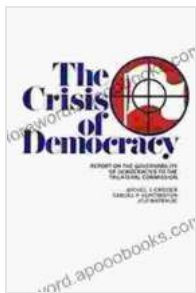


Constitutional Dictatorship: The Crisis of Government in Modern Democracies

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The book begins by defining constitutional dictatorship and distinguishing it from other forms of authoritarianism. It then explores the historical roots of constitutional dictatorship, tracing its origins back to the ancient world. The

authors argue that constitutional dictatorship is not a new phenomenon, but rather a recurring pattern in human history.

The book then examines the different ways in which constitutional dictatorships come to power. These include:

- Electoral manipulation
- Judicial capture
- Media control
- Civil society suppression
- Military intervention

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- Expanding executive power
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- Subverting the judiciary
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- Controlling the media

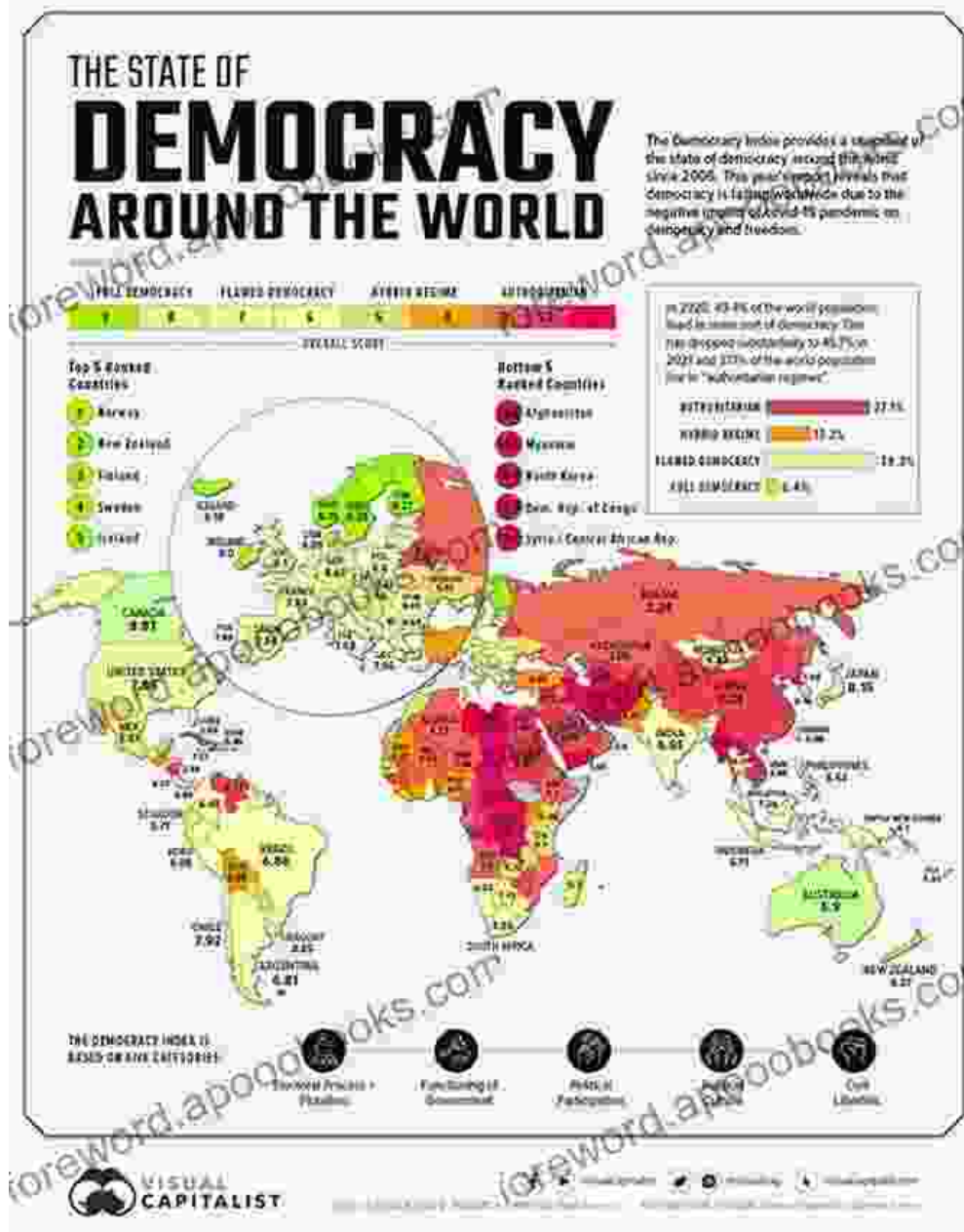
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The book concludes by offering a number of recommendations for how to prevent and combat constitutional dictatorship. These include:

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- Promoting judicial independence
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- Educating citizens about the dangers of constitutional dictatorship

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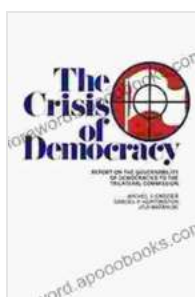


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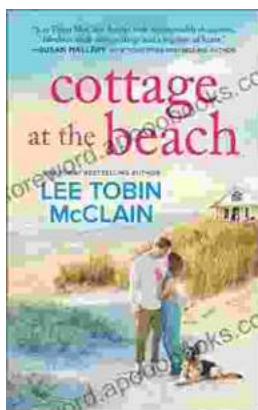
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