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Q2(a)

The world currently has been in the throes of a twin process of 'democratic backsliding' and 'democratic backlash'. How would you explain this paradox?

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2025 · PSIR GS 2 · 20 marks · Comparative Politics

Comparative Politics: Nature and major approaches; political economy and political sociology perspectives; limitations of the comparative method.

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Levitsky and Ziblatt

How Democracies Die: elected leaders subvert norms and referees rather than cancelling elections overnight.

V-Dem

Tracks liberal-democratic indices; the 2010s-2020s show a global wave of autocratisation with important exceptions.

Poland 2023

A civic-opposition coalition defeated Law and Justice at the ballot, a textbook backlash after years of judicial capture attempts.

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