**Research Question**

Do competitive authoritarian governments constitutions use different language than democratic governments constitutions?

Competitive authoritarian governments: Turkey, China, Russia, Egypt, Venezuela

Democratic governments: US, France, Germany, Australia, Japan

**Research Approach:**

ID 10 constitutions to investigate

5 competitive authoritarian, 5 democratic

For every case, pull the constitution: [Constitutions - Constitute (constituteproject.org)](https://constituteproject.org/constitutions?lang=en&status=in_force&status=is_draft)

Each document will be one constitution, translated to English

Clean the corpus of images, other problematic elements

ID the features we want to extract or highlight

Investigate if the features is a good predictor of regime type

Logistic regression?

**Research Design:**

Look at the features and NLP elements as predictors of whether countries will become democracy or competitive authoritarian governments.

We could undertake a logistic regression to predict a 1 (democratic) or 0 (comp. authoritarian) outcome of a litigation case.

Try to identify which NLP elements are the best predictors of regime type

**Corpus:**

10 documents that each refer to a constitution.

Competitive authoritarian: Turkey, China, Russia, Egypt, Venezuela

Democratic: US, France, Germany, Australia, Japan

**Corpus Cleaning:**

Remove problematic elements

**Features**:

Look at frequency of 1,2,3 word pairs

Length of documents

Number of articles/amendments?

Sentiment analysis? (similarity of gov setup?)

**Unit of analysis:**

Micro level: Sentence

Macro Level: Comparison of words/vectors in the two different gov types

Is there a substantively significant difference