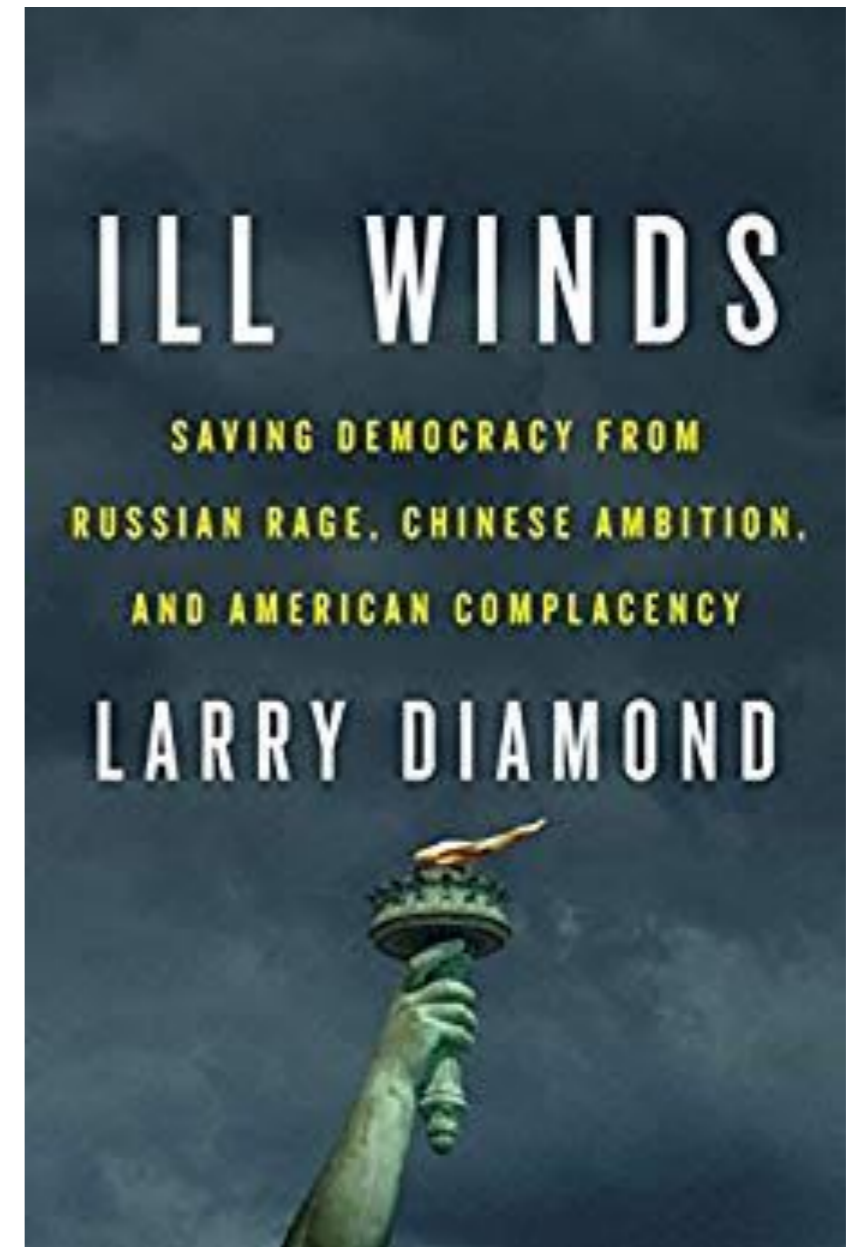


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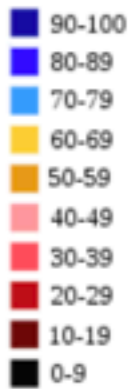


Democracies

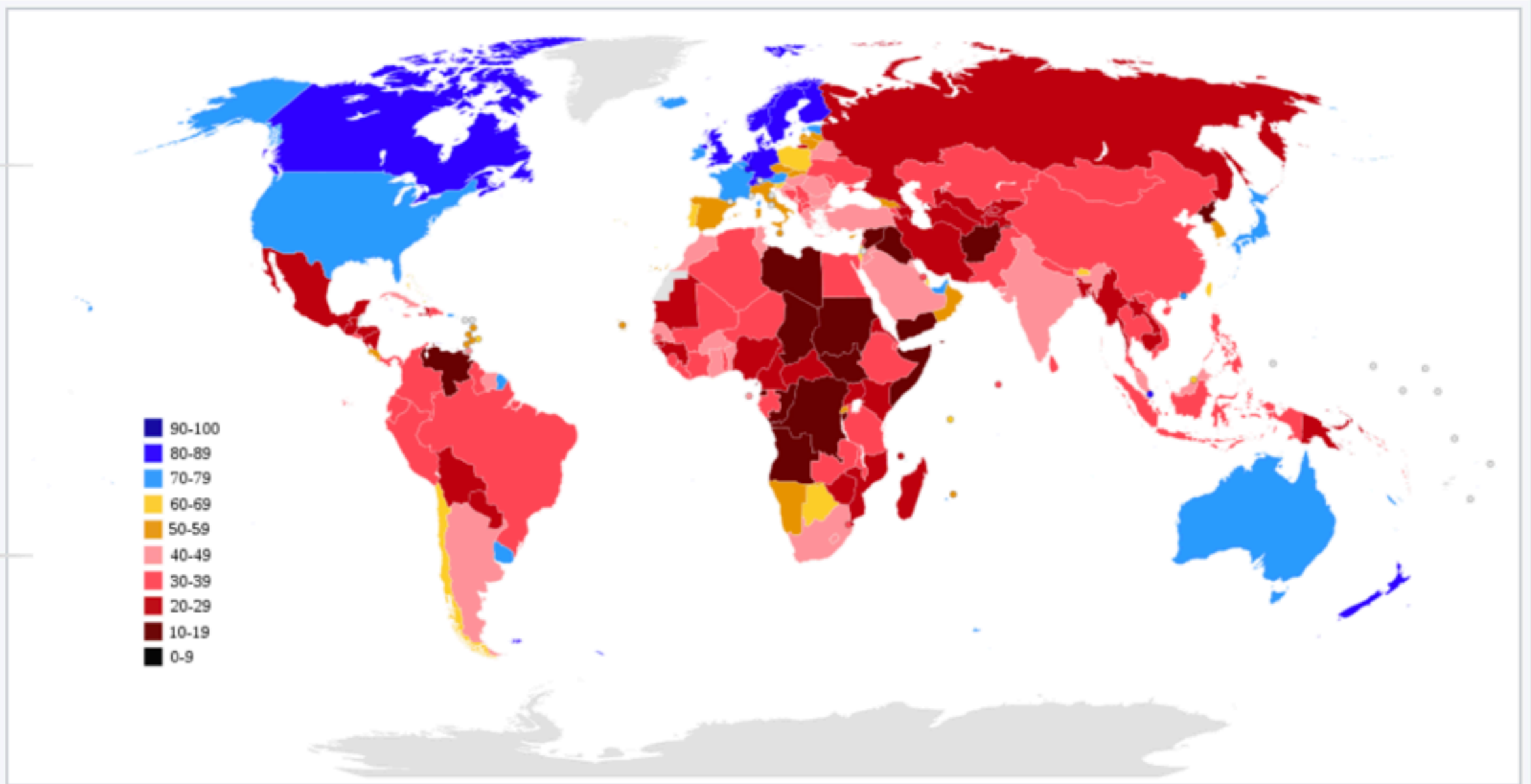
- Democracies fail if they lack **good governance**
 - Endemic **corruption**
 - Scandals over **graft**
 - **Power-abusing presidents**
 - Governments that fail to provide
 - Jobs, rising incomes
 - Lower crime rates
 - Electricity, water, roads, schools

Social Capital

- Successful democracies are a **civic community**
 - People **trust** one another
 - They argue with **mutual respect** and **tolerate differences**
 - Citizens **pay taxes, obey laws, and respect the political system**



Corruption Perceptions Index, 2018



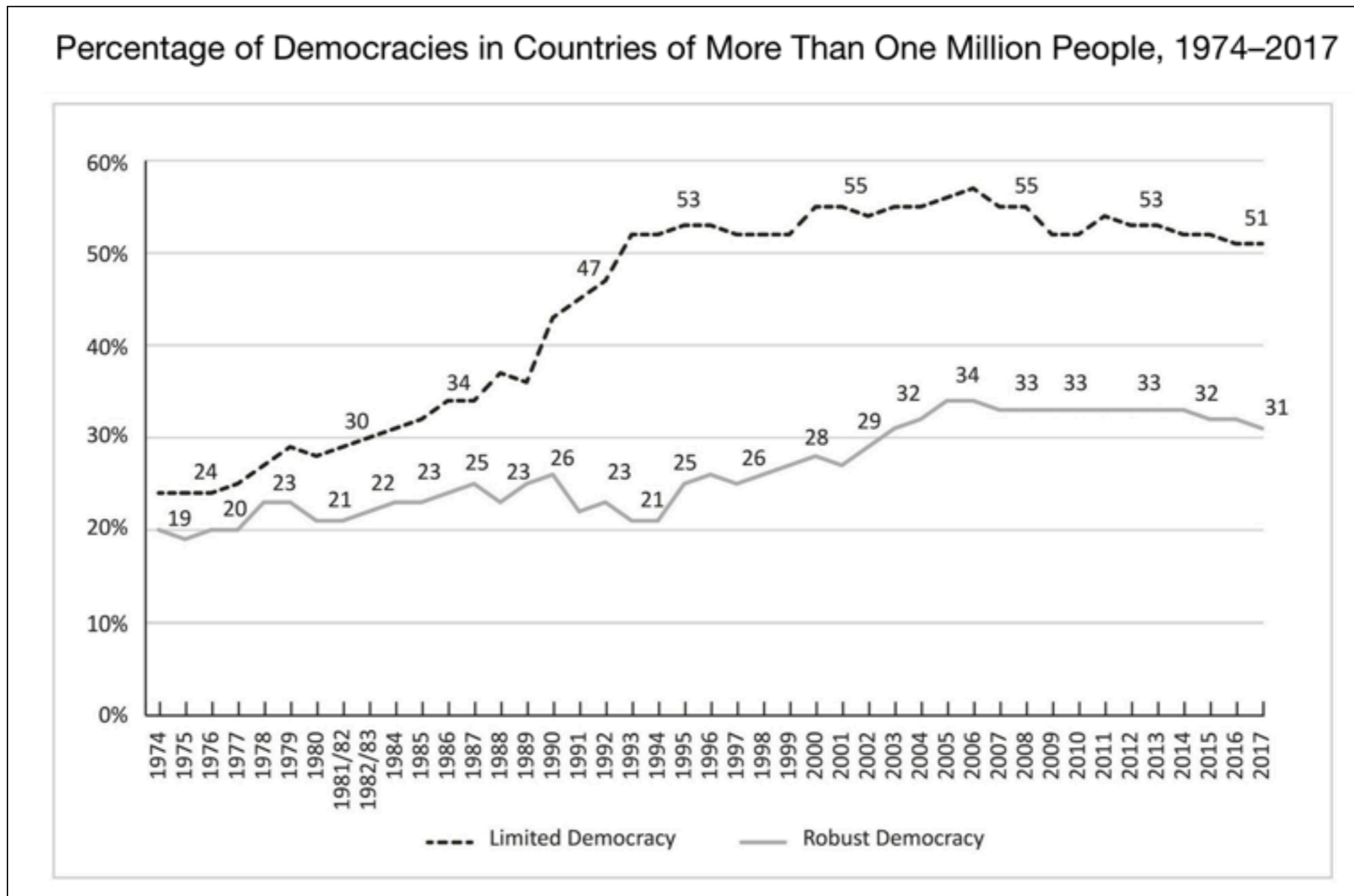
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		Score	
1	Denmark		88
2	New Zealand		87
3	Finland		85
3	Sweden		85
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3	Singapore		85
7	Norway		84
8	Netherlands		82
9	Canada		81
9	Luxembourg		81
11	Germany		80
11	United Kingdom		80

18	Japan		73
18	Estonia		73
21	France		72
22	United States		71
23	Uruguay		70
23	United Arab Emirates		70

138	Mexico		28
138	Iran		28
138	Russia		28
138	Lebanon		28

168	Iraq		18
168	Venezuela		18
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Growth of Democracy



How Democracies Fail

The Autocrats' 12-step Program

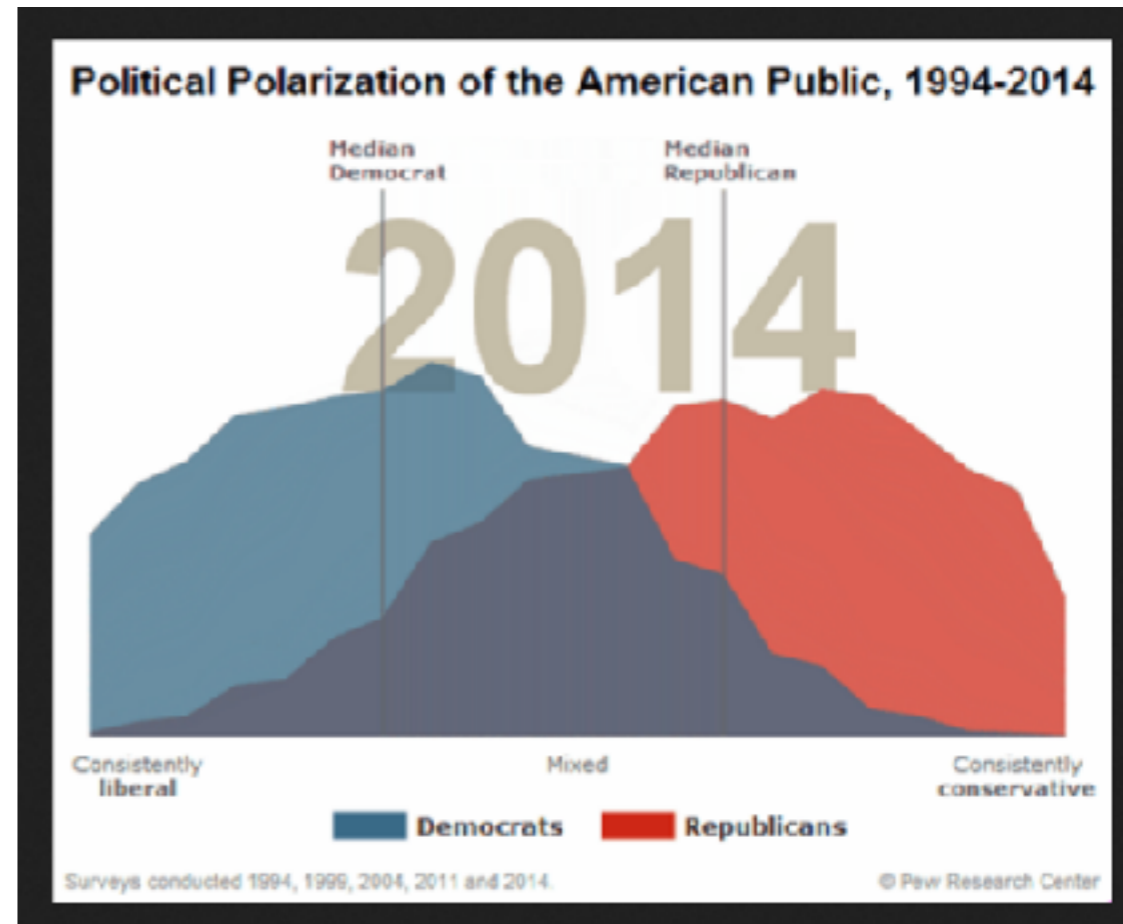
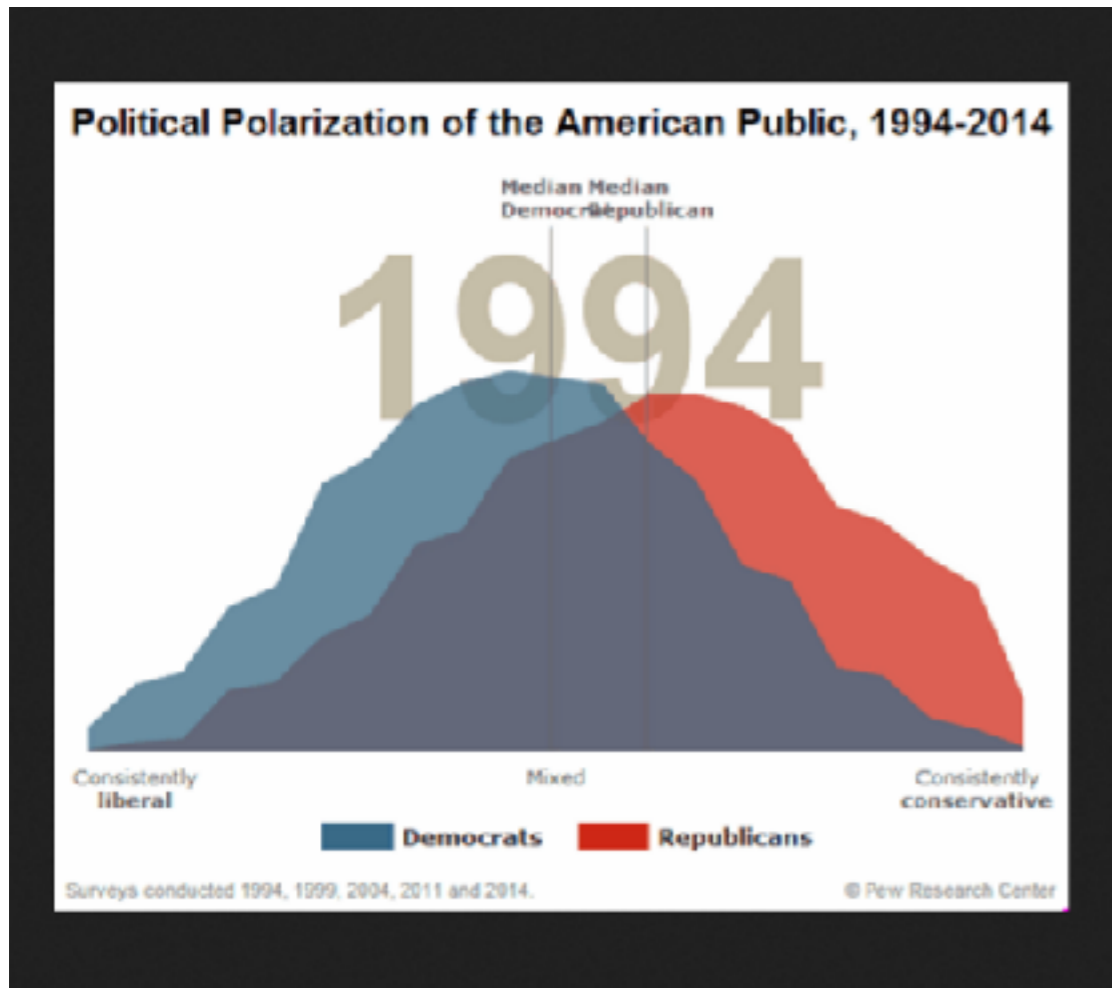
1. Demonize and delegitimize political opposition
2. Undermine the independence of the courts.
3. Undermine the independence of the media
4. Gain control of public broadcasting
5. Constrain Internet freedom
6. Subdue civil society: NGOs, universities, think tanks
7. Intimidate the business community into submission
8. Enrich a class of loyal crony capitalists
9. Extend political control over state bureaucracy & security
10. Rig electoral rules
11. Gain control over electoral administration
12. Repeat steps 1 to 11, ever more vigorously

Trump suggested that if his democratically nominated rival, Hillary Clinton, won, the only way to stop her from picking liberal, pro-gun-control judges would lie with “the Second Amendment people”—a clear reference to gun violence and assassination.

repeatedly branding his foes as traitors—from saying that *The New York Times* had “virtually” committed “treason” by running a critical essay in September 2018 by an anonymous senior administration aide to calling some congressional Democrats “un-American” and “treasonous” for not applauding a passage in his 2018 State of the Union address.

the threat that Trump poses to America’s democratic institutions and norms is unprecedented.

Polarization

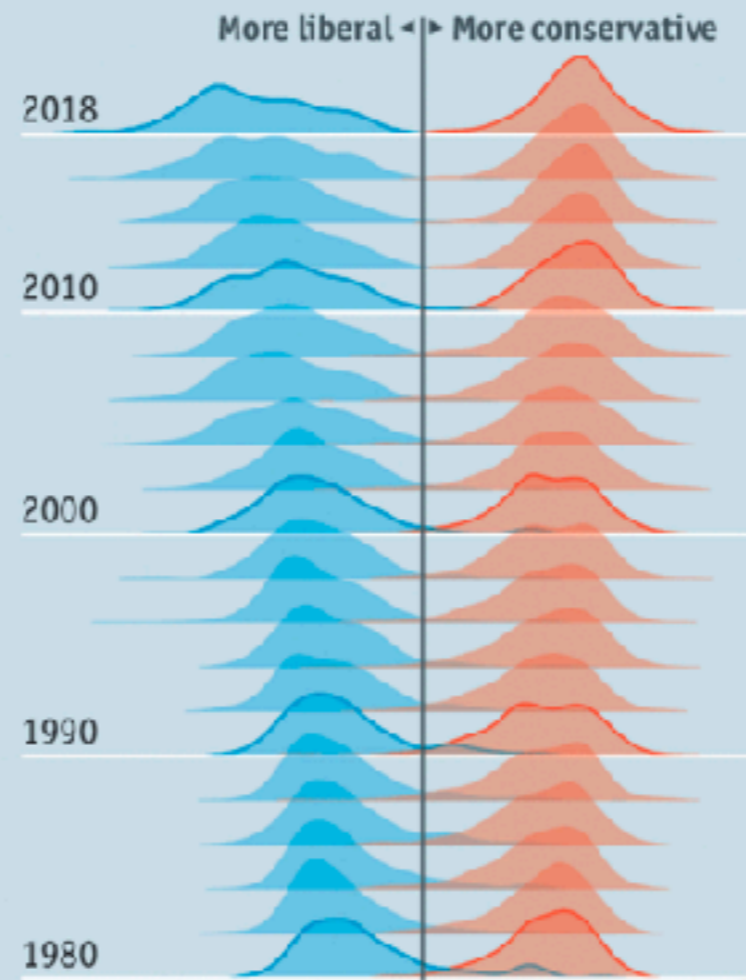


The first, from [The Economist \(Lean Left media bias\)](#), shows the [distribution of ideology of House candidates who won their primaries in 2018](#).

Swing left

United States, distribution of ideology of House candidates who won their primaries

Democrats Republicans



Sources: Professor Adam Bonica; *The Economist*

The Economist

Russia

Under Yeltsin, according to a 2018 U.S. Senate report, “hyperinflation, austerity, debt, and a disastrous privatization scheme combined to decrease GDP by over 40 percent between 1990 and 1998, a collapse that was twice as large and lasted three times longer than the Great Depression in the United States.”³ For most Russians, the demise of the USSR brought not modernization and integration into the West but poverty and national humiliation. And then there emerged a new leader, Vladimir Putin, who vowed, in essence, to make Russia great again.

Since 2000, Putin has made Russia an ever more repressive kleptocracy.

I have concluded that Hillary Clinton would almost certainly have won the Electoral College if there had been no Russian intervention.

China

Like Russia, China seeks to weaken the Western democracies' alliances, undermine the U.S.-led liberal order, and expand its own economic and geopolitical power.

The problem with Russia is managing the anger, insecurity, and resentments of a former superpower; the problem with China is managing the ambitions, swagger, and overreach of a new one.

Beijing's goal is nothing less than "Globalization 2.0," based on the "China model" of authoritarian, state-directed capitalism, which produces impressive growth rates while dispensing with tedious Western standards of accountability or moralistic Western lectures on freedom and rights.

The U.S.

President

Trump's decision to withdraw the United States from the TPP was the most grievous self-inflicted wound to America's global leadership since the creation of the liberal world order after World War II. Trump's pullout was a massive gift to authoritarian China and a body blow to democratic aspirations in southeast Asia. It was also a stunning symbol—and accelerator—of both China's rise and America's descent.

our 2017 survey also measured

people's feelings toward two authoritarian options: "a strong leader who does not have to bother with Congress and elections," and rule by the army. Nearly a quarter of Americans (24 percent) turned out to hanker for a strongman.

Moreover, support for military rule has steadily risen in the United States, from 8 percent in 1995 to some 18 percent in 2017.

Kleptocracy

The online Cambridge Dictionary defines kleptocracy as “a society whose leaders make themselves rich and powerful by stealing from the rest of the people.”

the lack of effective regulation has made the United States, not notorious financial safe havens like Switzerland and the Cayman Islands, “the leading incorporator of anonymous companies.”¹⁰ The U.S. Treasury Department estimates the annual flow of laundered money into the United States at \$300 billion—equal to 2 percent of the American economy.

By one estimate, as much as 8 percent of total global wealth, 30 percent of African wealth, and 50 percent of Russian wealth is held in largely secret offshore accounts.

Support Democracy

The world's democracies should remember one thing above all else: we have the better ideas.

As political scientists have long noted, no two democracies have ever gone to war with each other—ever. It is not the democracies of the world that are supporting international terrorism, proliferating weapons of mass destruction, or threatening the territory of their neighbors.

Few things better project America's "soft power" and democratic values than educational and cultural exchanges. China is dramatically expanding its people-to-people exchanges, with huge increases in funding for students, journalists, and civic and political leaders to visit and study in China. The last thing we should be doing is cutting funding for ours.