

We the People

insure domestic Tranquillity, provide for the common defence
and our **A LAWYER'S DUTY** in this Constitution

IN A DEMOCRACY UNDER
ATTACK

By Michael Curry

1



Key Attributes of Democracy:

1. Regular free and fair elections that provide accountability and enable the peaceful transfer of power between competing factions;
2. The rule of law – the idea that societal and governmental decisions are made according to well-established rules that apply to everyone, regardless of their status or position, and administered impartially by the courts;
3. The protection of core individual rights such as the freedom of speech and association, the right to vote, and freedom of the press, which enable full participation in society and advance other democratic ideals.

3

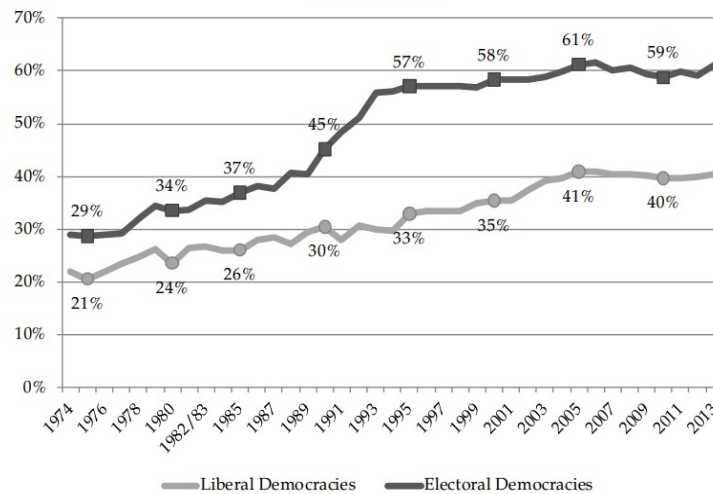
3



4



FIGURE 1—THE GROWTH OF DEMOCRACIES IN THE WORLD, 1974–2013



Diamond, Larry. Facing Up to the Democratic Recession, Journal of Democracy, Volume 26, Number 1, 141 Jan. 2015

Find the full text of this and thousands of other resources from leading experts in dozens of legal practice areas in the [UT Law CLE eLibrary \(utcle.org/elibrary\)](https://utcle.org/elibrary)

Title search: A Lawyer's Duty in a Democracy Under Attack

Also available as part of the eCourse

[Hooked on CLE: June 2023](#)

First appeared as part of the conference materials for the
2023 First Friday Ethics (April 2023) session

"A Lawyer's Duty in a Democracy Under Attack"