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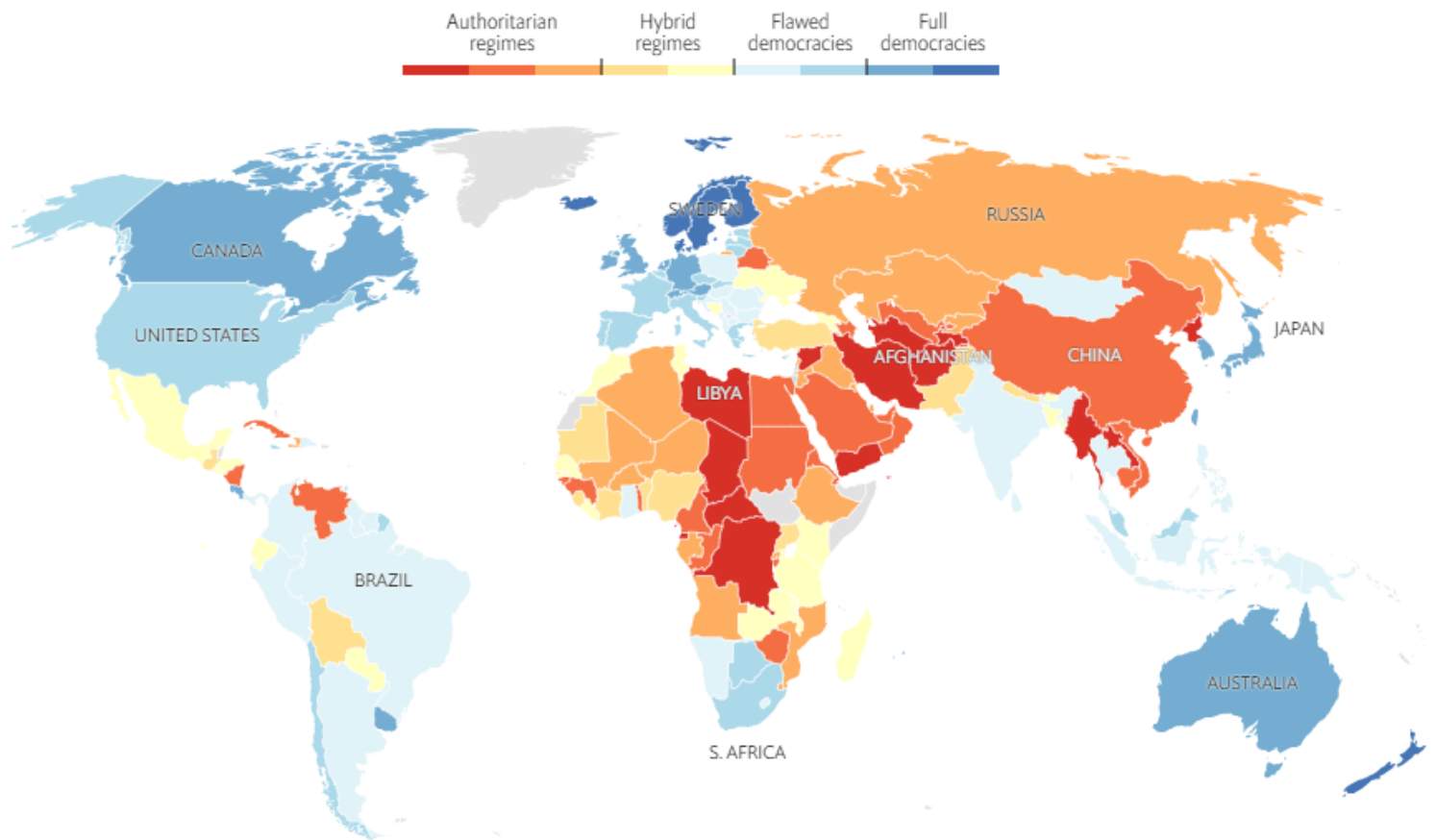
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Recently, Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) released Democracy Index 2021.



[Ref: Economist]

Key Highlights of the survey:

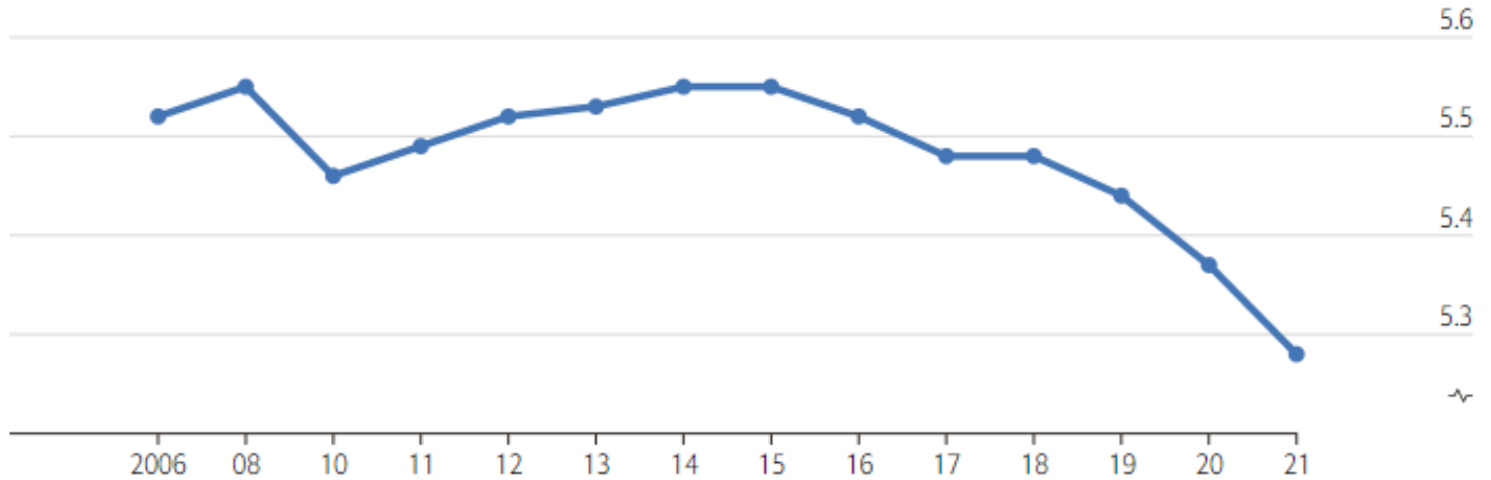
- **Top continents:** North America, Western Europe, Latin America, Asia
- **Top three countries:** Norway, New Zealand and Finland
- **Bottom three:** North Korea, Myanmar and Afghanistan.
- **More than a third** live under **authoritarian rule** while just 6.4% enjoy a full democracy.
 - 53 fell into the “flawed democracies” category.
- The global score fell from **5.37** to a new low of 5.28 out of ten.
 - Pandemic has resulted in an unprecedented withdrawal of civil liberties.
- **Threats to democracy** in 2022:
 - Political upheaval in democratic nations.
 - An authoritarian takeover of democracy
 - China Challenge

India related highlights

- **India** is ranked **46** on the global index with an overall score of 6.91
- It has the **lowest score of 5 on political culture** and the **highest score of 8.67 on electoral process and pluralism**.
- Reason: Persecution of religious and other minorities

Democracy Index, global average

167 countries, 10=most democratic

*[Ref: Economist]***Democracy Index**

- It is an index compiled by the **Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)**.
- It provides a snapshot of the **state of world democracy** for 167 countries.
- It is based on five categories: **electoral process and pluralism, civil liberties, the functioning of government, political participation, and political culture**.
- Each country is then itself classified as one of four types of regimes: **full democracy, flawed democracy, hybrid regime or authoritarian regime**.