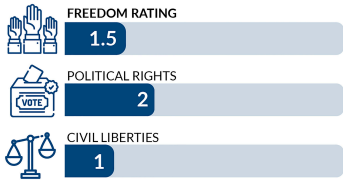
US DEMOCRACY SCORECARD FREEDOM IN THE WORLD 2019

UNITED STATES ELECTORAL DEMOCRACY

◆ FREEDOM STATUS = FREE ◆ NET FREEDOM = FREE



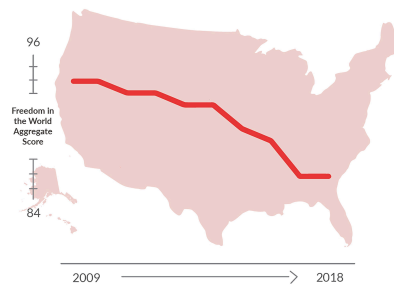
FREEDOM IN THE WORLD SCORES



1 = Most Free 7 = Least Free

THE EROSION OF US DEMOCRACY

Freedom House has tracked a gradual decline in the total US score over the past eight years.



News > World > Americas

America falls short of being a full democracy for second year running, report finds

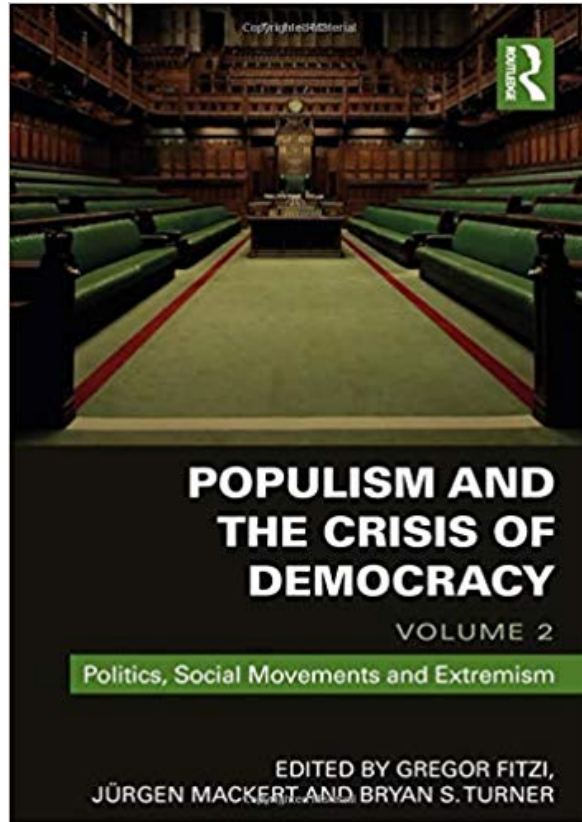
Declining trust in public institutions fuels democratic decline

Harriet Agerholm | @HarrietAgerholm |

Monday 5 February 2018 14:30 | 70 comments



Democratic backsliding and populism



THEME PANEL HIGHLIGHT

The Crisis of Liberal Democracy in the Face of Populism



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What is populism?

Populism



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=loISHWFhfug>

Populism

- Populist rhetoric:
 - Criticism of elites
 - Antipluralism
 - Identitarianism
- Populist governance:
 - State capture
 - Corruption
 - 'Mass clientelism'



Populist governance in practice



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RiviibIc6JU>

What is the relationship
between populism and
democratic backsliding?

Populism and democratic backsliding

- Populism → democratic backsliding
- Democratic backsliding → populism
- ? → populism + democratic backsliding
- Populism → ? ← democratic backsliding

Is populism in the US different from its other variants?

