Clean Elections
Inclusive Suffrage
Exposure to Life
Public
Security and Protection
Representative Government
Fundamental Rights
Checks on Government
Civil Liberties
Social Rights and Equality
Fundamental Rights
Effective Parliament
Judicial Independence
Absence of Corruption
Predictable Enforcement
Impartial Administration
Participatory Engagement
Civil Society Participation
Electoral Participation
Direct Democracy
Local Democracy

0.00 - 0.399 Low performance
0.40 - 0.70 Mid-range performance
0.701 - 1.00 High performance

The dark line in the chart represents the global average on this indicator

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Representative Government: 0.76
Fundamental Rights: 0.79
Checks on Government: 0.77
Impartial Administration: 0.73
Participatory Engagement:

Clean Elections: 0.78
Inclusive Suffrage: 0.90
Free Political Parties: 0.82
Elected Government: 1.00
Access to Justice: 0.80
Civil Liberties: 0.87
Social Rights and Equality: 0.62
Effective Parliament: 0.71
Judicial Independence: 0.80
Absence of Corruption: 0.78
Predictable Enforcement: 0.69
Civil Society Participation: 0.71
Electoral Participation: 0.84
Direct Democracy: 0.47
Local Democracy: 0.00

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United States

Trends over time

- Representative Government
- Fundamental Rights
- Checks on Government
- Impartial Administration
- Civil Society Participation
- Electoral Participation
- Direct Democracy
- Local Democracy
The Global State of Democracy (GSoD) indices depict democratic trends at the country, regional and global levels across a broad range of different attributes of democracy in the period 1975–2018. The indices produce data for 158 countries across the globe. The indices consist of attribute and subattribute scores per country per year for the period 1975–2018. All scoring runs from 0 to 1, with 0 representing the lowest achievement in the whole sample and 1 the highest. The data underlying the indices is based on 97 indicators developed by various scholars and organizations.

Democracy is conceptualized as popular control over public decision-making and decision-makers, and equality of respect and voice between citizens in the exercise of that control. These principles have been translated into 5 main democracy attributes that cover 16 subattributes in total.

- **Attribute 1: Representative Government**
  Subattributes: Clean Elections, Inclusive Suffrage, Free Political Parties and Elected Government
- **Attribute 2: Fundamental Rights**
  Subattributes: Access to Justice, Civil Liberties and Social Rights and Equality
- **Attribute 3: Checks on Government**
  Subattributes: Effective Parliament, Judicial Independence and Media Integrity
- **Attribute 4: Impartial Administration**
  Subattributes: Absence of Corruption and Predictable Enforcement
- **Attribute 5: Participatory Engagement** *
  Subattributes: Civil Society Participation, Electoral Participation, Direct Democracy and Local Democracy

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*Only scores at the subattribute level available for Attribute 5.

Note: The GSoD indices charts show the country's scores in 2018 and trends over time across the attributes and subattributes. The shaded areas are confidence intervals (margins of error), which reflect the statistically likely range for the country–year index scores based on the employed indicators.