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2nd July 2024

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Welcome to the Campaign Against Political Deception





Summary

CAPD is an association of lawyers, legislators and campaigners with a unique legal solution to counter political deception and its threat to democracy.

On 2nd July 2024, phase one of the global campaign was completed by convincing our first government to outlaw political deception;

“We will bring forward legislation before 2026 for the disqualification of members and candidates found guilty of deliberate deception through an independent judicial process”

Mick Antoniw MS
Counsel General for Wales
Minister for Constitution

Having set a precedent in Wales we're now applying the successful formula to the rest of the UK and democracies around the world.



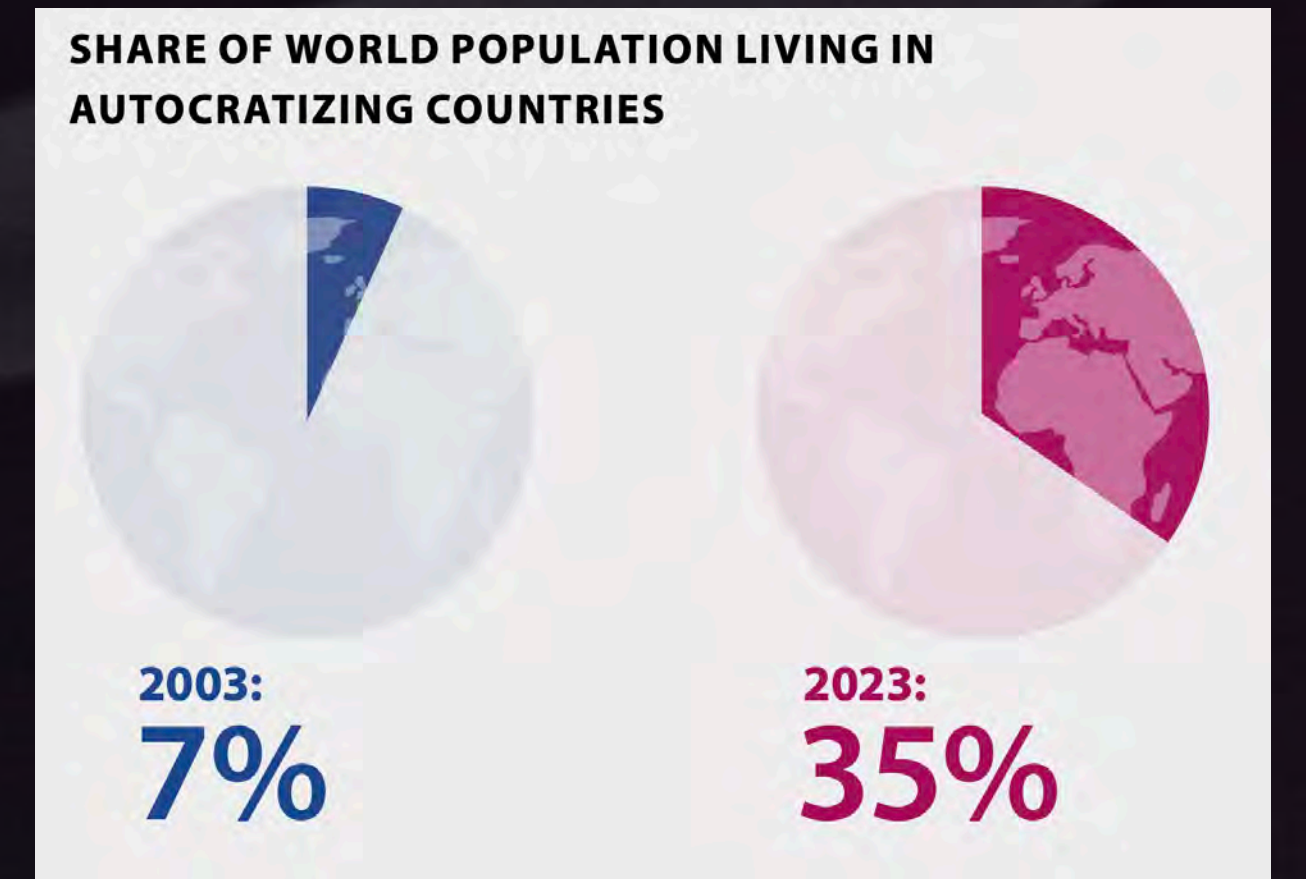
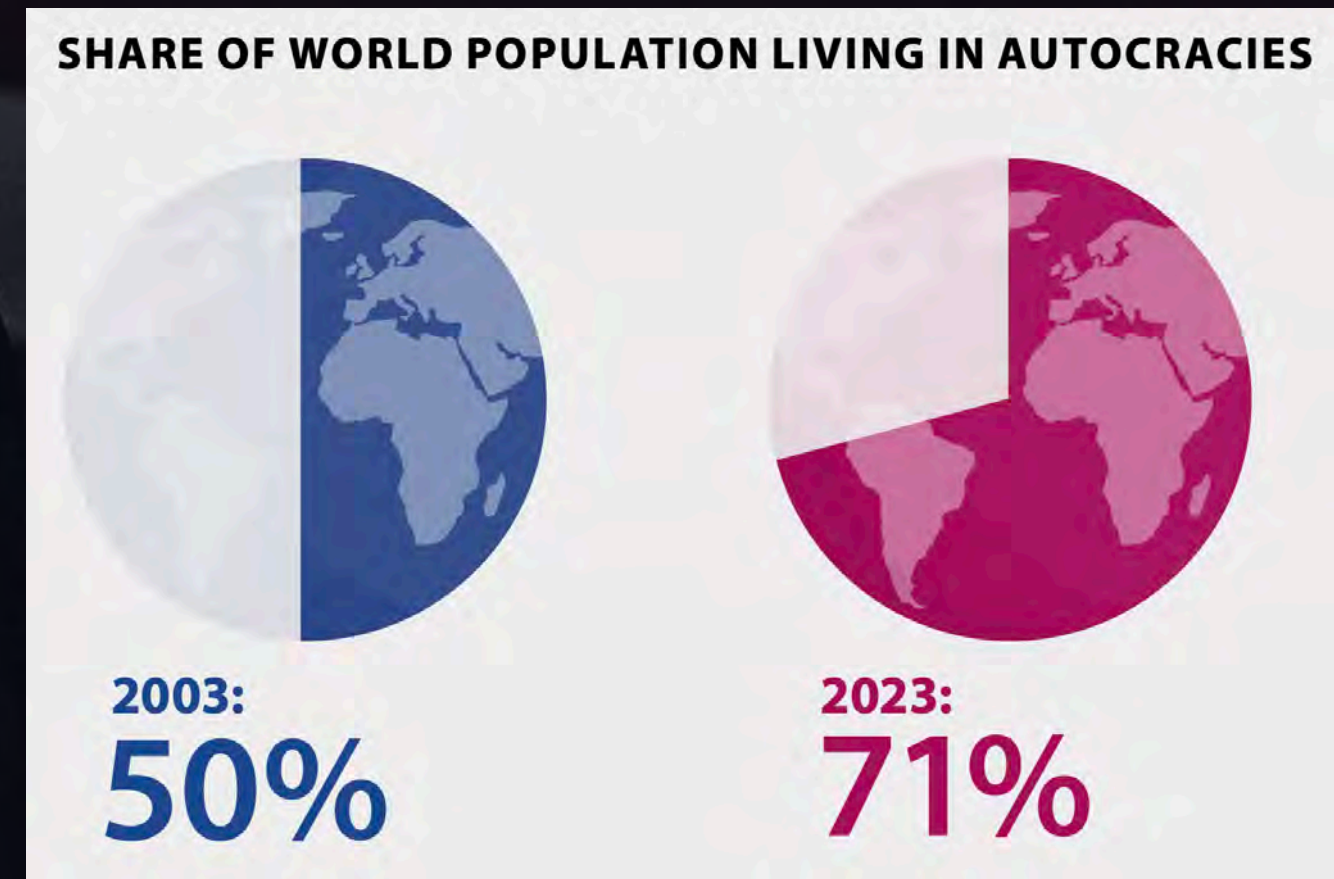
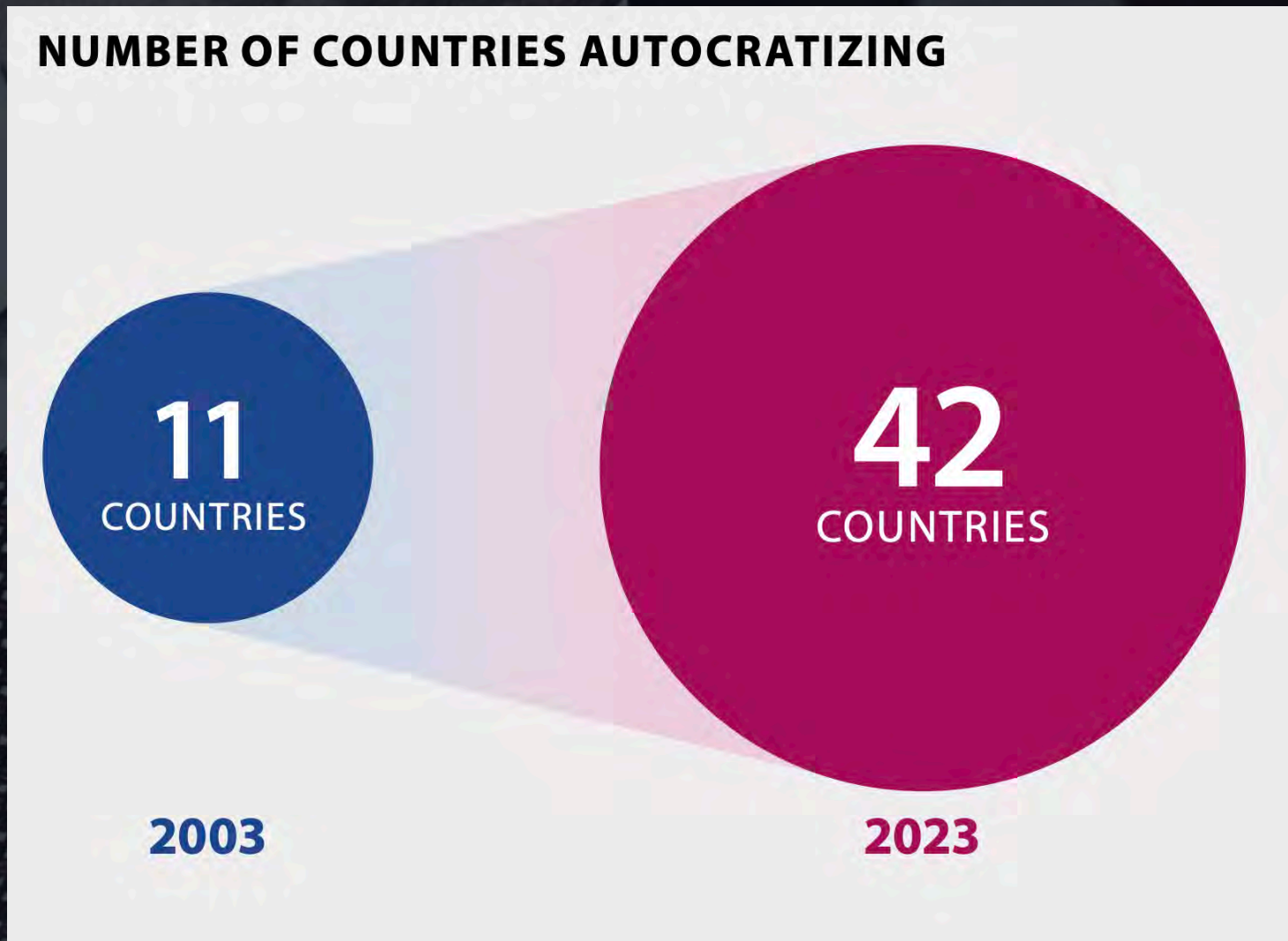
BACKGROUND

Autocrat *noun* : a ruler with unlimited power, or someone who demands that people completely obey them

Cambridge English Dictionary

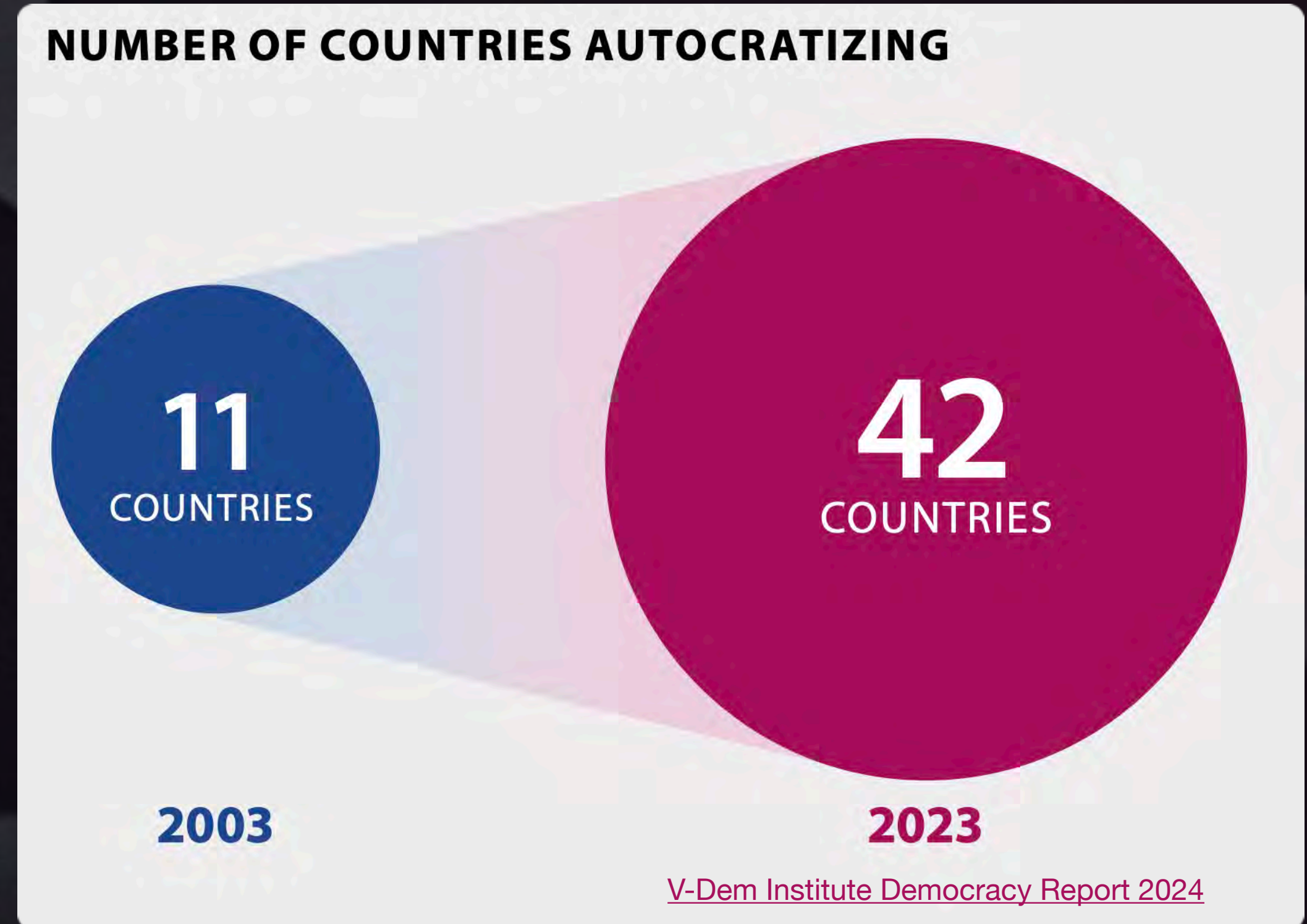


the rise of **autocrats** and decline of democracy is well recorded*



*V-Dem Institute Democracy Report 2024

Democracies struggle to counter “autocratization”



because

**Autocrats change democracies into autocracies
using the freedoms democracies insist on**

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



But their purpose is NOT to convince you
they're telling the truth...

...Autocrats lie to erode public trust

Here's how "autocratization" works:

Step 1 : Insist "establishment" is dishonest

Step 2 : Win election

Step 3 : Replace establishment

**Trump blasts his trial judges.
Then his fans call for violence.**

A REUTERS SPECIAL REPORT

The screenshot shows a forum thread with several posts. The main post is from 'couranto' and says: 'This judge must be arrested the minute Trump is inaugurated.' Below it are several replies with violent and threatening language:

- 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_br_di_55: 'Gallows!!! For Traitors !!!'
- Daveyclimber: 'Judge needs a hatchet to the face.'
- A_Colostomy_Bag: 'And his whore daughter!'

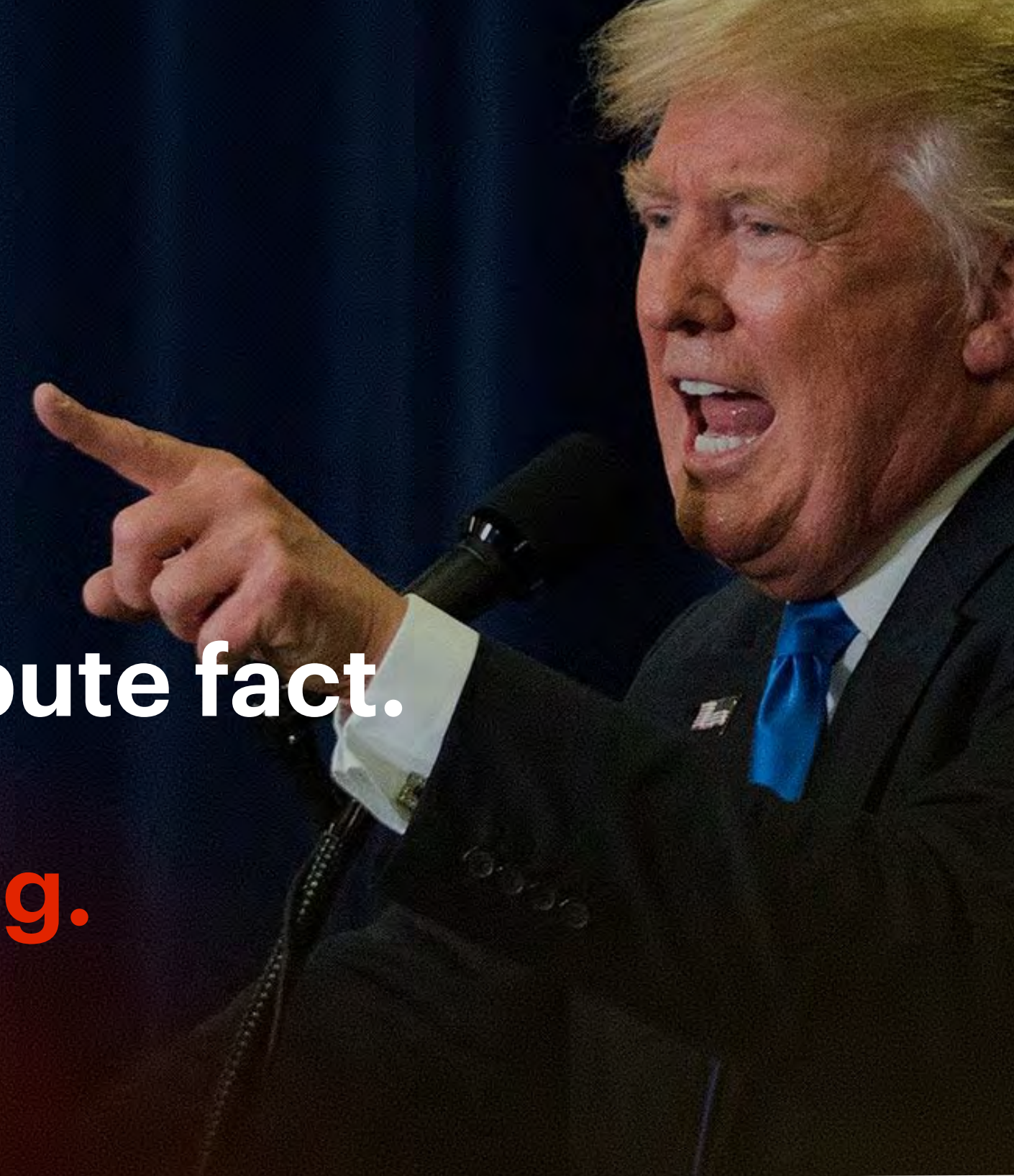
On the right side of the screenshot, there are three more posts:

- Allister: 'Fuck sanctions, disbar them all!'
- TheOne1: 'Fuck disbarment, hang them all'
- Framus: 'Fuck hanging, dismember them all!'
- you_know_GOAT: 'you are all Frens. I can't wait for real Justice.'
- Criticallythinking: 'Fuck dismembering. Woodchip them all.'

At the bottom right of the screenshot, there is a URL: <https://patriots.win/>

Step 1

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



**Autocrats want to be called liars.
That's why Autocrats *double down* on lies,
*even when proven untrue.***

**This ensures the question of “who’s the liar” and
disputes over simple facts stay unresolved.**

Step 2

Without agreement on the facts, voters distrust politics and the establishment. They either disengage or vote 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

GAIN!

... 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 !!??



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 authority 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 subsection (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 6 months or a fine (or both);
(b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 10 years or a fine (or both).

(4) Subsection (3)(a) applies in relation to a person who is guilty of fraud in relation to a contract as if there were a reference to 6 months.



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 that 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 respect of 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 equitable to do so, having regard to the nature of the misrepresentation and the loss that would be caused by it if the contract were rescinded, as to the loss that would be so caused, the court or arbitrator shall have regard to the provisions of this section.



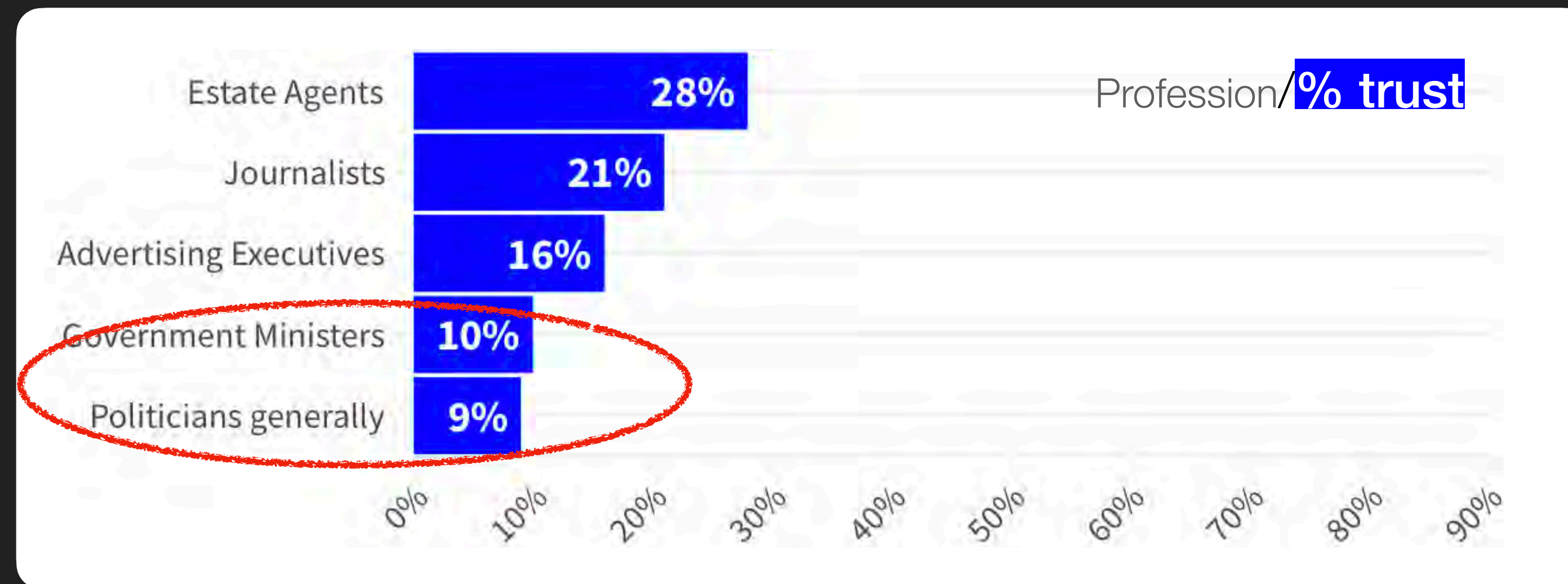
Defamation Act 2013

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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





the campaign against political deception's legal solution has now set a precedent.



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the government
of Wales
committed to
outlawing
political
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📷 Mick Antoniw, the Welsh government's counsel general, said the new law, once passed, would disqualify members and candidates found guilty of deliberate deception. Photograph: Chris Fairweather/Huw Evans/Rex/Shutterstock

The 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**



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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.

AND NOW WHAT ?

CAPD's immediate objectives are ;

1. Ensure the Welsh legislation is delivered.
-for 2026, as promised by the Welsh government.

2. Lobby UK Parliament to ;
-roll out the legislation in the UK

3. Create grass-roots momentum
international and national support
has a massive impact on politicians



WHAT CAN I DO?

- Ask friends, family & colleagues to:
- **Sign the petition**
- **Share on social media**
- **Download & display posters**



Visible grass-roots support combined with CAPD directly lobbying politicians was the key to our success in Wales.





FUNDING

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BIOS

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
Compassion in Politics

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.

Dr Sam Fowles

Legal lead
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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.