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Less democratic, less successful The nexus between authoritarian trends and deteriorating governance performance

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The past years were marked by pronounced political regression globally. Part of the authoritarian, often populist, challenge was its narrative that democratic governance was elitist in design and unfair in outcome, and that it was impaired by partisan squabbles preventing effective policymaking. Comprehensively measuring governance performance, social inclusion and economic development, the Transformation Index BTI is able to check whether autocratic and populist-authoritarian regimes can live up to their claim of being more just and more efficient than democratic governments. It can trace over time what effects regime changes or democracy erosion have on the quality of governance and which governance qualities are particularly affected.



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