

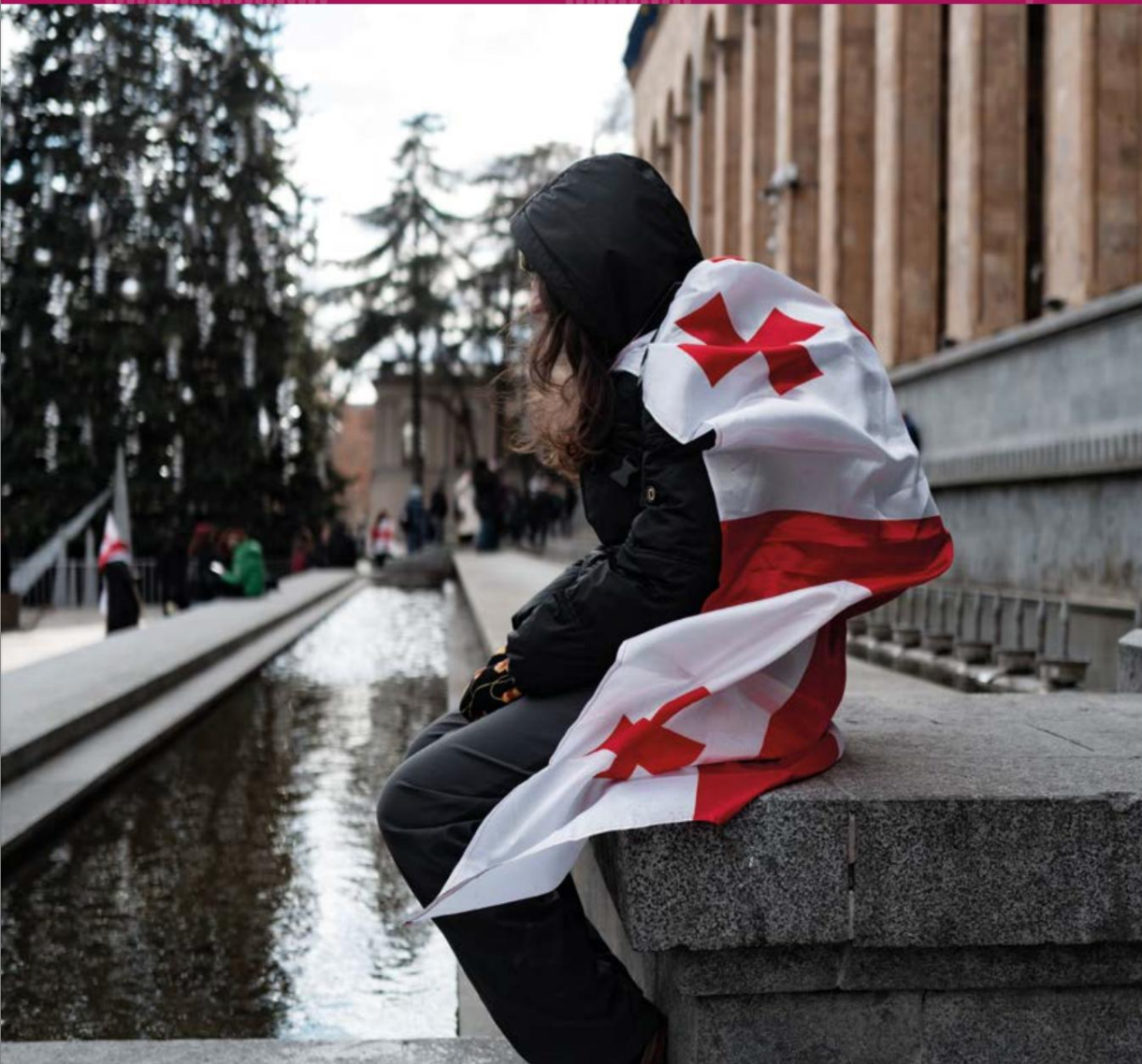
How Autocratization is Threatening Our World - Democracy Trumped?

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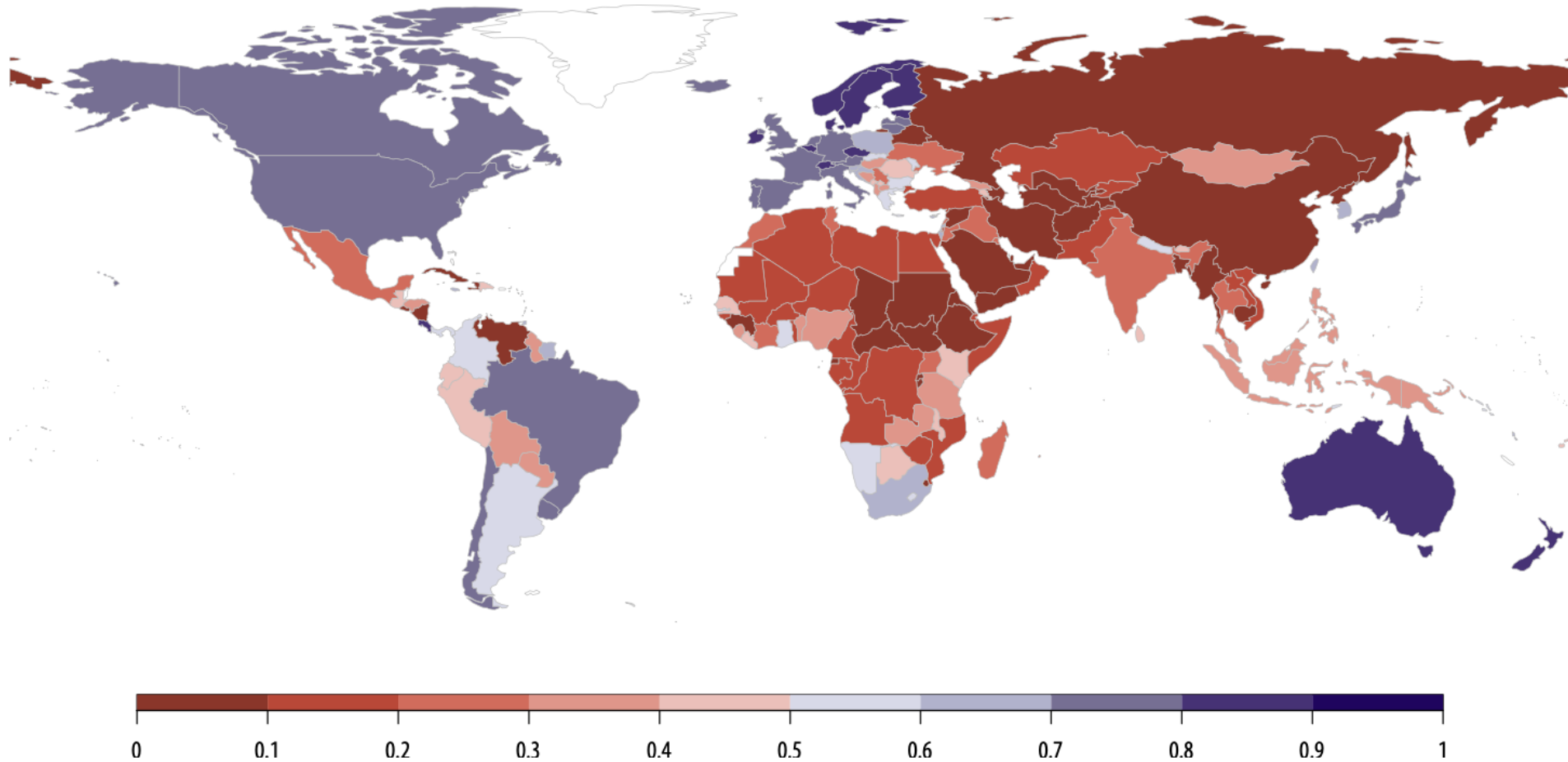


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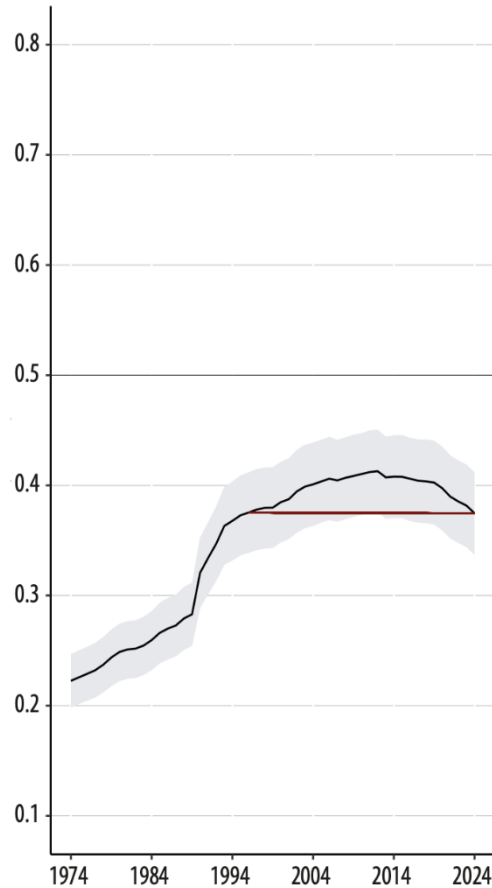


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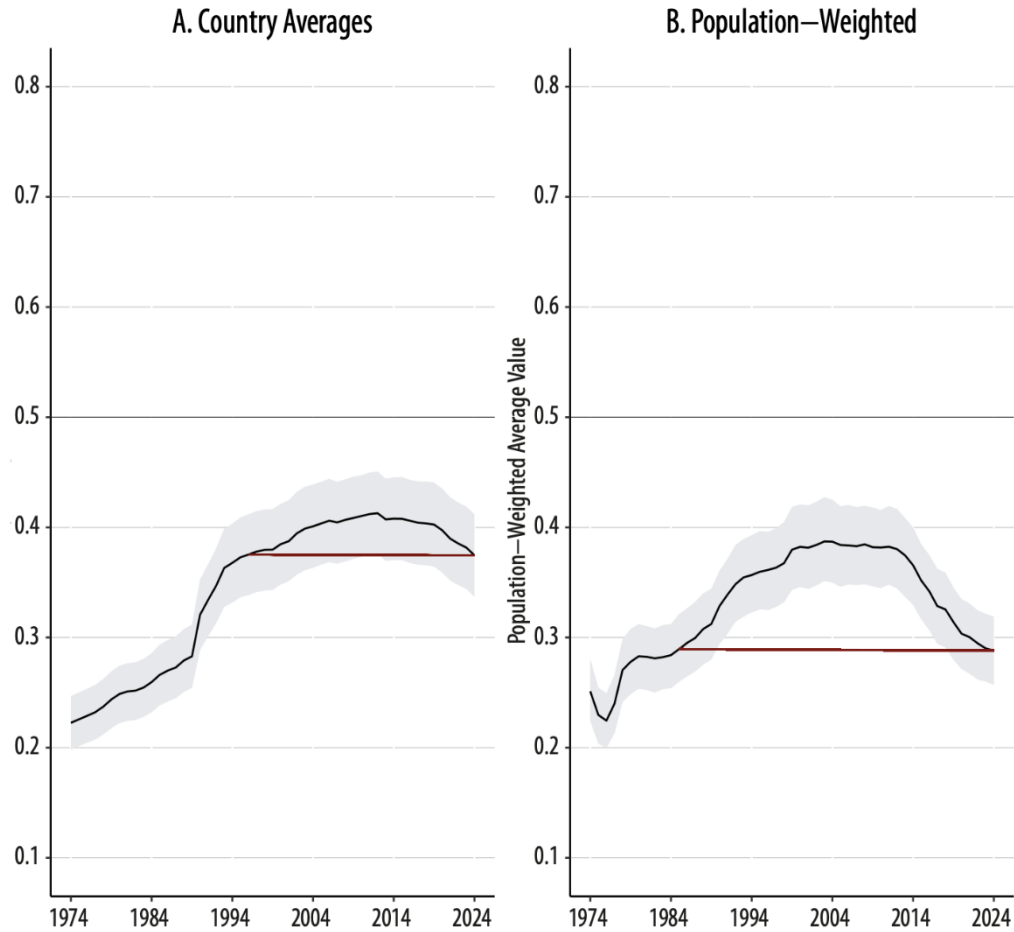
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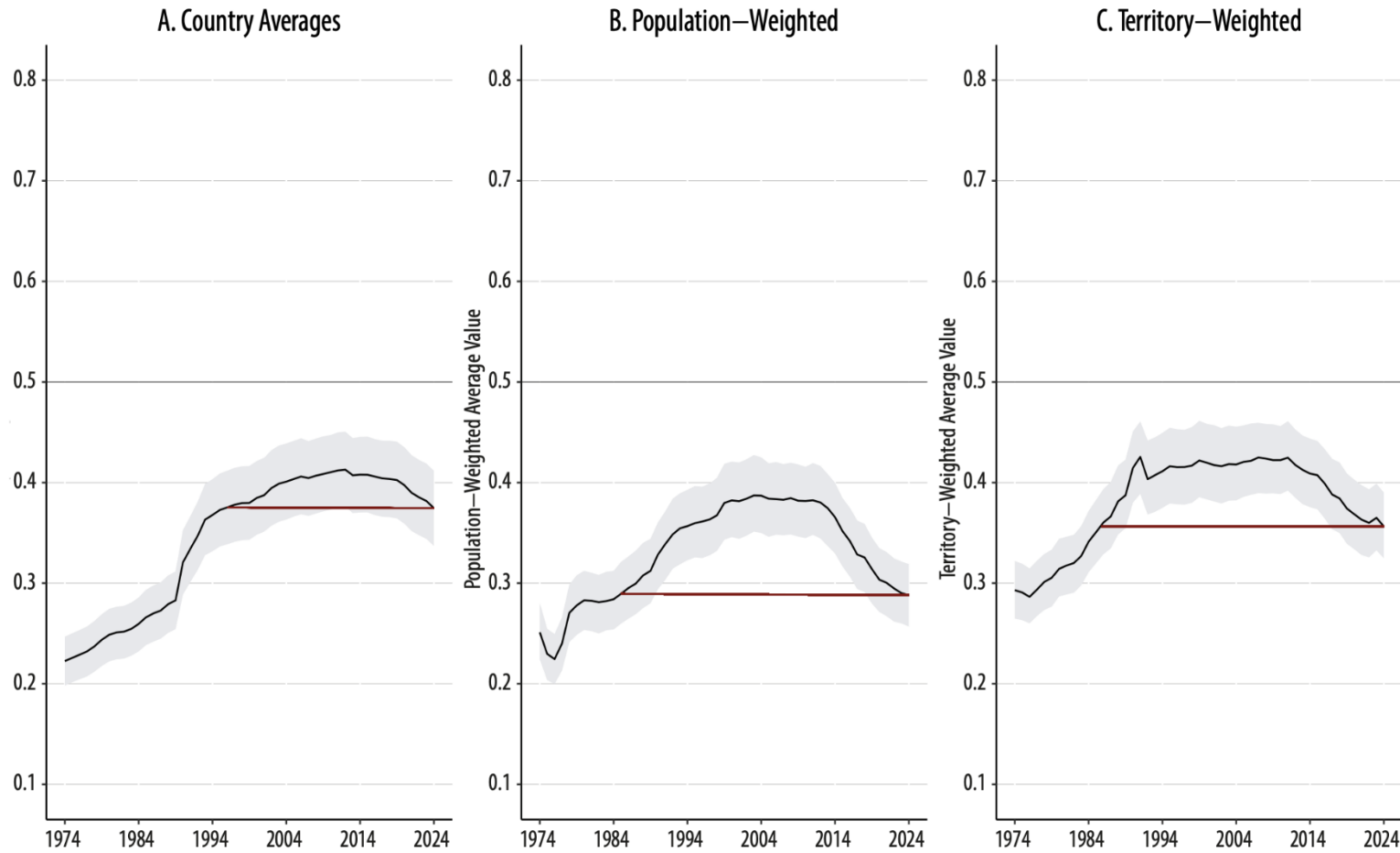
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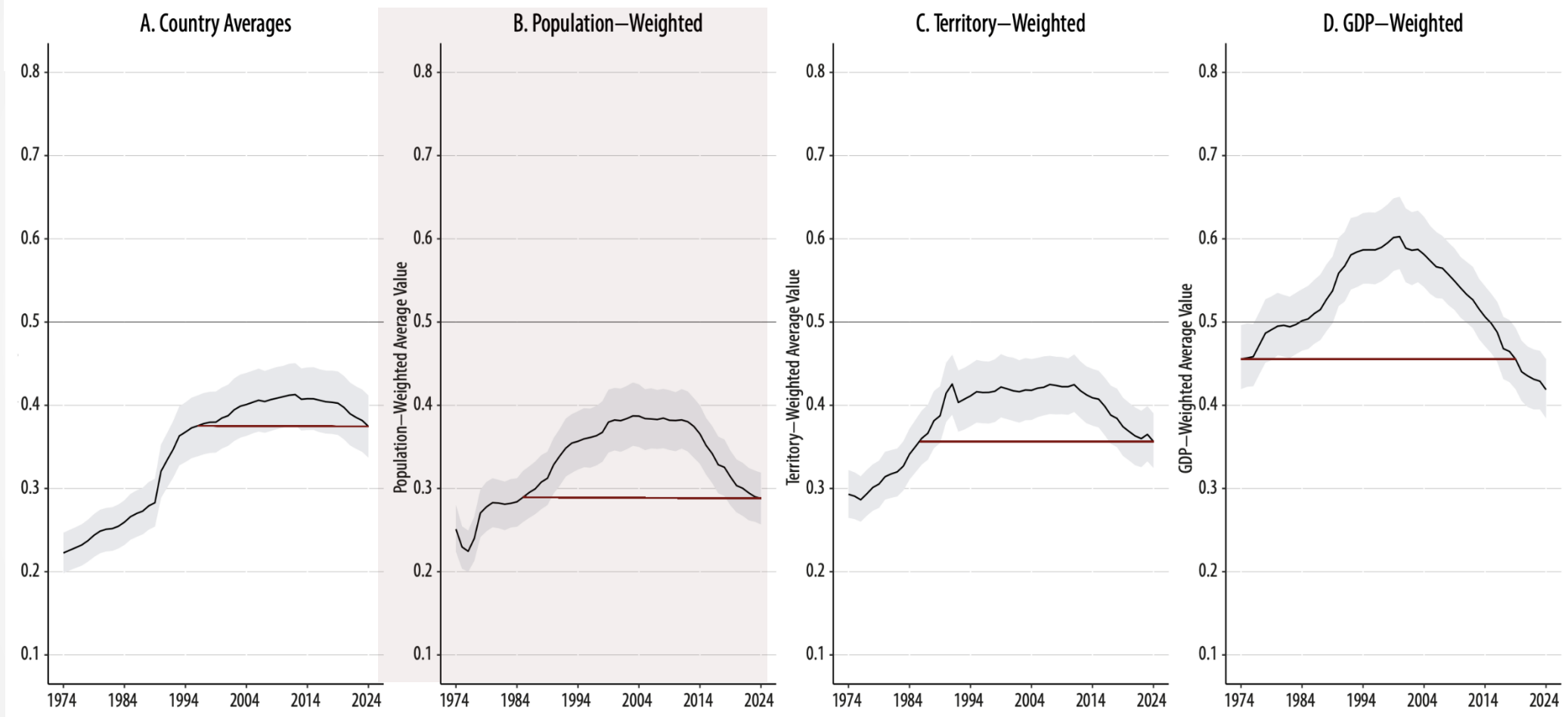
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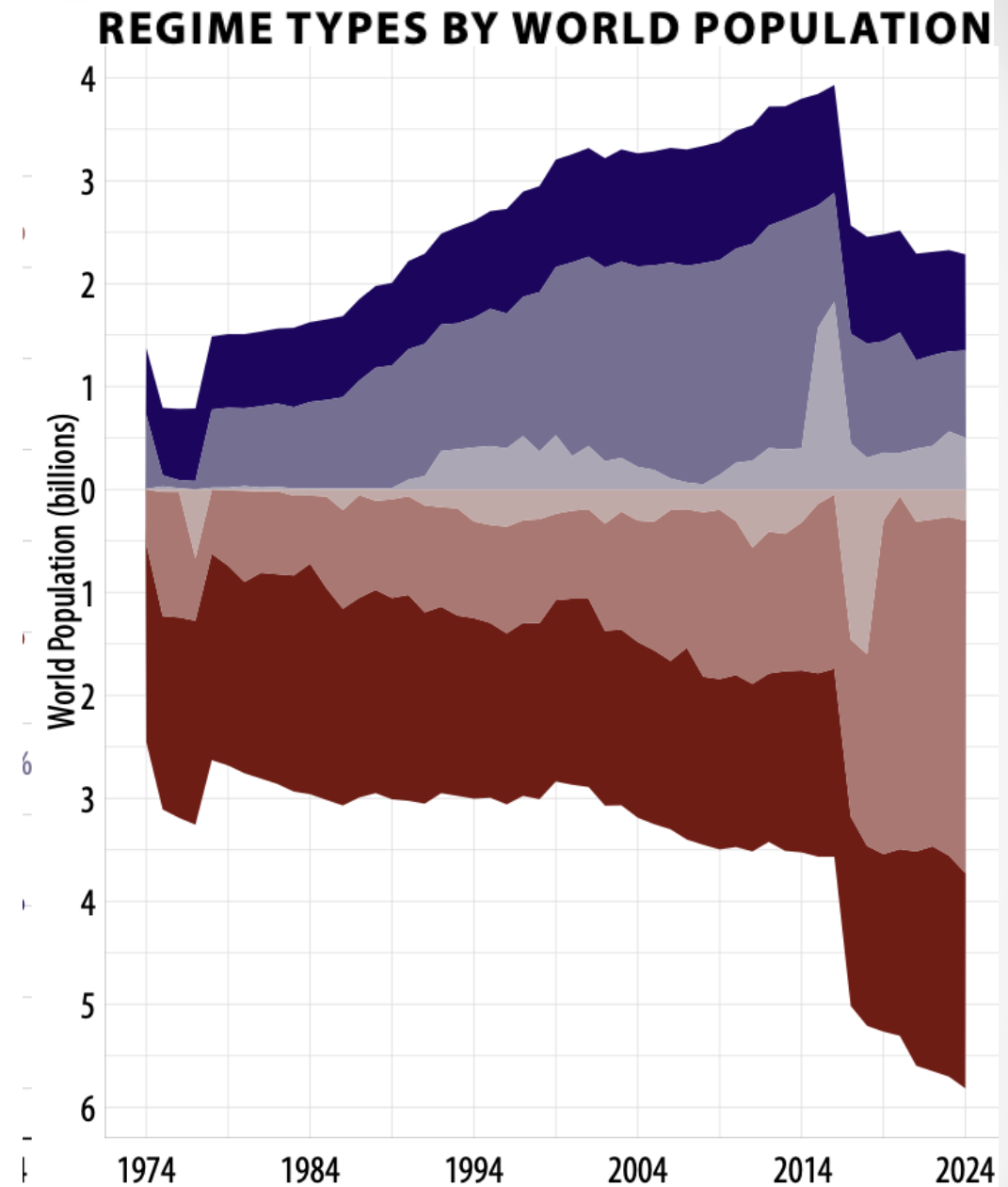
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AUTOCRACY			DEMOCRACY	
Closed Autocracy	Electoral Autocracy	Grey Zone	Electoral Democracy	Liberal Democracy
No multiparty elections for the executive; absence of fundamental democratic components such as freedom of expression, freedom of association, and free and fair elections.	Multiparty elections for the executive exist; insufficient levels of fundamental requisites such as freedom of expression and association, and free and fair elections.	Countries belong in this category if confidence intervals overlap making the classification more uncertain.	Multiparty elections for the executive are free and fair; satisfactory degrees of suffrage, freedom of expression, freedom of association.	Requirements of Electoral Democracy are met; judicial and legislative constraints on the executive along with the protection of civil liberties and equality before the law.

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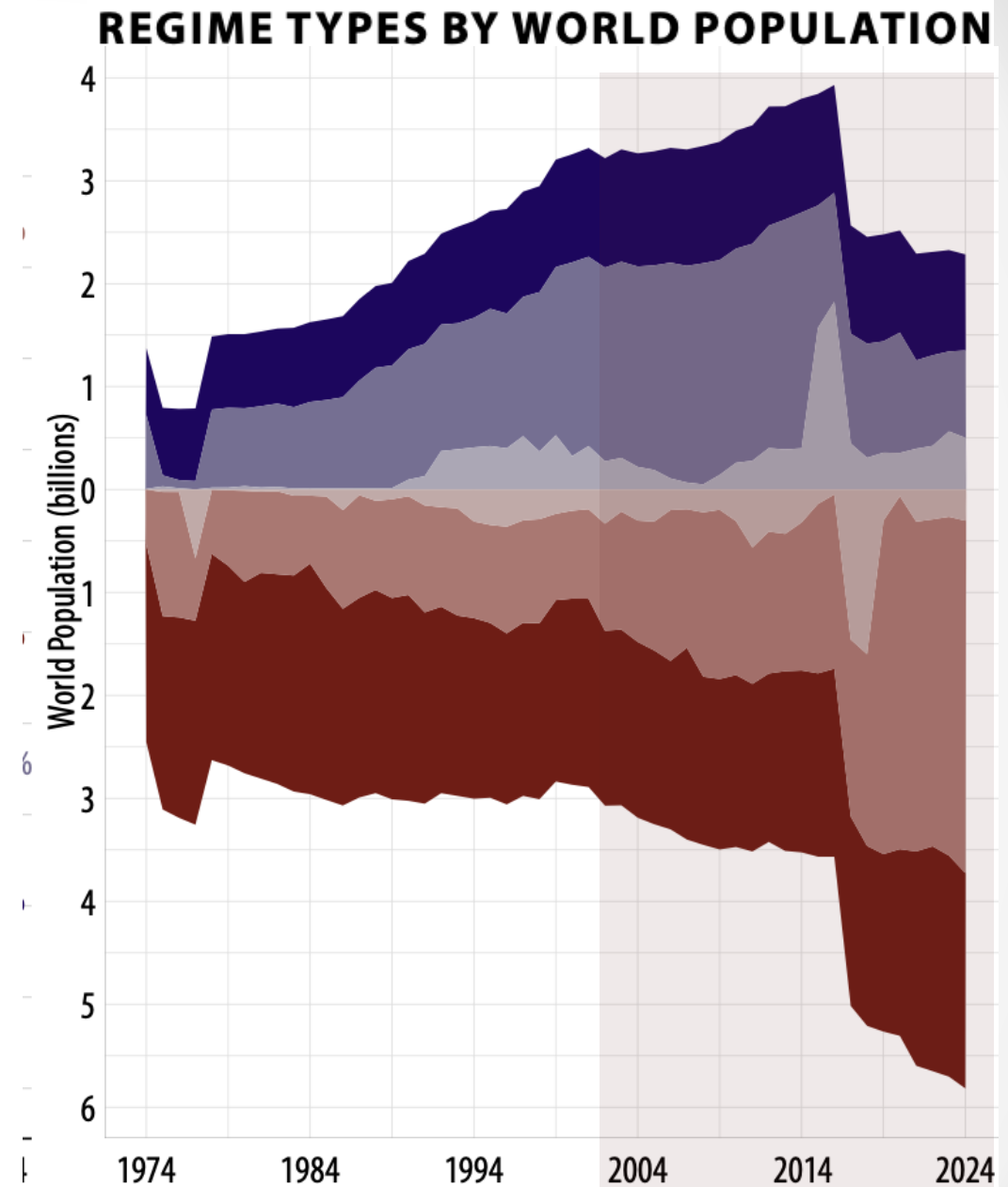
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SHARE OF WORLD POPULATION
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2004:
49%



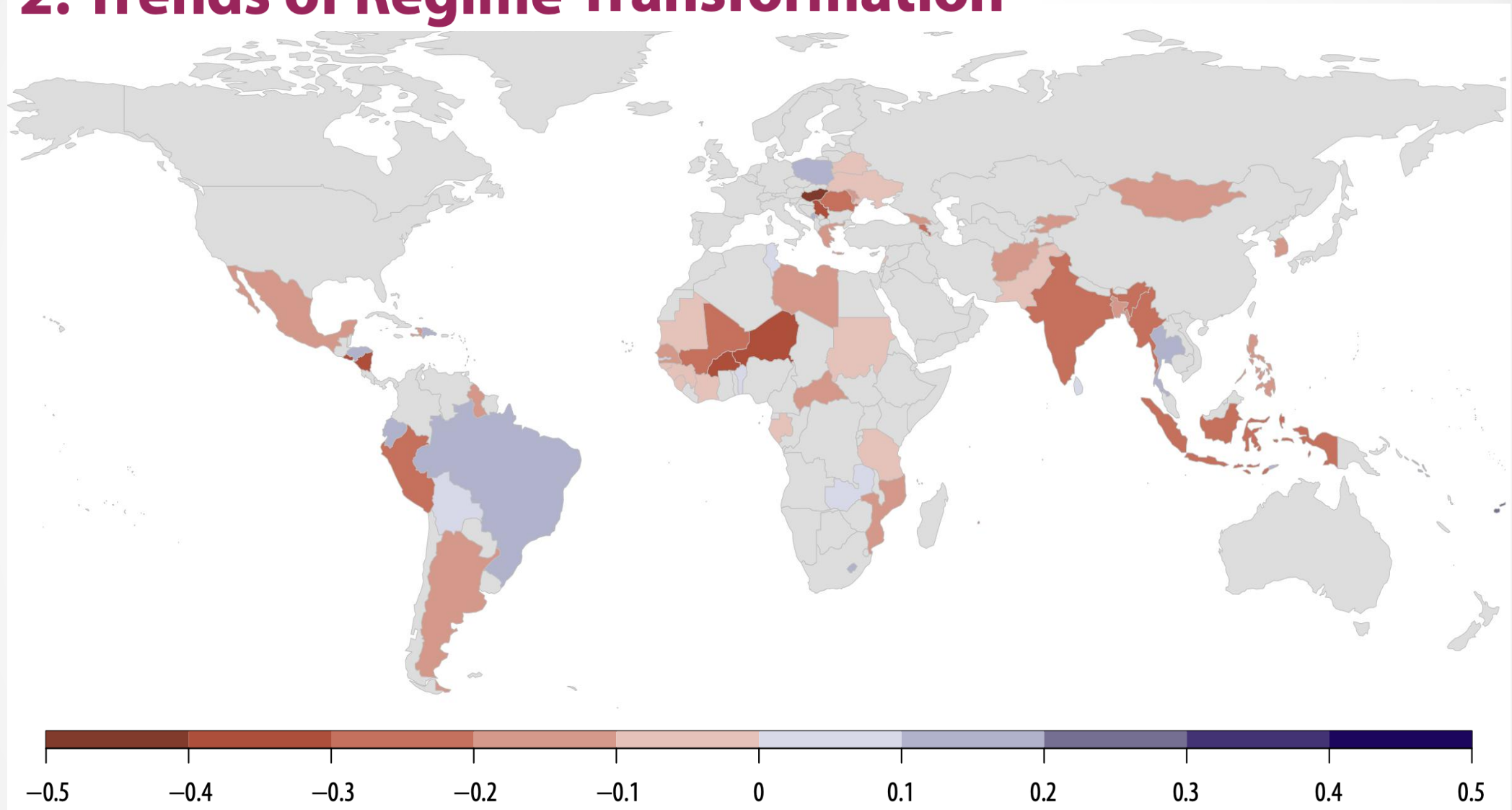
2024:
72%

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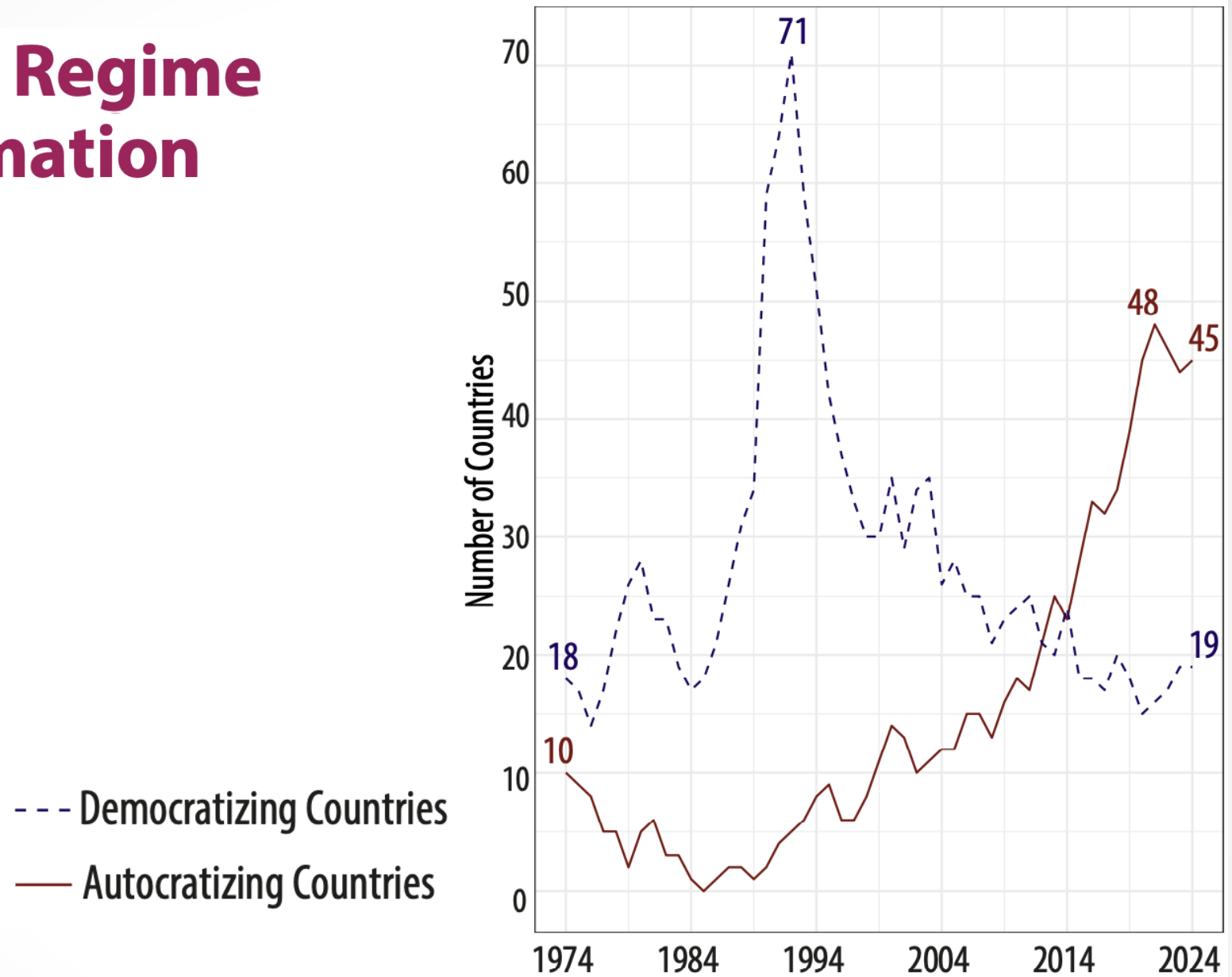


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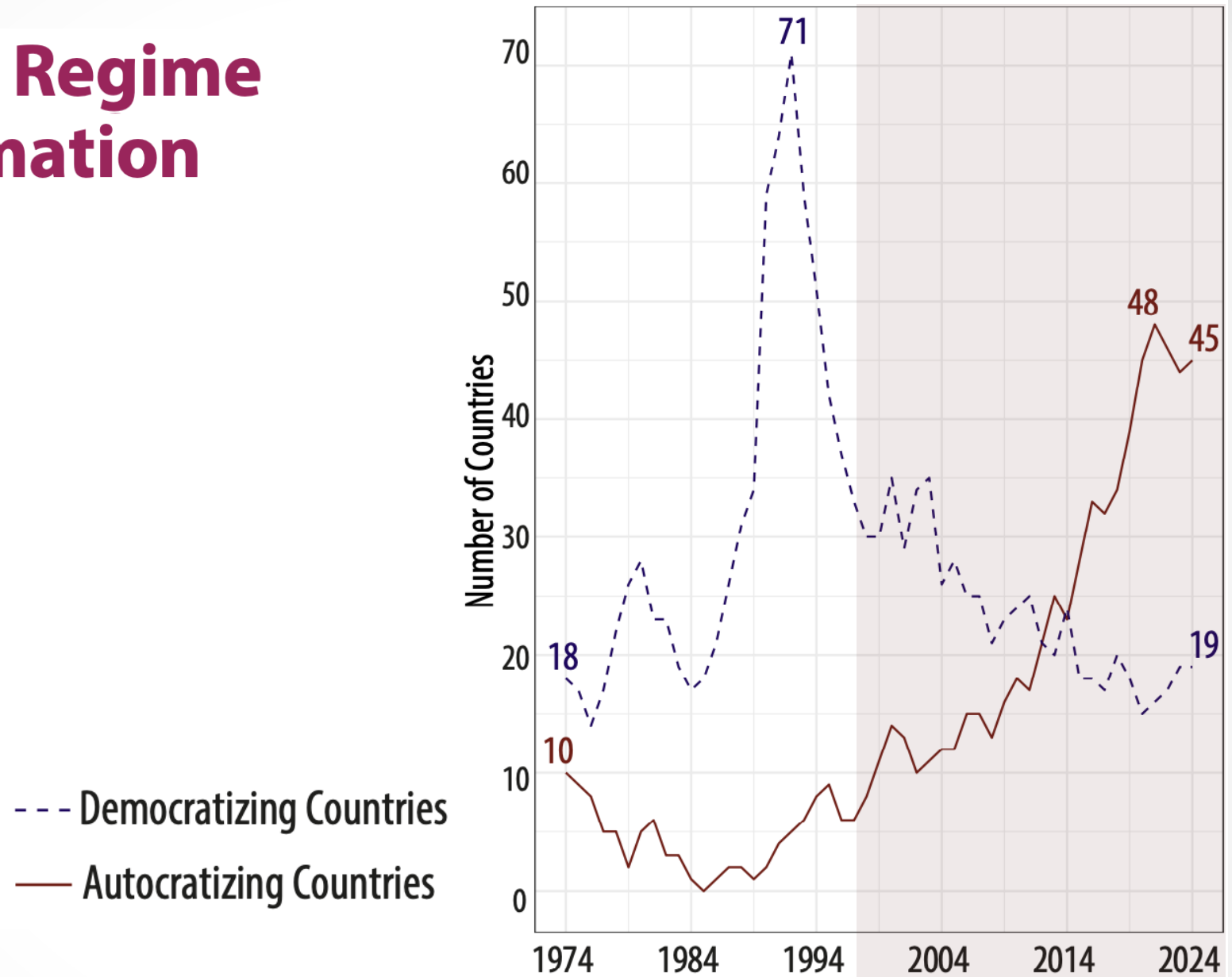
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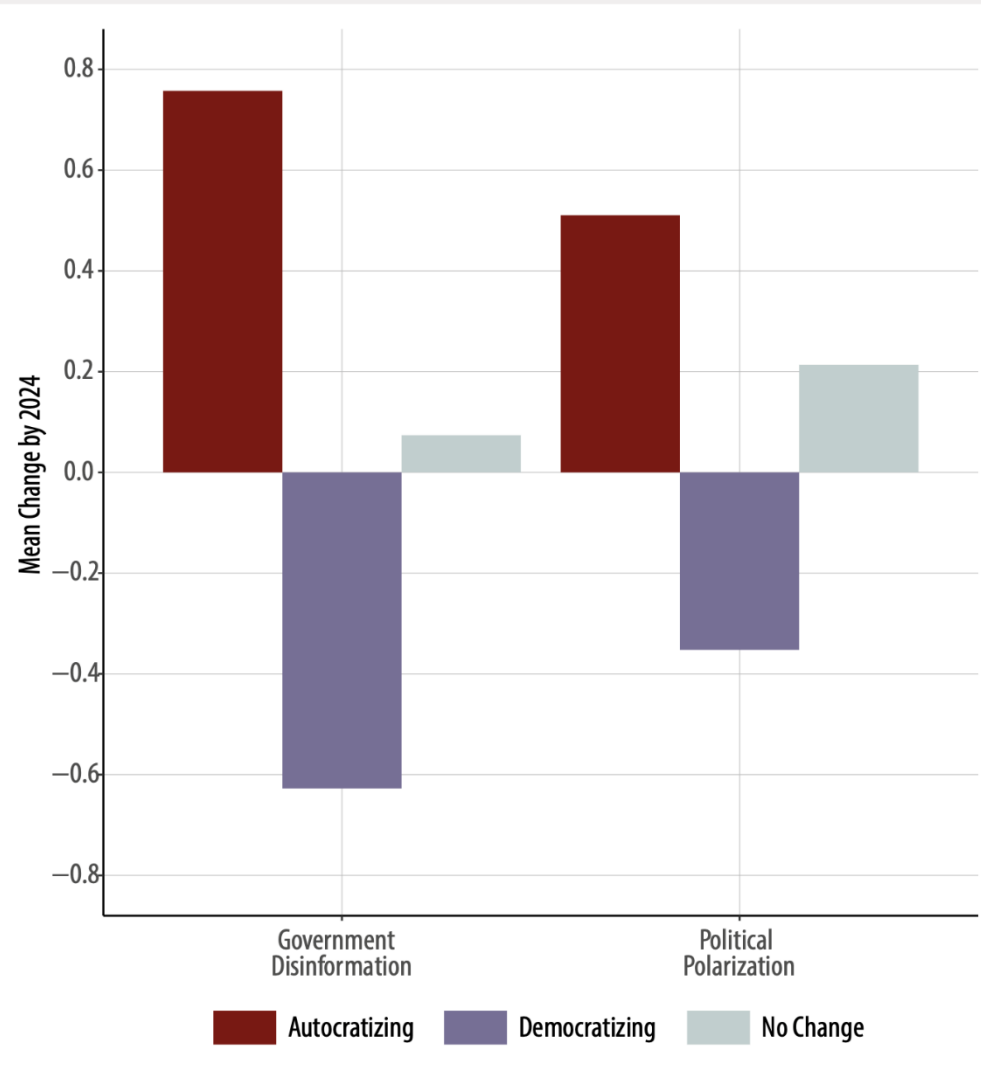
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- 27 of the 45 autocratizers were democracies at the start of their episode. Of these, only 9 remain democracies in 2024. The fatality rate is 67%.

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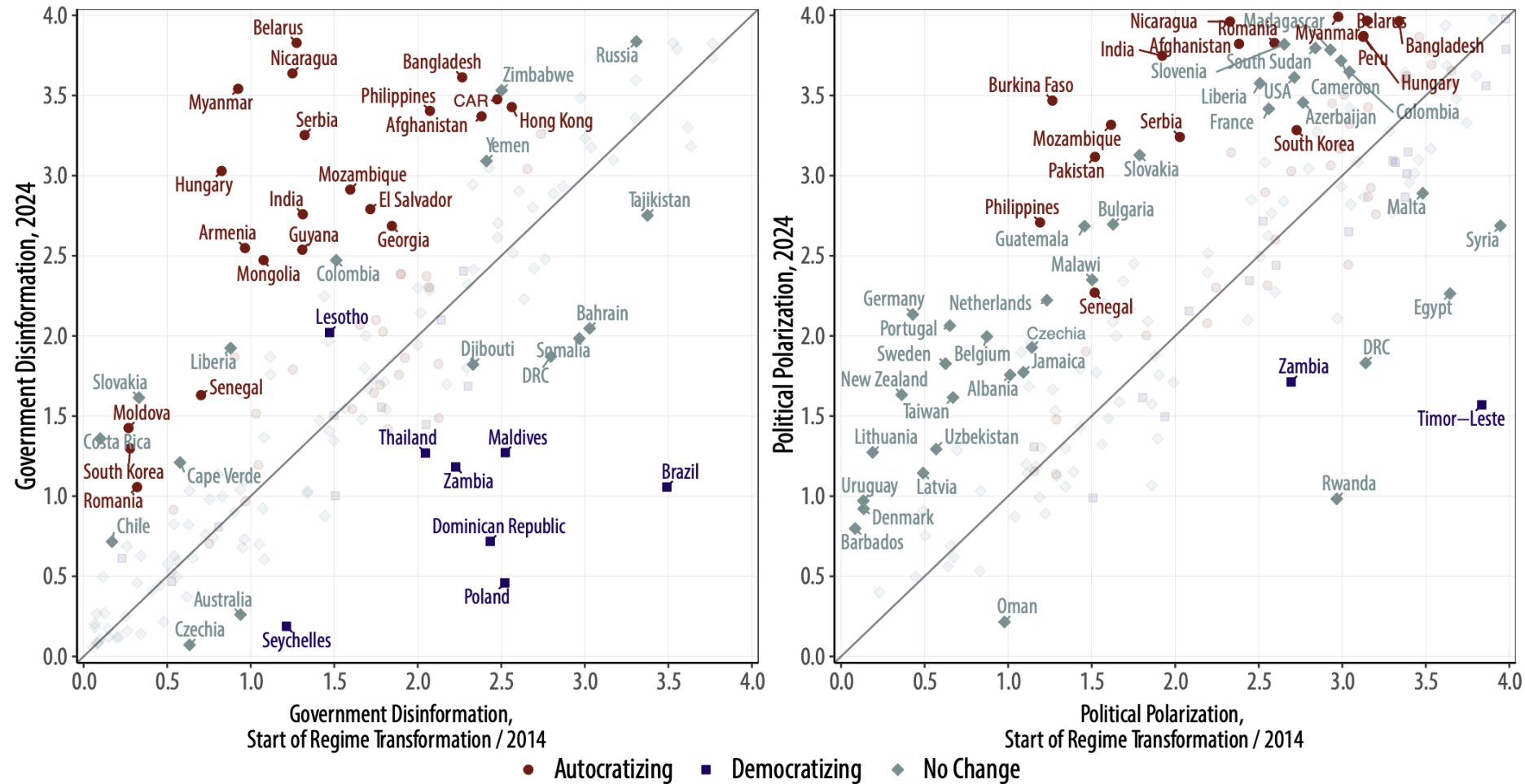
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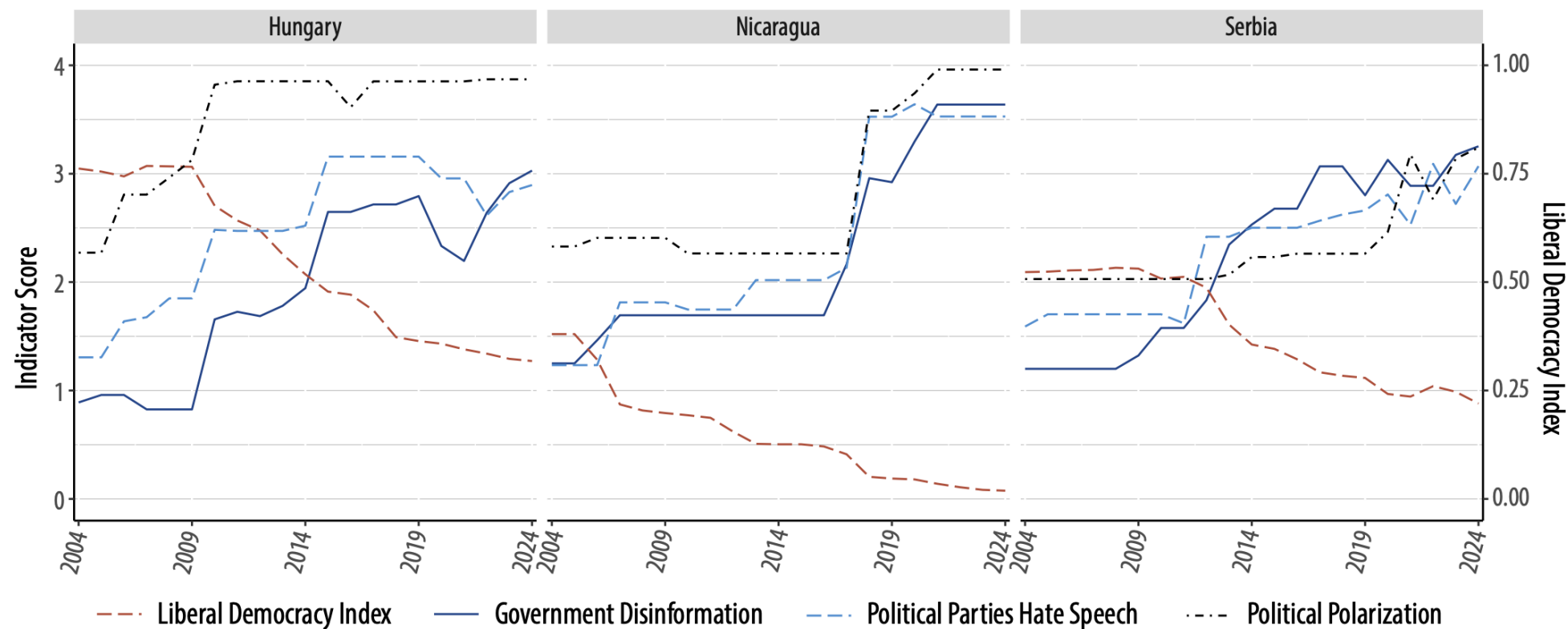
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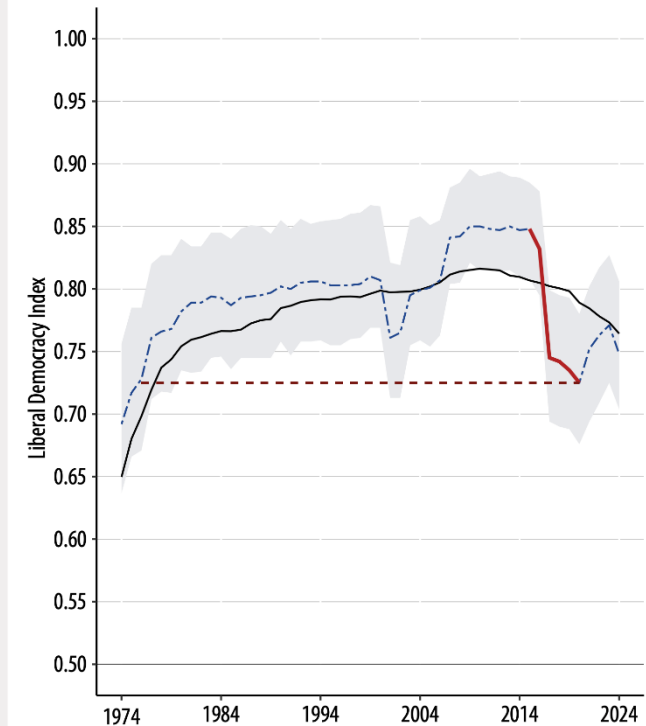
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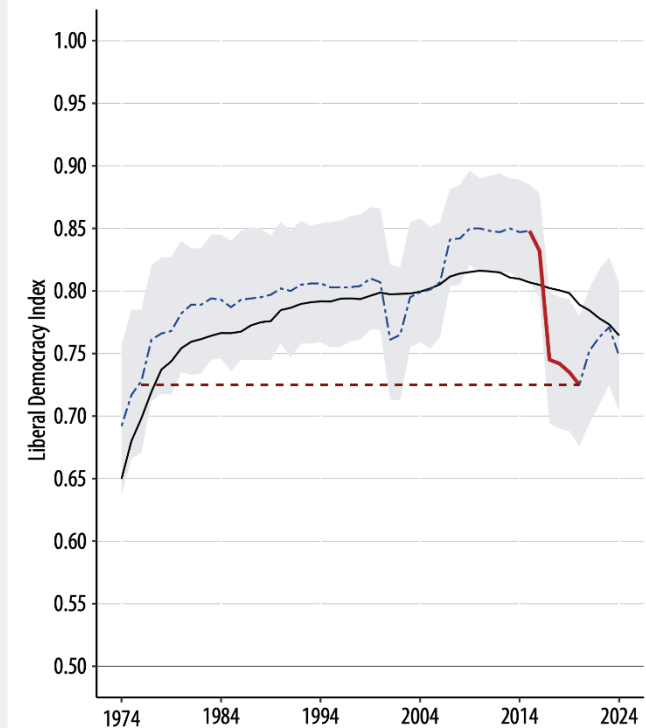
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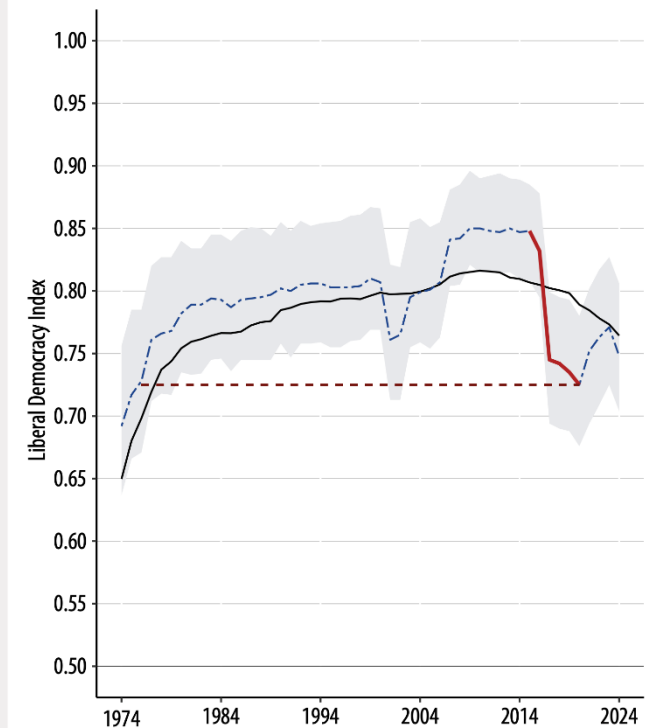
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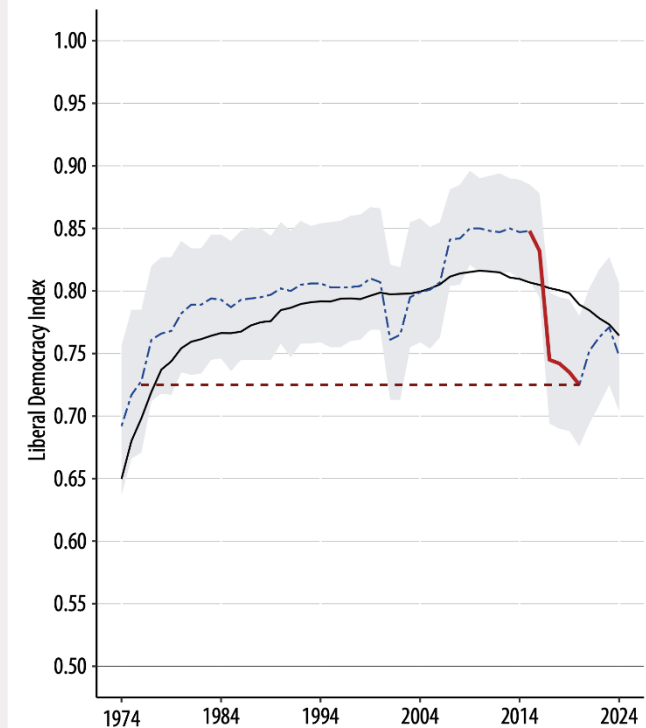
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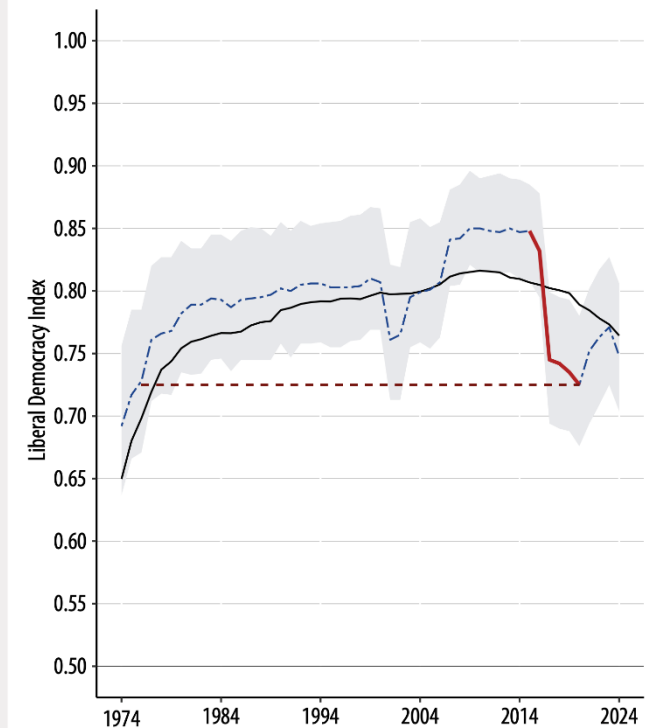
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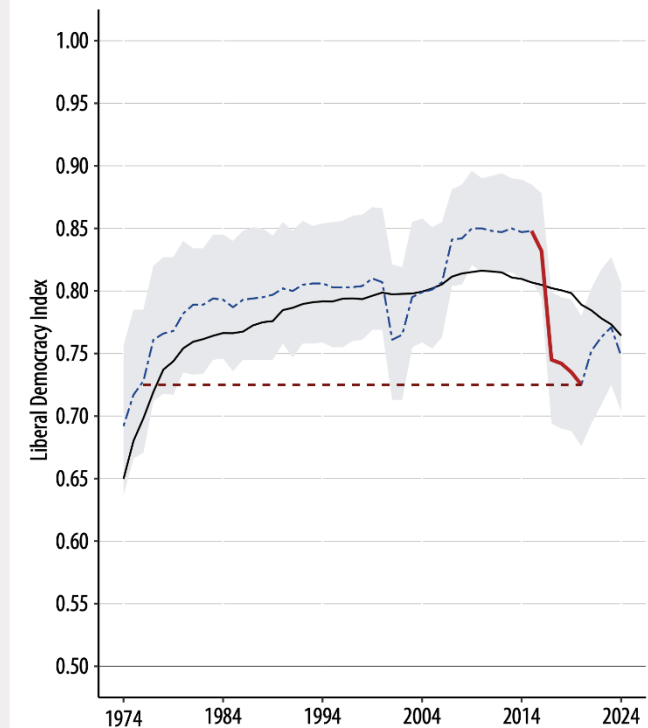
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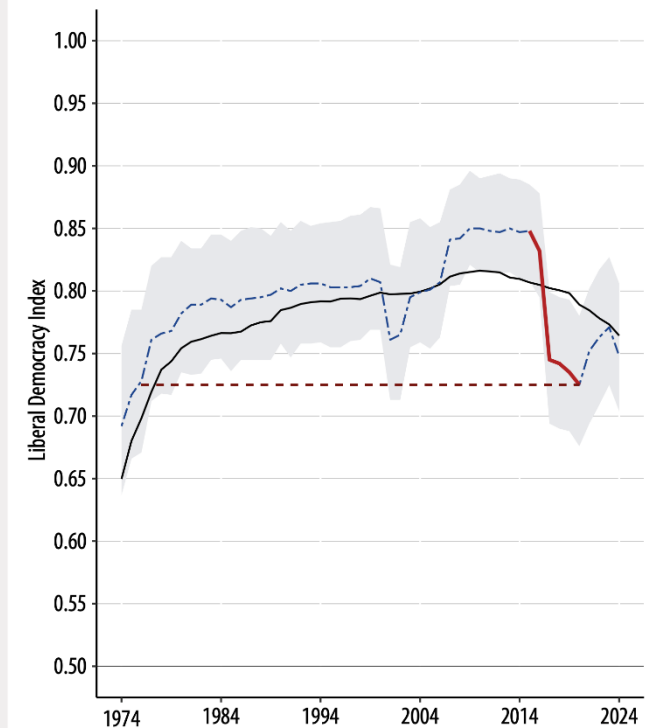
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Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem)

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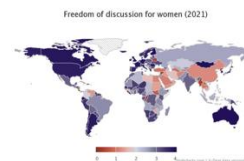


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V-Dem provides a multidimensional and disaggregated dataset that reflects the complexity of the concept of democracy as a system of rule that goes beyond the simple presence of elections. We distinguish between five high-level principles of democracy: electoral, liberal, participatory, deliberative, and egalitarian, and collect data to measure these principles.



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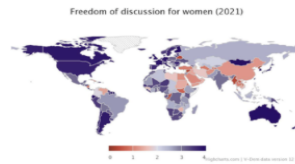
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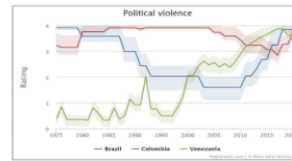
Graphing Tools

The V-Dem Graphing Tools is a platform for making data visualization intuitive, accessible and easy to use. Here you find user-friendly tools specially designed to visualize V-Dem data in various forms depending on your needs and interest. Select one of the tools to start exploring the data.



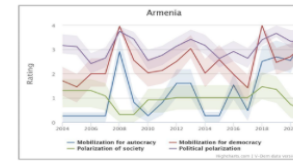
Mapping Tool

Interactive tool that visualize data by creating a color-coded map to view the distribution of scores for an indicator around the world.



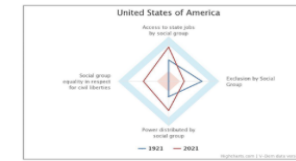
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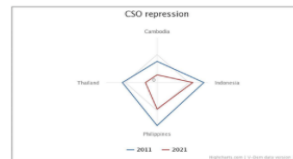
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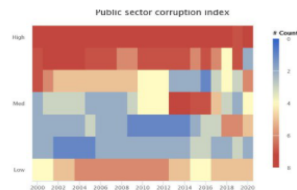
Country Radar Chart

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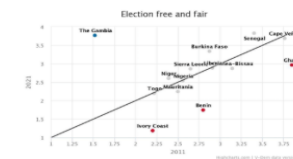
Variable Radar Chart

This tool displays multiple countries (three or more) for one indicator/index in a radar chart. Select one indicator/index and multiple countries.



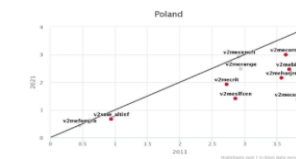
Heat Map

This tool displays one indicator/index on a heat map - a graphical representation of data where values are represented by colors.



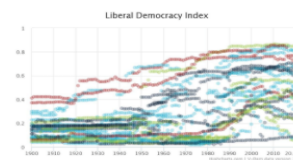
Regional Comparison

This tool displays the development of a V-Dem indicator/index in a region between two selected years.



Thematic Comparison

Displays the development of a thematic category between two selected years.



Scatter Chart

Displays one indicator/index as a scatter plot.



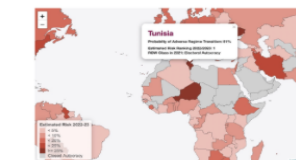
Contingency Tables

By utilizing novel sequencing methods, this tool shows sequencing relationships between indicators in a selected category with a comparison between country vs. region.



Low Hanging Fruit Tool

The tool is based on novel sequencing methods, data analysis and scenario modeling, and can explain which indicators should be developed in order to reach progress in a selected category.



V-Forecast

The Predicting Adverse Regime Transitions (PART) project uses V-Dem data and other sources to estimate the risk of adverse regime transitions during the next two years.



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