## America On the Brink

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## **Under Dictatorships**

- **The government** is led by a strongman ruler or a small group with unlimited authority.
- **All government officials** must be completely loyal to the leader(s). Project 2025 calls for replacing thousands of career civil servants with loyalists. *This is currently underway.*
- **Elections may take place,** but the results are rigged and controlled by the leader(s) through disinformation and lies. Some people are denied their right to vote. *The infrastructure for this is currently being built.*
- **Free speech**, especially if it opposes the government, is not tolerated. The press is censored or controlled by loyalists. Disapproved books are banned. *This is happening right now.*
- **Violence and the law** are used as political tools. Opponents of the leader(s), including the media, are harassed, targeted for revenge, and often imprisoned or killed. *This is happening right now.*
- **Ethnic, religious, and gender minorities** have fewer rights than favored groups and are often portrayed as threats (poisoning the blood...). Mass detention of minorities is widespread. *Concentration camps are now being built, with more on the way.*
- **The government controls** access to education and economic opportunities and may mandate religious beliefs. *The structure for this is being put in place.*

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Freedom and opportunity.

## Our country is a Democratic Republic.

- **We are governed by laws**, not by any single person or group of people. This is known as the "rule of law." *Under the law, everyone is equal.*
- **All citizens**, except for those convicted of felonies in some states, have the right to vote in free and fair elections and to *participate in the governing processes*.
- **Our Constitution protects our rights**, though work remains to restore and *ensure* some of our freedoms.
- **We have the right to express ourselves** freely through writing, art, music, and theater and even to *speak out against the government or government authority and policies*.
- **The law is not a political tool** used to oppress certain groups, silence free speech, or *seek revenge on political opponents.*
- **We all have equal rights** to education and economic opportunities and are free to worship (or not) as we choose. *Minorities and minority religions are protected.*
- **Within the bounds of the law,** we have the right to choose how and where we live and who we love. *The government doesn't make those decisions for us.*

**Call your Senators and Representatives** at **(202) 224-3121** to demand they **STAND UP** for our **DEMOCRACY**!

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