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# The United States Democracy: The Eighth Wonder of the World? A Historic Overview of Its Triumphs and Challenges to Its Existence

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These sad ruins are all that remains of the once magnificent Temple of Artemis – one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient Word.



While democracy has never been an ideal form of government, it has undoubtedly been the best humanity has ever created. In modern times, the American Liberal Democracy has been the beacon of Freedom and Justice, Religious Tolerance and Inclusion, the standard of governance to strive for and emulate, the value to cherish above all other.

When Ronald Reagan declared that government was a problem, not a solution, he undermined citizens' trust in government that has never been fully restored ever since. The polarizing discourse of the last presidential elections and the first weeks of the new Administration, however, revealed a more alarming trend. It is the democratic order itself, the very foundation of the U.S. democracy, that is under the President and his cabinet's attack: by insisting on pervasive and wide-spread voter fraud without providing any substantiating evidence, by disparaging the Judicial branch, by putting the executive powers above the "checks and balances" purview of the other two equal and independent branches of government, by discrediting and witch-hunting the free media and thus effectively infringing on the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

Is the moral fiber of the American society resistant enough not to succumb to the bleak vision of America painted by Donald Trump, from which "the land of the free" emerges as the place of neglect and carnage, torn apart by gangs and crime and drowning in drugs and blood of the "bowling green massacres"? Are the Founding Fathers' provisions strong enough to repel the antidemocratic, authoritarian, and even totalitarian rhetoric of the new president, or is the American democracy doomed to become the extinct Eighth Wonder of the World having succumbed to the alternative-facts reality of the new White House?

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