

Parliamentary Intelligence-Security Forum

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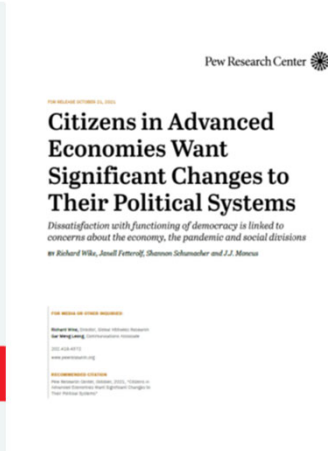
Make Democracy Great Again



February 16, 2022
Bertelsmann
Transformation Index BTI
2022
An Alarm Signal for
Democracy



February 10, 2022
Economist Intelligence
Unit's Democracy Index
2021
The China Challenge
The World Is Sliding
Toward Authoritarianism



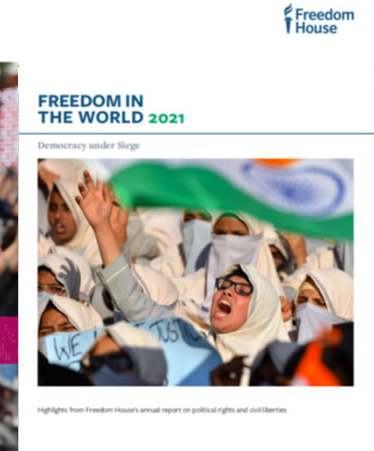
October 21, 2021
Pew Research Center.
Citizens in Advanced
Economies Want
Significant Changes to
Their Political Systems



November 10, 2021
IDEA The Global State
Of Democracy 2021
The US has seen a
Concerning Democratic
Decline



March 15, 2021
V-Dem Democracy
Report 2021
Autocratization
Turns Viral



February 24, 2021
Freedom House
Freedom In The World
2021
Democracy under Siege

Recent publications from renowned research institutions from the UK, US, Sweden and Germany come up with the same result:

Democracy and its values are in free fall.

The health of democracies is in decline worldwide. Unstopped, democracies will be a thing of the past very soon.

North Atlantic Treaty



Our common base:

Preamble of the North Atlantic Treaty from 1949:

The Parties to this Treaty reaffirm their faith in the purposes and principles of the **Charter of the United Nations** and their desire to live in peace with all peoples and all governments.

They are determined to safeguard the freedom, common heritage and civilisation of their peoples, **founded on the principles of democracy, individual liberty and the rule of law.**

Turning the Tide - Unlearning Helplessness



Will Western Sanctions on Russia Work?



Putin And Xi Would No Longer Laugh At Us



UN Vote To Condem Russia's Invasion Of Ukraine

Voting Started		02-Mar-22		11:55:14	
Item 5 - Draft resolution A/ES-11/L.1					
Aggression against Ukraine					
+ AFGHANISTAN	+ CAMEROON	+ FINLAND	+ KUWAIT	+ NEPAL	+ SAUDI ARABIA
+ ALBANIA	+ CANADA	+ FRANCE	X KYRGYZSTAN	+ NETHERLANDS	X SENEGAL
X ALGERIA	X CENTRAL AFR REP....	+ GABON	X LAO PDR	+ NEW ZEALAND	+ SERBIA
+ ANDORRA	+ CHAD	+ GAMBIA	+ LATVIA	X NICARAGUA	+ SEYCHELLES
X ANGOLA	+ CHILE	+ GEORGIA	+ LEBANON	+ NIGER	+ SIERRA LEONE
+ ANTIGUA-BARBUDA	X CHINA	+ GERMANY	+ LESOTHO	+ NIGERIA	+ SINGAPORE
+ ARGENTINA	+ COLOMBIA	+ GHANA	+ LIBERIA	+ NORTH MACEDONIA	+ SLOVAKIA
X ARMENIA	+ COMOROS	+ GREECE	+ LIBYA	+ NORWAY	+ SLOVENIA
+ AUSTRALIA	X CONGO	+ GRENADA	+ LIECHTENSTEIN	+ OMAN	+ SOLOMON ISLANDS
+ AUSTRIA	+ COSTA RICA	+ GUATEMALA	+ LITHUANIA	X PAKISTAN	+ SOMALIA
+ AZERBAIJAN	+ COTE D'IVOIRE	GUINEA	+ LUXEMBOURG	+ PALAU	X SOUTH AFRICA
+ BAHAMAS	+ CROATIA	GUINEA-BISSAU	X MADAGASCAR	+ PANAMA	X SOUTH SUDAN
+ BAHRAIN	X CUBA	+ GUYANA	+ MALAWI	+ PAPUA NEW GUINEA	+ SPAIN
X BANGLADESH	+ CYPRUS	+ HAITI	+ MALAYSIA	+ PARAGUAY	X SRI LANKA
+ BARBADOS	+ CZECH REPUBLIC	+ HONDURAS	+ MALDIVES	+ PERU	X SUDAN
- BELARUS	- DEM PR OF KOREA	+ HUNGARY	X MALI	+ PHILIPPINES	+ SURINAME
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+ BELIZE	+ DENMARK	X INDIA	+ MARSHALL ISLANDS	+ PORTUGAL	+ SWITZERLAND
+ BENIN	+ DJIBOUTI	+ INDONESIA	+ MAURITANIA	+ QATAR	- SYRIAN ARAB REP...
+ BHUTAN	+ DOMINICA	X IRAN (ISLAMIC REP...	+ MAURITIUS	+ REP OF KOREA	X TAJIKISTAN
X BOLIVIA	+ DOMINICAN REP...	X IRAQ	+ MEXICO	+ REP OF MOLDOVA	+ THAILAND
+ BOSNIA-HERZEGOVI...	+ ECUADOR	+ IRELAND	+ MICRONESIA (FS)	+ ROMANIA	+ TIMOR-LESTE
+ BOTSWANA	+ EGYPT	+ ISRAEL	+ MONACO	- RUSSIAN FED...	TOGO
+ BRAZIL	X EL SALVADOR	+ ITALY	X MONGOLIA	+ RWANDA	+ TONGA
+ BRUNEI DARUSSAL...	X EQUATORIAL GUINEA	+ JAMAICA	+ MONTENEGRO	+ SAINT KITTS-NEVIS	+ TRINIDAD-TOBAGO
+ BULGARIA	- ERITREA	+ JAPAN	MOROCCO	+ SAINT LUCIA	+ TUNISIA
BURKINA FASO	+ ESTONIA	+ JORDAN	X MOZAMBIQUE	+ SAINT VINCENT-GR...	+ TURKEY
X BURUNDI	ESWATINI	X KAZAKHSTAN	+ MYANMAR	+ SAMOA	TURKMENISTAN
+ CABO VERDE	ETHIOPIA	+ KENYA	X NAMIBIA	+ SAN MARINO	+ TUVALU
+ CAMBODIA	+ FIJI	+ KIRIBATI	+ NAURU	+ SAO TOME-PRINCIPE	X UGANDA
+ IN FAVOUR:141	- AGAINST:5	X ABSTENTION:35			

Guatemala



State Department March 2022:

- Guatemala remains a key transit route for narcotics to the United States and cash returning to South America, creating challenges for the government in combating corruption, money laundering, and financial crimes related to narcotics trafficking.
- Constitutional Court experienced tumultuous changes in 2021 that raise international concern about the state of democratic institutions and the rule of law in Guatemala.
- Guatemala continues to struggle to enforce its AML/CFT and asset forfeiture laws.

US Congress May 2021

- U.S. accuses senior officials and politicians in El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras of corruption

GFI October 2021:

- There is the sense that AML/CFT requirements are “very strict for normal people, but very flexible for powerful people,” according to a former investigator.
- This not only undermines legitimate AML/CFT and anti-corruption efforts, but creates barriers to inclusion for the 91 percent of the population living in poverty.

Welcome To The Club



The United States is the best place to hide and launder ill-gotten gains (Treasury Dec. 2021)

The UK is the global money-laundering capital. Its anti-money laundering measures need a complete reset (Chatham House Dec. 2021)

The EU has a fragmented approach to preventing and countering money laundering and terrorist financing (ECA June 2021)

The FATF Has Turned Into A Burden



1. The FATF is failing to deliver on its mission to fight money laundering and the financing of terror;
2. FATF's 40 recommendations are used by autocracies to target critics by passing legislation that allegedly are necessary to meet the FATF standards.

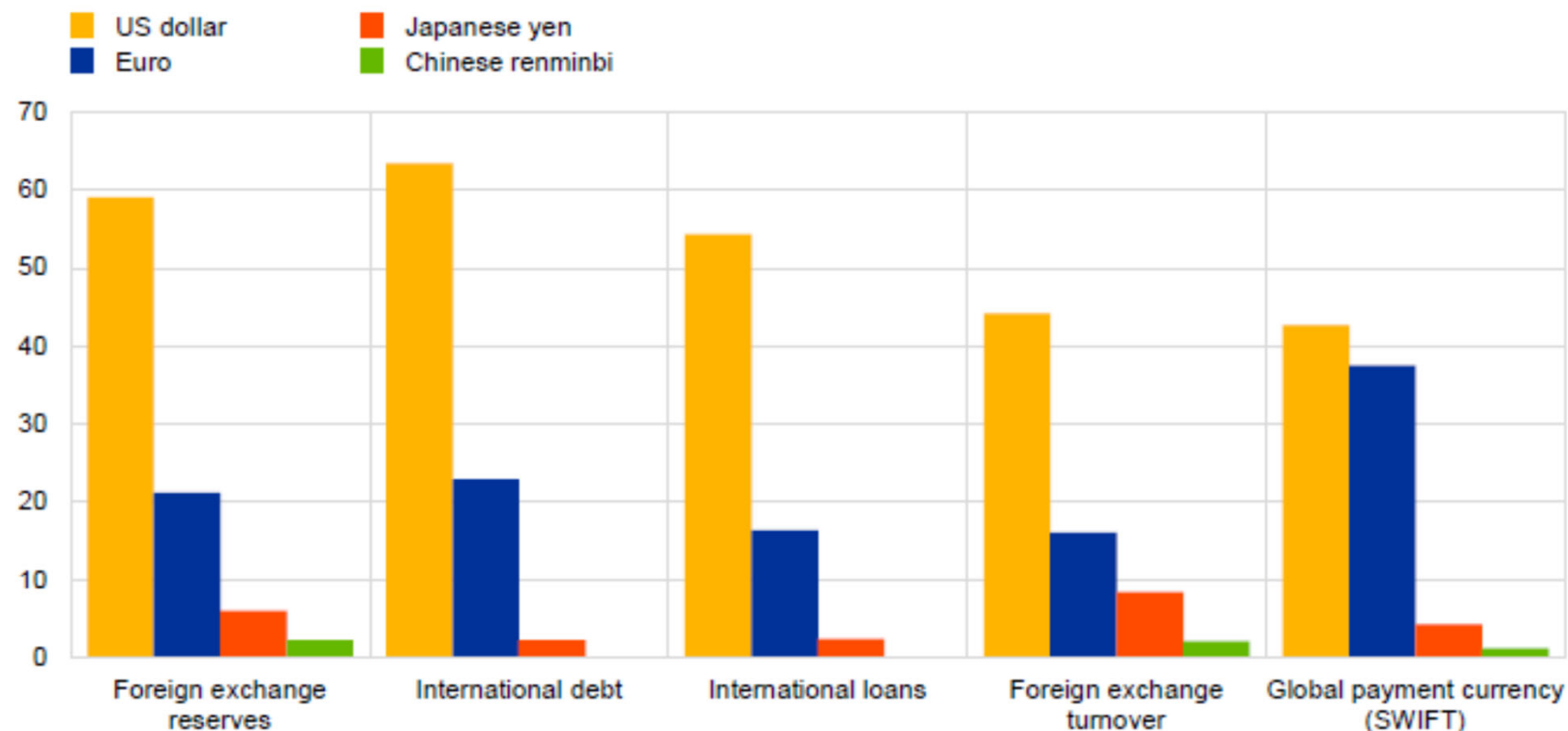
US Dollar And Euro Still Dominate - Time Is running out



01.06.2021 ECB: The international role of the euro

Snapshot of the international monetary system

(percentages)



Sources: BIS, IMF, SWIFT and ECB calculations.

Notes: The latest data for FX reserves, international debt and loans are for the fourth quarter of 2020. Foreign exchange turnover data as of April 2019. SWIFT data as of December 2020.

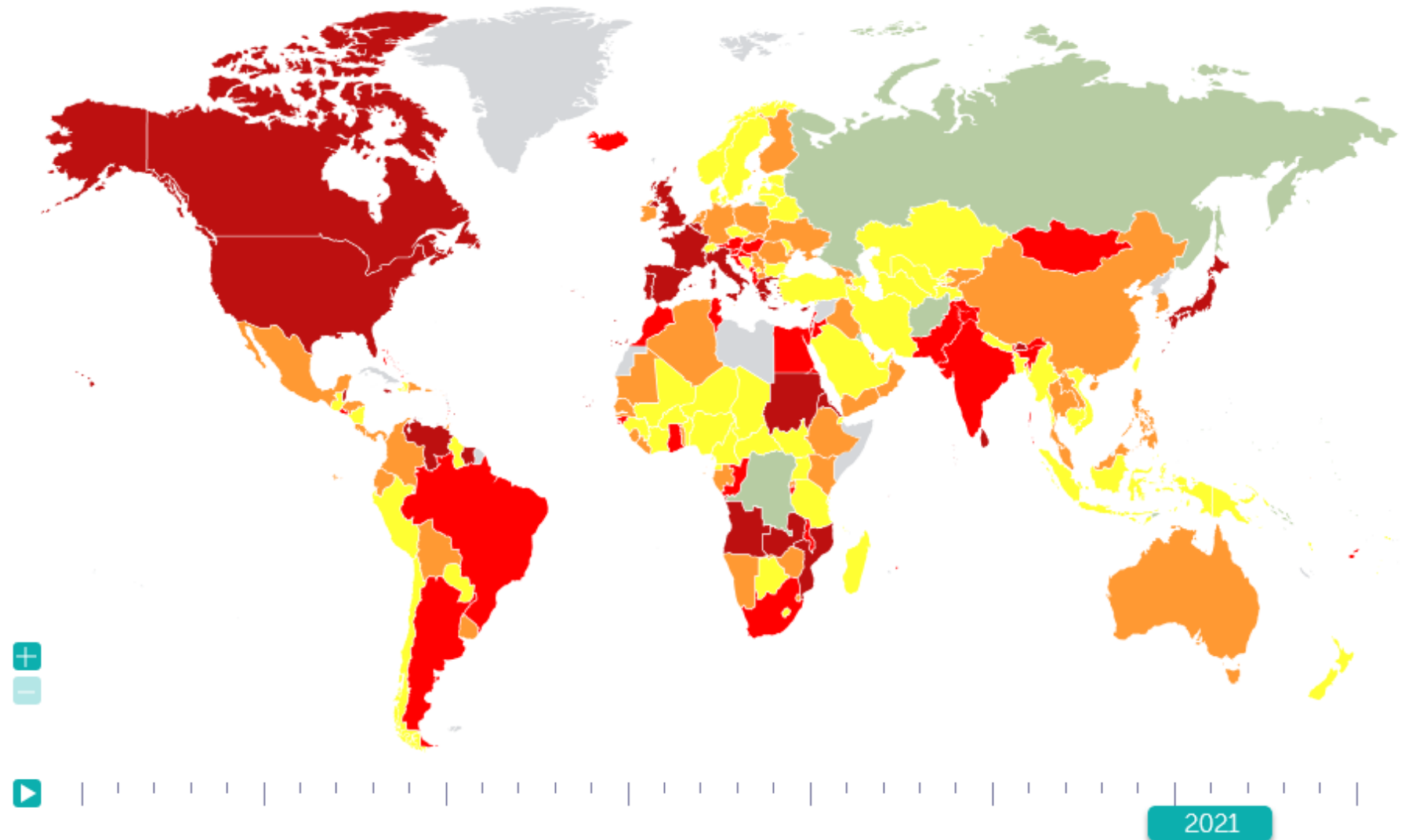
IMF - Gross debt position to GDP

Major Limiting Factor for Democracies

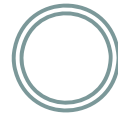
MAP (2021)



● 100% or more ● 75% - 100% ● 50% - 75% ● 25% - 50% ● Less than 25% ● not in FM sample



Thank you for your attention



Any Questions ?

