

There Is Nothing Wrong With Americans That A Change Of Leadership Would Not Fix



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[Eight in ten](#) Americans think the country is in a political crises. It is being driven, people feel, by a perceived assault on freedom of speech and the fragility of the democracy. Americans were

getting depressed, and no one blames them. If you have a serial criminal who stands proudly unpunished for his crimes, while cancelling everything that is good about the country, of course you will get a little down. At the UN he just gave the world a 'reveal' about what Americans are going through...



But while Trump's motorcade blocked traffic on his way to give his rant at the UN, one gentleman hopped out of his taxi and walked all

the way to the building. He had no security detail, but had no trouble pausing for the occasional photograph.

When he got there, President Macron of France delivered [a speech](#) that resonates with all of us; in part, he said:

“We are not allowed cynicism. We are not allowed defeat. The loss of control is what people are facing. Fear of a future they no longer control. This fear has only one friend... the strongest, who created the conditions.

“We have but one responsibility – to act together.”

I might mention in passing that he was driven by idealism and enthusiasm.

He did not have a teleprompter.

By comparison, Trump spent 45 minutes telling all the delegates that “your countries are going to hell.”



UK author [Oliver Kornetzke](#) summed up the international gag response to Trump's message: "Behold. The festering carcass of American rot shoved into an ill-fitting suit: the sleaze of a conman, the cowardice of a draft dodger, the gluttony of a parasite, the racism of a Klansman, the sexism of a back-alley creep, the ignorance of a bar-stool drunk, and the greed of a hedge-fund ghoul—all spray-painted orange and paraded like a prize hog at a county fair. Not a

president. Not even a man. Just the diseased distillation of everything this country swears it isn't but has always been—arrogance dressed up as exceptionalism, stupidity passed off as common sense, cruelty sold as toughness, greed exalted as ambition...”

There's not much he left out.

No wonder Americans get depressed! The country has hit its lowest-ever ranking in the 2025 World Happiness Index.

But if you lift your head up from Trump and take a look round the world, the situation regarding democracy and freedom is looking up.

In the Philippines, students have launched protest movements against government corruption.

They are following the successful model used recent in Nepal, whose 31-million people are being led by Gen Z protesters towards a new light – animated by the Internet.

The Internet is a weapon of revolution!

The freedom index lists five countries that have increased their freedom over the past year, also driven by online examples.

There were some that slid down, mind you, but they were led by Russia, which is hardly surprising.

When freedom is accompanied by support programs, amazing progress can be made. Over 13 million people in Mexico have been lifted out of poverty in just six years - that's around 10% of the population! This was thanks to expanded welfare programs and a tripling of the minimum wage, with experts calling it a "historic" achievement.

You don't normally hear about this kind of progress, because these countries keep their heads down and look after their own people.

Some places of course are still protesting.

Tbilisi, Georgia is on day 300 in a row of protesting against the fascist government.

People in Madagascar are taking to the streets and marching for their rights.

In the past twelve months, there have been almost 30 significant protests in countries that are not free. 160 protests have erupted against governments.



Click [here](#) for the interactive map that describes the protests.

According to Human Rights Watch:

“In 2025 there was meaningful democratic resilience, as voters proved unwilling to accept populist agendas and held leaders and their parties accountable. In India, Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s hate speech on the campaign

trail did not win him the electoral majority he craved, showing that even in the face of systemic challenges, democracy can still put a check on power.”

The importance of India, of course, is that it is the most populous country in the world. With India on the side of democracy, more than two-thirds of the Earth is now “Free”. And the rest are caving in.

In December, a coalition of opposition armed groups overthrew the deeply repressive government of Bashar al-Assad in Syria, ending over 50 years of Baath Party rule.



Victory celebrations in Damascus.

Repression these days just fuels civic mobilization around the world. In Bangladesh, students protesting corruption, democratic erosion, and restrictive job quotas grew into a national movement that ultimately led its long-term repressive leader, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, to flee the country. Bangladesh has more than 175 million people, so this is a significant development.

In South Korea, President Yoon Suk Yeol declared martial law and within minutes of his announcement, thousands of people marched in protest to the National Assembly, where military special forces tried to block assembly members from voting to lift the martial law decree. The National Assembly overturned martial law a mere six hours later, and 11 days later impeached President Yoon.

The work of preparing people for freedom is ongoing. Sierra Leone and the Dominican Republic joined Luxembourg to champion a new multinational treaty to strengthen the right to education to ensure free schooling at the preprimary and secondary levels for all children.

The fight for rights is driven by ordinary people – the kind we find on American streets.

Australian biographer Michael Wolf recalled that when he was writing his book *Fire and Fury*, he interviewed Sam Nunberg, who had

become close to Trump before they had a falling out. Wolf asked him whether Trump's method was just chaos, or chaos with a method.

Sam explained:



"He knows nothing about anything and seeks to know nothing about anything. He doesn't know,

and he is absolutely firm in his opinions, because he is never challenged by outside information.”

Consider this, American friends:

If your voice had no power, Trump would not be trying to silence you.

A protest against ICE in Burlington MA started spontaneously with two people. Within an hour it had grown to hundreds.

You are aware of the planned protests that have covered the country with millions of engaged citizens.

Those numbers are only going to go UP.

Trump has gotten so clumsy that in the revolt against his shut-down of comedian Jimmy Kimbell, even Ted Cruz took the side of freedom.

Not to mention 400 celebrities who signed the petition in support.

His efforts to shut down health care are leading democratic states to form their own health cooperatives.

The former Republican lieutenant governor of Georgia Geoff Duncan has just announced that he is running for Governor as a Democrat.

Democrat Adelita Grijalva has just won a landslide victory in a Congressional race in Arizona that continues the vote-blue streak of the past months.

Now, more than half of likely Democratic voters prefer socialist-aligned figures like Bernie Sanders, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Zohran Mamdani to establishment politicians like Chuck Schumer, Hakeem Jeffries and Nancy Pelosi. This means that globally-accepted measures like universal healthcare, free education and guaranteed income are just over the horizon.

There are ways to fix things that seem like crushing problems.

After Bill Clinton banned assault weapons in 1994, mass shooting deaths dropped by 43%. After the Republican Congress let the ban expire in 2004, they shot up by 239%.

Despite Trump, the US has set a new record for solar power in July, with generation up 30%.

Even Trump has had to swing around behind Ukraine, admitting that they can likely keep the territory that they have already liberated.

His days are numbered, says political analyst David Rothkopf: "Donald Trump right now has precisely zero wins since he has become president again."

Colombian President Gustavo Petro uses his UN speech to call for a full CRIMINAL investigation into Trump, citing his illegal and murderous military strikes on Venezuelan ships in the Caribbean.

This observation extends to his cabinet of curiosities and all the weird measures they have

been pushing. The government is hiring again, because Elon Musk was (gasp!) Wrong!

Now one of his cabinet (Hegseth) has called on hundreds of U.S. military officials around the globe for a spontaneous meeting at a Marine Corps base in Virginia next week. It could extend to 600 people. This time, he did not send the message on the Signal app to his wife and reporters, so everyone's guessing about what the big emergency can be.

This is the guy who couldn't organize a parade for Trump in Washington.

He has promised to massively slash staffing, including firing about 100 generals and admirals. He evidently wants minimum 20 percent reduction in the number of four-star officers across the military and the National Guard, and a 10 percent reduction to the number of generals and admirals.

So it's not just the American people who are fearful...it's also the people who hold the guns.

This goes to the main point: once the Trump clown-show is over, all the 'normal' problems facing America will look so tame.

Americans will look around, and find that they are in a world where democracy has advanced, economic progress is being made, and the global community is happy to see you back.

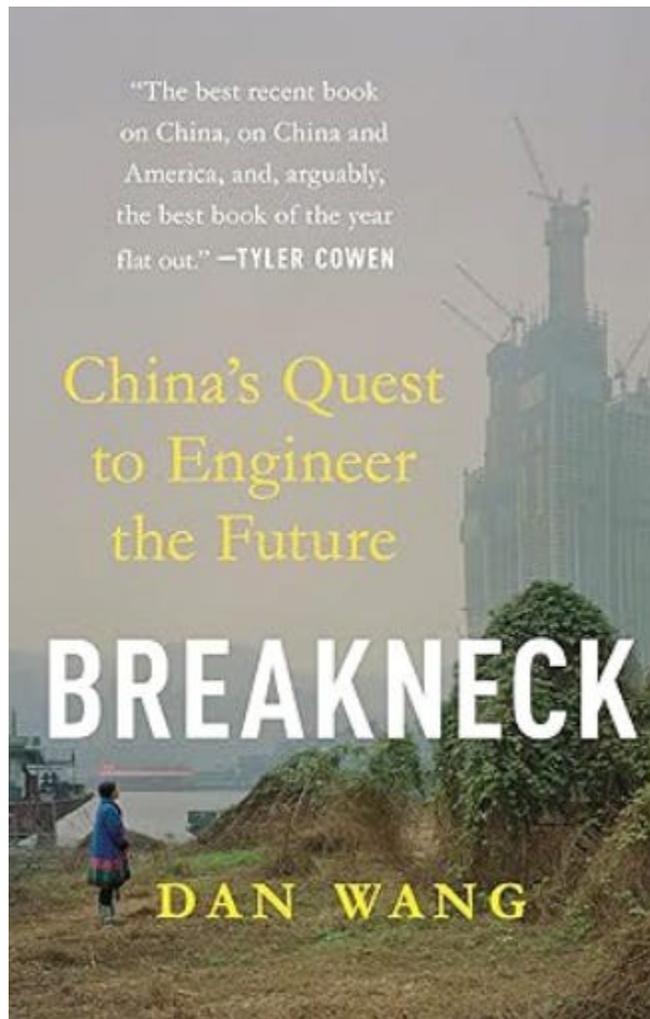
I hope your journey back to Reality is as smooth as possible.

The times we are living in now will sure make for some amazing stories for your grandkids!

In the meantime, take heart and [take to the streets](#)! There's more to do...

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