

History repeats itself

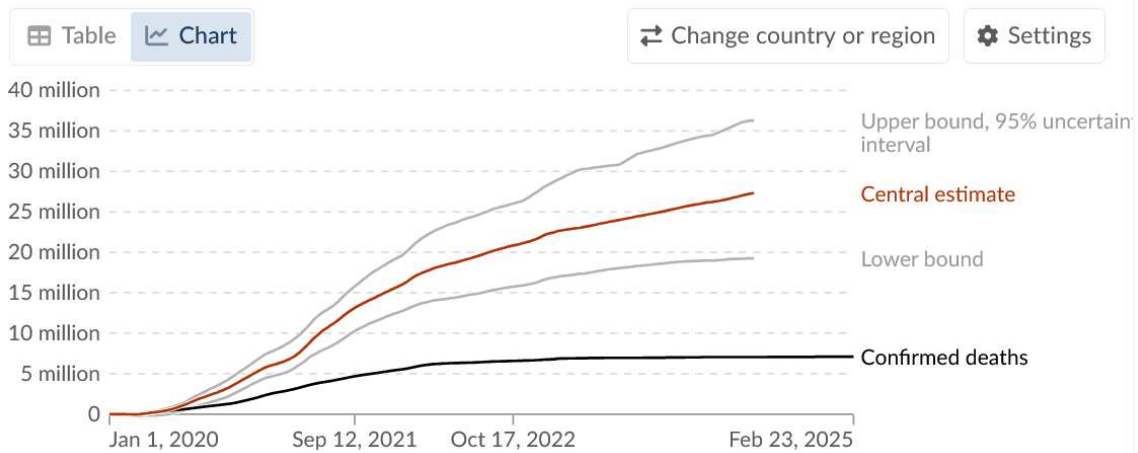
XIX-XX centuries	XX-XXI centuries
Globalization without global governance 1880s-1914	Geopolitical conflict – Cold War
Geopolitical conflict – First World War	Globalization without global governance 1989-2008
Pandemic – Spanish flu 1919	Financial crash 2008
Financial crash 1929	Severe economic contraction – Great Recession
Severe economic contraction – Great Depression	Pandemic 2020 – covid 19
Rise of authoritarianism & totalitarianism Democracy recedes	Rise of authoritarianism & totalitarianism Democracy recedes
Geopolitical megaconflict – Second World War	Ukraine, Gaza, Trump...

GUESS WHAT

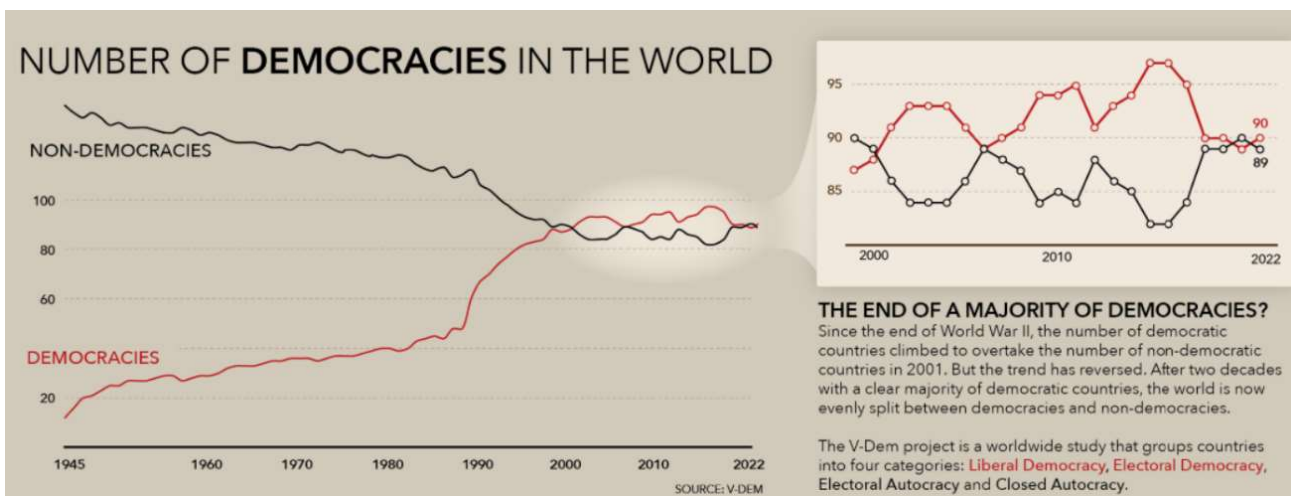
Estimated cumulative excess deaths during COVID-19, World

For countries that have not reported all-cause mortality data for a given week, an estimate is shown, with uncertainty interval. If reported data is available, that value only is shown. For comparison, cumulative confirmed COVID-19 deaths are shown.

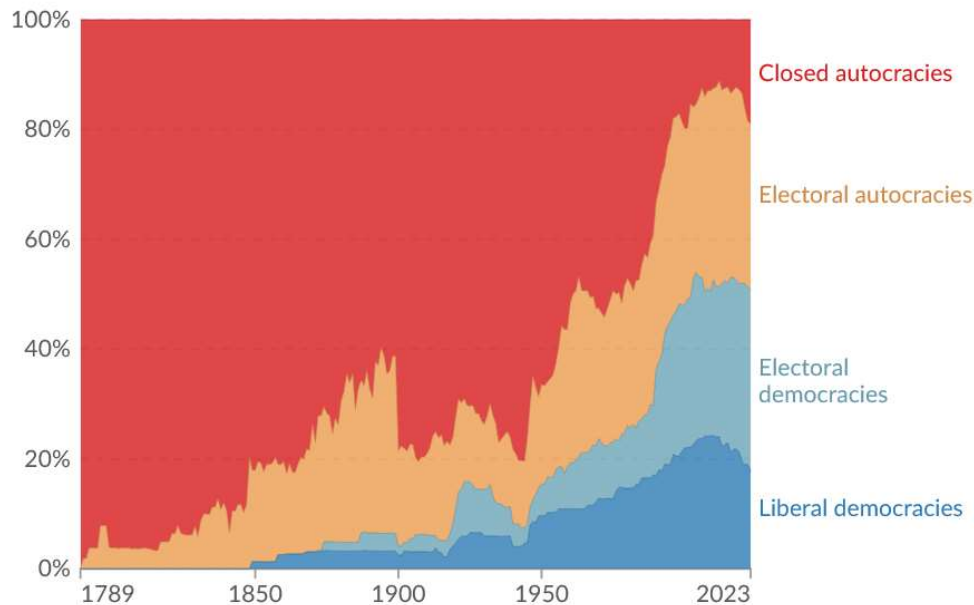
Our World in Data



<https://ourworldindata.org/grapher/excess-deaths-cumulative-economist-single-entity?>



<https://www.visualcapitalist.com/cp/number-democracies-globally/>



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Closer than ever: It is now 89 seconds to midnight

2025 Doomsday Clock Statement

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<https://thebulletin.org/doomsday-clock/2025-statement/>

“The Doomsday Clock is a design that warns the public about how close we are to destroying our world with dangerous technologies of our own making. It is a metaphor, a reminder of the perils we must address if we are to survive on the planet.”

“In 2024, humanity edged ever closer to catastrophe. Trends that have deeply concerned the Science and Security Board continued, and despite unmistakable signs of danger, national leaders and their societies have failed to do what is needed to change course. Consequently, we now move the Doomsday Clock from 90 seconds to 89 seconds to midnight—the closest it has ever been to catastrophe. Our fervent hope is that leaders will recognize the world’s existential predicament and take bold action to reduce the threats posed by nuclear weapons, climate change, and the potential misuse of biological science and a variety of emerging technologies.

In setting the Clock one second closer to midnight, we send a stark signal: Because the world is already perilously close to the precipice, a move of even a single second should be taken as an indication of extreme danger and an unmistakable warning that every second of delay in reversing course increases the probability of global disaster.”