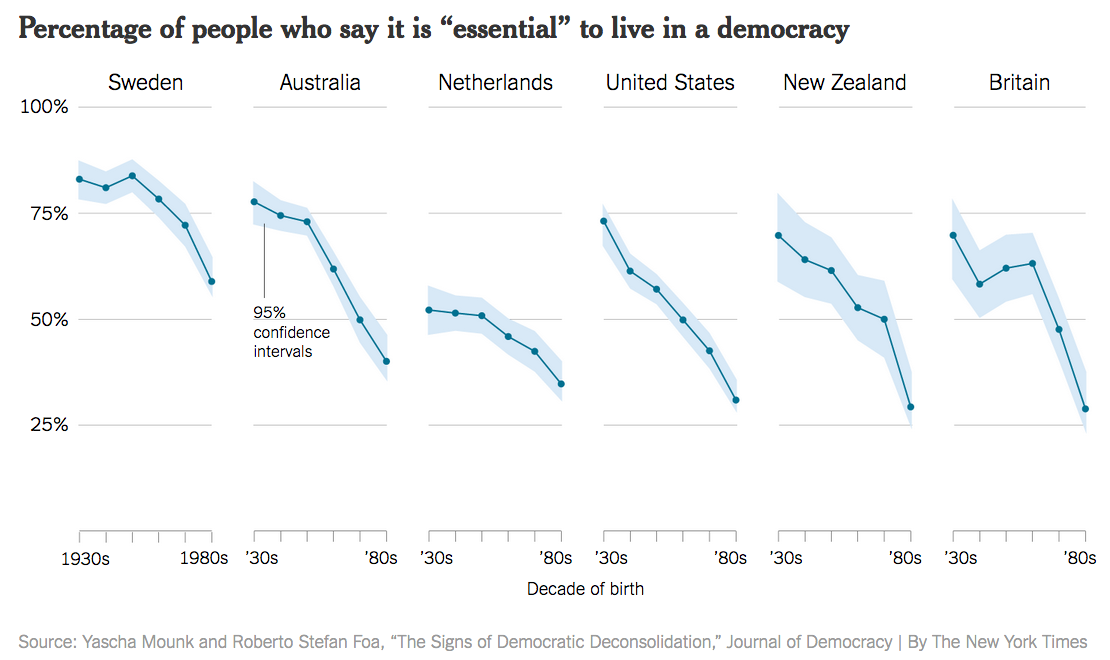
**Since 1930, what do you think has happened to the percent of Americans who say it is “essential” to live in a democracy?**



# How accurate was your prediction?

# What most surprised you about this data?

# Is this good news or bad news?

# What is the big trend you see in this data?

# What are two causes of this trend?

# What are two consequences of this trend?

# Explain whether you believe that it is "essential" to live in a democracy?

# How does the U.S. compare to the other countries in this chart?

# Based on the trends in this data, how much longer do you think democracy will last in the U.S.?

# What questions do you have about this information?

# Explain how this data connects to this year's presidential elections?

# Learning Extension

# Read the entire [scary article](http://www.nytimes.com/2016/11/29/world/americas/western-liberal-democracy.html?smprod=nytcore-ipad&smid=nytcore-ipad-share&_r=0" \t "_blank) about the de-democratization of the world.

# Action Extension

# Create a poll on [facebook](https://apps.facebook.com/my-polls/?ref=aw&gclid=CjwKEAiAvZTCBRDvnoOaoa2j3xISJABxPjN9bBH2D4RXC08EYEkdZuS8onqQ7HpV_aobBEfJk8YRzxoCmsvw_wcB" \t "_blank), [Twitter](https://support.twitter.com/articles/20174524" \t "_blank), or [Poll Everywhere](https://www.polleverywhere.com/" \t "_blank) to survey ten of your friends about the following question: Do you believe that it is "essential" to live in a democracy? Share the results online and in class.