

HOW & WHY

THE 5 MINUTE GUIDE TO

OUTLAWING POLITICAL DECEPTION



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We developed a unique legal solution to counter political deception *and* its threat to democracy.



A silhouette of a person standing with arms outstretched in a dark room with spotlights. The person is centered, and their arms are spread wide. The background is dark with several bright, out-of-focus light sources, creating a dramatic, high-contrast scene. The overall mood is one of presentation or revelation.

In 5 minutes you will know ;

- 1. Why lies are a threat to democracy**
- 2. How the legal solution works.**
- 3. Why democracies should follow Wales.**
- 4. How with your support, they will.**





WHY are lies a threat to democracy?



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There are the obvious reasons
we shouldn't lie....

*"I'm not upset that you lied to me,
I'm upset that from now on I can't believe you."*





But the connection between lies and their threat to democracy

isn't always obvious



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The “hidden” threat is “Autocracy”

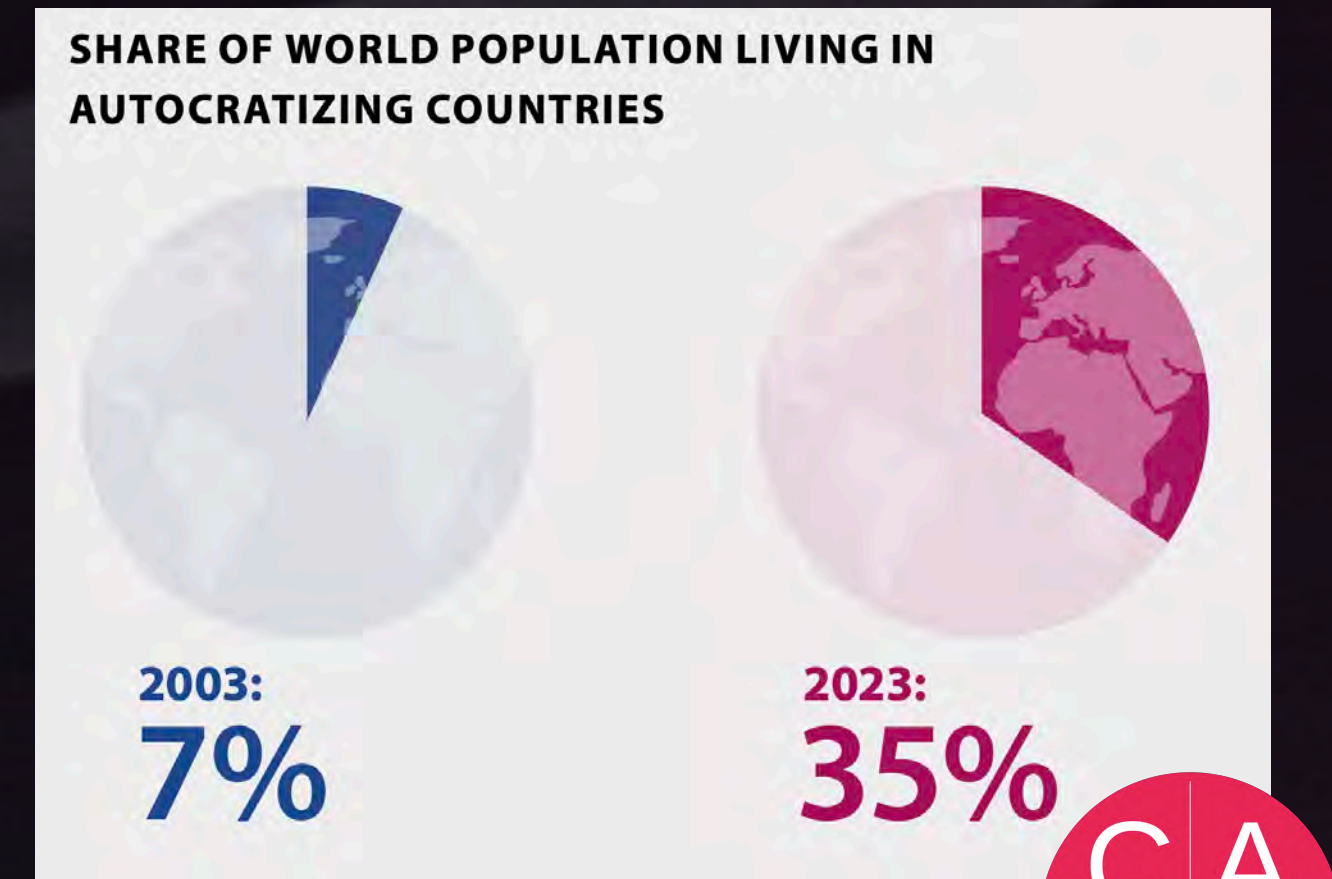
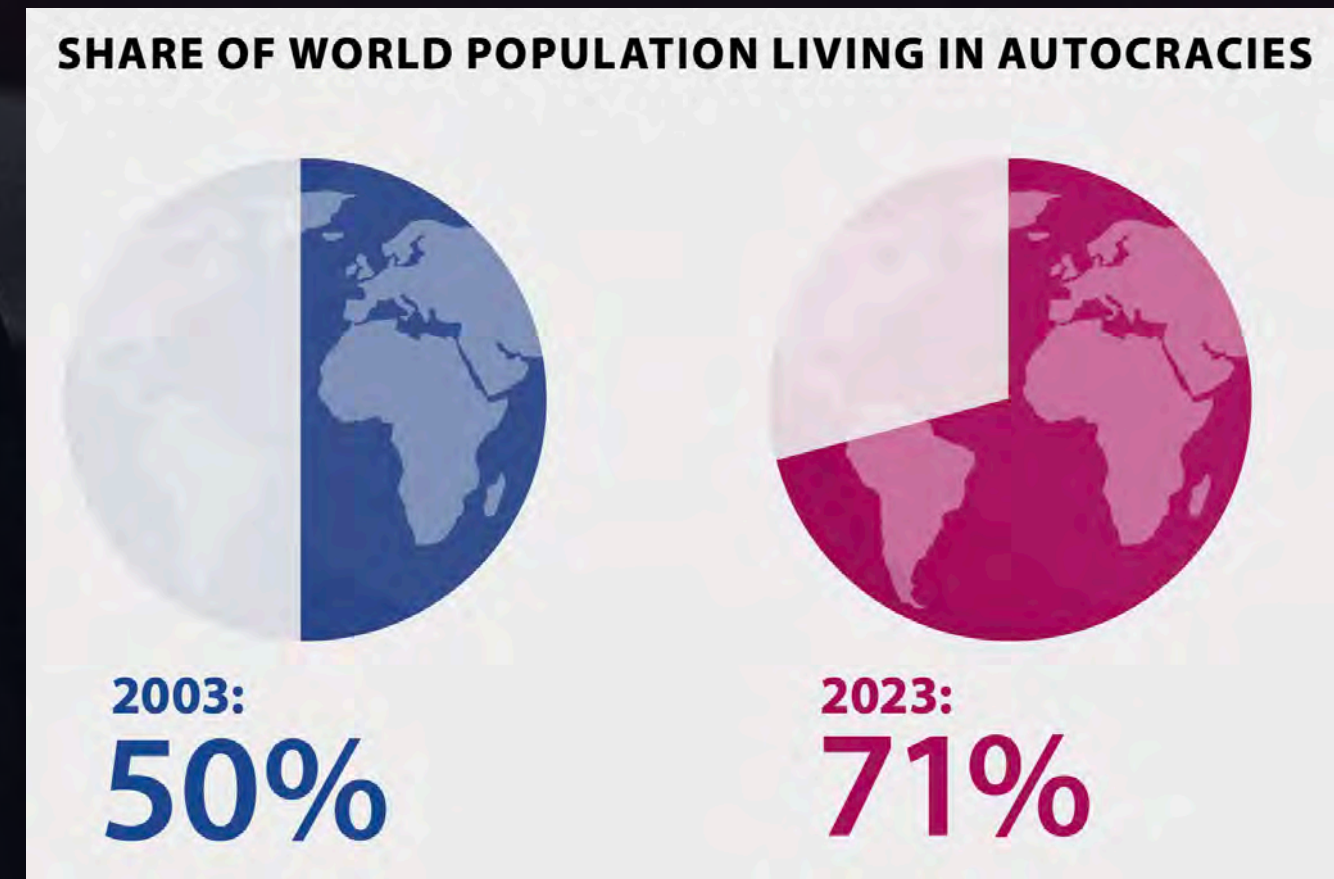
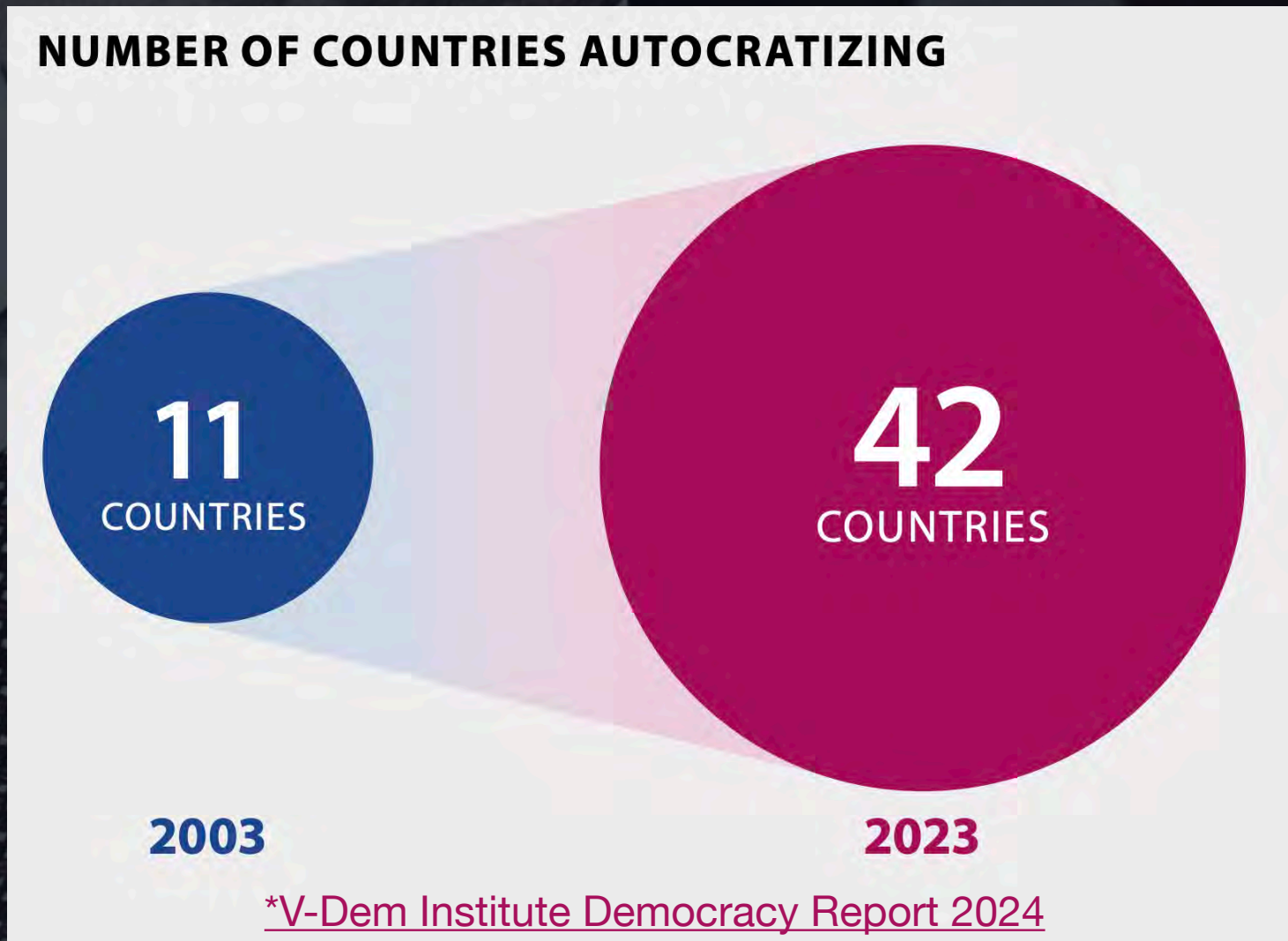
Autocracy *noun* : government by a single person or small group that has unlimited power or authority
Cambridge English Dictionary



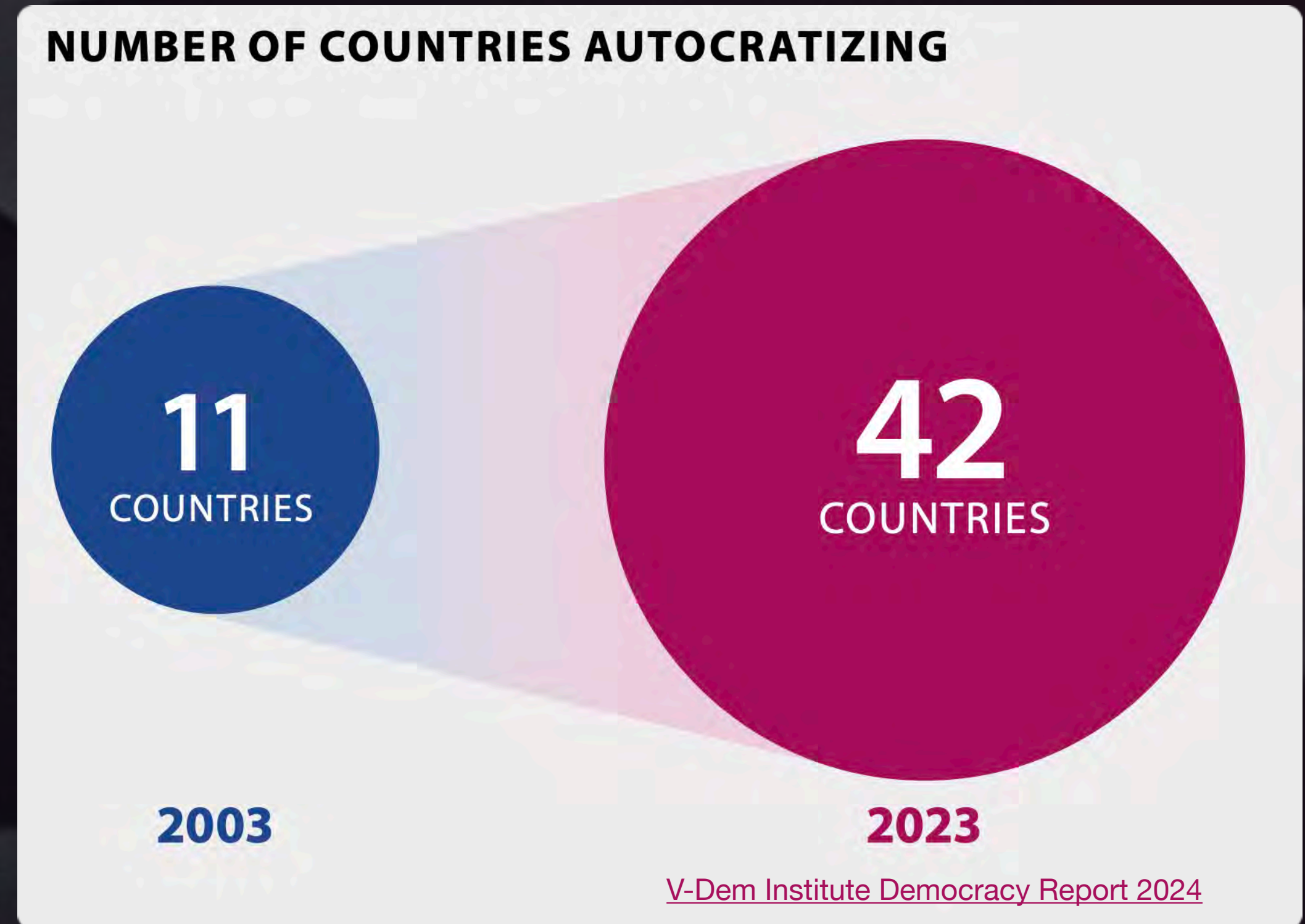
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the rise of autocrats and decline of democracy is well recorded*



Democracies struggle to counter “autocratization”



because

Autocrats change democracies into autocracies using the freedoms democracies insist on



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freedom of speech gives autocrats their main
weapon of choice...



LIES



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But their purpose is
NOT to convince you their lies are the truth.

Autocrats lie to erode public trust



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Step 1

- a. **Make demonstrably untrue statement of “fact”.**
- b. **Opponents, media, public officials/servants dispute it.**
- c. **Double down and accuse “establishment” of lying.**
- d. **REPEAT**

**Autocrats want to be called liars and is why they double down.
This ensures the question “who’s lying?” is unresolved.**



Step 2

Without agreement on the facts, voters distrust politicians, politics and the establishment. They either disengage or have little choice but to vote on personality and promises.

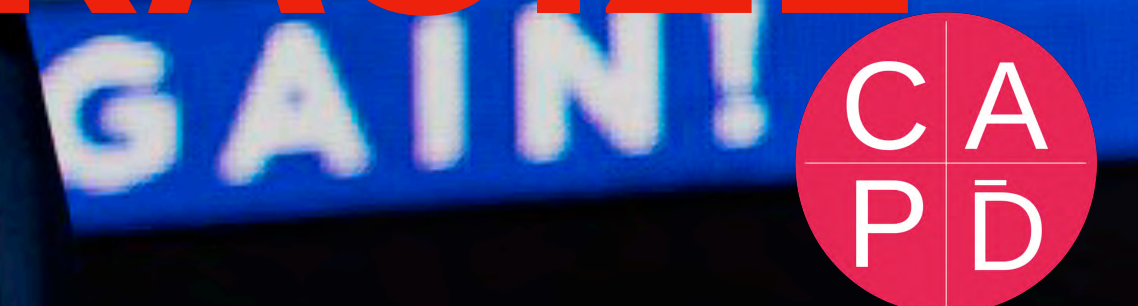
If the autocrat wins the election...

Step 3

...They can now claim a mandate to replace the judges, journalists and public servants they accused of dishonesty.

THAT'S HOW YOU "AUTOCRACIZE"

MAKE AMERICA



RECAP

Step 1 : Insist “establishment” opponents are dishonest

Step 2 : Win election

Step 3 : Replace establishment

A REUTERS SPECIAL REPORT
**Trump blasts his trial judges.
Then his fans call for violence.**

couranto
This judge must be arrested the minute Trump is inaugurated.

DJT_MFers1
Yep, I hope Trump has that judge hanged for Treason.

SixSixSix14
Punishment for treason is death

SPEDMan64
Needs to be strangled with piano wire before he makes it to the hangman.

Live_free_or_die_55
Gallows!!! For Traitors !!!

Daveyclimber
Judge needs a hatchet to the face.

A_Colostomy_Bag
And his whore daughter!

Allister 19 points 10 hours ago
Fuck sanctions, disbar them all!
permalink award deport block reply

TheOne1 25 points 10 hours ago
Fuck disbarment, hang them all
permalink parent award deport block reply

Framus 14 points 10 hours ago
Fuck hanging, dismember them all!
permalink parent award deport block reply

you_know_GOAT 8 points 9 hours ago
you are all Frens. I can't wait for real Justice.
permalink parent award deport block reply

Criticallythinking 7 points 9 hours ago
Fuck dismembering. Woodchip them all.

<https://patriots.win/>

...and democracies don't inspire public trust...

Especially when politicians choose courts to regulate deception for everyone **but** themselves.

...**OUTRAGEOUS!!!** The public won't trust politicians judging **THEMSELVES ??**



Defamation Act 2013
CHAPTER 26



Misrepresentation Act 1967

1967 CHAPTER 7

Damages for misrepresentation.

(1) Where a person has entered into a contract after a misrepresentation has been made to him by another party thereto and as a result thereof he has suffered damage, if the person making the misrepresentation would be liable to damages in respect thereof had the misrepresentation been made fraudulently, that person shall be liable notwithstanding that the misrepresentation was not made fraudulently if he proves that he had reasonable ground to believe and did believe up to the time the contract was made the facts represented were true.

(2) Where a person has entered into a contract after a misrepresentation has been made to him otherwise than fraudulently, and he would be entitled, by reason of the misrepresentation, to rescind the contract, then, if it is claimed, in any proceedings in relation to the contract, that the contract ought to be or has been rescinded, the court or arbitrator may declare the contract subsisting and award damages in lieu of rescission, if of opinion that it would be just to do so.



Fraud Act 2006
2006 CHAPTER 35

An Act to make provision for, and in connection with, criminal law relating to obtaining services dishonestly.

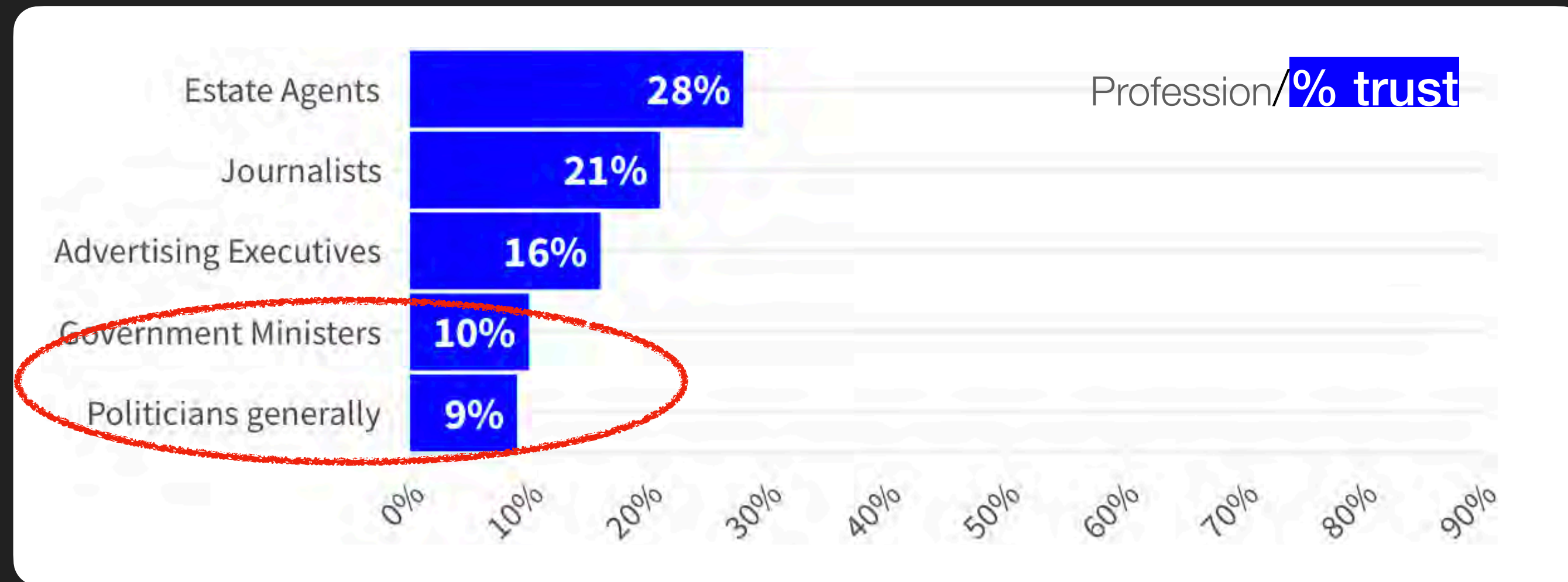
BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Fraud

1 Fraud

- (1) A person is guilty of fraud if he is in breach of any of the subsections (2) (which provide for different ways of committing fraud).
- (2) The sections are—
 - (a) section 2 (fraud by false representation),
 - (b) section 3 (fraud by failing to disclose information),
 - (c) section 4 (fraud by abuse of position).
- (3) A person who is guilty of fraud is liable—
 - (a) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or to a fine (or to both),
 - (b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 10 years or to a fine (or to both).

THIS HAS LED TO A CRISIS IN PUBLIC TRUST



“Trust in politicians has fallen below previous lowest score”

Mike Clemence, co-author IPSOS UK Veracity index Dec 2023

<https://www.ipsos.com/en-uk/ipsos-trust-in-professions-veracity-index-2023>



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HOW?

to counter the threat



**CAPD'S legislation uses an elegantly
SIMPLE LEGAL MECHANISM**

*“14 days to clarify, correct or retract a challenged
statement of fact ...or defend it in court”*

**TO ENSURE POLITICIANS
[& CANDIDATES]
ARE HELD ACCOUNTABLE
AND ACT HONOURABLY TO
REBUILD PUBLIC TRUST**



CAPD's legal solution has now set a precedent

On July 2nd 2024
the government
of Wales
committed to
outlawing
political
deception





The Guardian
News provider of the year

Members of the Senedd described it as a historic moment that would combat the “existential threat” that lying in politics poses to democracy.

The Labour-led Welsh government has committed to introduce “globally pioneering” legislation that would in effect make lying in politics there illegal.



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TIMELINE in WALES

- 
- July 2024 ● Commitment
 - Sept 2024 ● Legislative process begins (Committee stages etc.)
 - Mar 2025 ● 1st reading & Vote
 - Mar 2026 ● Final reading & Vote
 - April 2026 ● Legislation goes live



AND NOW WHAT ?

CAPD's immediate objectives are ;

- 1. Ensure the Welsh legislation is delivered.**
for 2026, as promised by the Welsh government.
- 2. Convince democracies to follow Wales.**
We're working as far afield as Brazil & Australia
- 3. Create international grass-roots momentum**
Public support has a massive impact on politicians



WHAT CAN I DO?

- Ask friends, family & colleagues to:
- Sign the open letter to politicians
- Share on social media
- Download & display posters

Visible grass-roots support combined with CAPD's direct lobbying of politicians was the key to success in Wales.





Meet the LEADERSHIP TEAM

Adam Price MS
Legislative lead



Born into a Welsh mining family Adam has served as a Member of Parliament, Member of the Senedd and party leader (Plaid Cymru - the first out gay man to lead a UK political party). As a Fulbright scholar he studied at Harvard - becoming a fellow of the Centre for International Development at the John F. Kennedy School of Government.

An accomplished speaker and communicator, Adam contributes regular to The Guardian, The Sunday Times, Channel Four and Hay Literature Festival on a wide variety of issues. As a campaigner Adam first pursued honesty and transparency in politics as an MP when he uncovered the Mittal Affair in 2002 where the Steel magnate Lakshmi Mittal, a major Labour Party donor, lobbied Tony Blair to help purchase Romania's steel industry.

Jennifer Nadel
Campaign lead
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A qualified barrister, author, award-winning journalist and broadcaster (BBC and ITV from around the world), Jennifer is regularly appearing in the media or invited to speak at organisations including ; Google, Apple, Bloomberg, AOL Build, JP Morgan, the Oxford Union, and other leading universities. American born, she's currently based in London.

Jennifer is a pioneer in the emerging field of compassionate politics. In the USA she's the Director of Compassionate Politics at Stanford University's Centre for Center for Compassion and Altruism Research and Education (CCARE) and , in the UK she co-founded Compassion in Politics, the cross-party UK-based think tank which initiated the 'stop the lies' campaign and works for democratic reform and social justice. In 2022 she helped establish the Global Compassion Coalition which has a reach of millions. Her Sunday Times Bestseller, WE: A Manifesto for Women Everywhere was co-authored with Gillian Anderson.

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Sam Fowles is a barrister, author, and columnist. Sam has argued many of the most significant cases of recent years, including Miller v The Prime Minister (in which the Supreme Court overturned the unlawful prorogation of Parliament), Hamilton v Post Office (exposing the Horizon scandal), and the Clapham Common Inquiry (concerning protests following the murder of Sarah Everard).

He serves as Director of the Institute for Constitutional and Democratic Research and Counsel to the APPG on Democracy and the constitution. Sam's book, "Overruled: Confronting Our Vanishing Democracy in 8 Cases" ("unflinching and brilliant" - TLS) was a Times "best of" 2022 and an Amazon bestseller.

Sam is a contributor to the Guardian and a columnist for City AM and Perspective Magazine. He regularly appears in national and international broadcast media, including Sky News, Good Morning Britain, Radio 4, BBC Business, and Times Radio.



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