

# WHAT'S WRONG WITH DEMOCRACY?

The Challenges and Promise of Democracy  
in the Middle East, South Asia, and the US



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Modern democracy was conceived as an experiment in governance and takes many forms around the globe. In South Asia, the Middle East, and the US, democratic institutions face unprecedented challenges including the rise of populism, the influence of social media, and extreme political posturing. In light of 1) US efforts to encourage and strengthen democracy abroad that have been intermittent and tempered by realpolitik, and 2) the aspirations of many citizens from these areas for greater political participation, what might these national political entities learn from one another?

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