



Adapted from Monty G. Marshall, Keith Jaggers, and Ted Robert Gurr. "Political Regime Characteristics and Transitions, 1800–2010," Polity IV Project.

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Over the course of the passage, the main focus shifts from

- A) a discussion of the increase in democracies and political openness to an analysis of the causes of the increase.
- B) a claim that electoral democracies have become less politically open to a discussion of the effects of the decreased openness.
- C) an explanation of one set of data about a trend toward political openness to an explanation of a conflicting set of data.
- D) a positive portrayal of democracy to a strong denunciation of autocracy.

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As used in line 20, “put” most nearly means

- A) imposed.
- B) placed.
- C) incited.
- D) stated.

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As used in line 31, “held out” most nearly means

- A) resisted.
- B) awaited.
- C) avoided.
- D) offered.

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Which choice best supports the claim that increased political openness is a widespread, global trend?

- A) Line 23 (“What . . . transformation”)
- B) Lines 26-27 (“Poor . . . standing”)
- C) Lines 41-42 (“In today’s . . . exploded”)
- D) Lines 56-59 (“According . . . all”)

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The passage characterizes the state of political openness in autocratic regimes as unexpected in that

- A) instead of becoming more oppressive, autocracies are becoming more democratic.
- B) data indicate that the regimes are becoming less democratic, while opinion polls indicate that the public believes regimes are becoming more democratic.
- C) despite the recent, well-publicized trend toward democratization, there have been many local setbacks.
- D) in a reversal of the trend over the last decade, political openness in autocracies is on the decline.

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Which choice provides the best evidence for the answer to the previous question?

- A) Lines 18-22 (“Compare . . . decades”)
- B) Lines 46-50 (“Larry . . . shifted”)
- C) Lines 59-63 (“With far . . . true”)
- D) Lines 73-77 (“The sharpest . . . well”)

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Which of the following is cited in the passage as an indicator of political openness?

- A) A strong head of state
- B) Freedom of the press
- C) Confidence in the military
- D) Presence of a digital culture

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According to the graph, the number of autocracies in 1975 was less than the number of

- A) democracies in 1950.
- B) democracies in 1995.
- C) autocracies in 2011.
- D) democracies in 2011.

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According to the graph, the number of democracies was roughly equal to the number of autocracies in which of the following ranges?

- A) 1975–1980
- B) 1985–1990
- C) 1995–2000
- D) 2005–2010