

Reckoning with Democracy in Decline
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What evidence does the author provide for the decline of democracy around the world?

If there is so much discontent with democracy as it exists today, why should we be concerned about its decline?

What role does the US play in other countries becoming more or less democratic? Should the US be seen as a model for other countries? Should the US be involved in either suppressing or enabling the political institutions of other countries?

The author implies that countries like China, Venezuela, and Turkey moving towards more authoritarian styles of governance is a bad thing. To consider the other side, could these countries have good reasons for doing so, and if yes, what might they be?