

# Annotated Bibliography

James, Owen. "Young People Are Abandoning Democracy for Dictators. I Can Understand Their Despair | Owen Jones." *The Guardian*, Guardian News and Media, 14 Jan. 2025,

[www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2025/jan/14/young-people-democracy-dictators-fascism-war-far-right](https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2025/jan/14/young-people-democracy-dictators-fascism-war-far-right)

## Abstract

Owen writes about the declining faith in democracy among the Youth. He cites sources for the same as well as probable reasons. He believes the reason behind this is "an economic model that delivers stagnation and insecurity has much to answer for" i.e. capitalism. Owens explores this relationship between capitalism and democracy and the disillusionment it often leads to by citing examples from Russia and the Soviet Union. He also acknowledges how democracy often is heavily curtailed by corporate interests and plutocrats. And concludes with a strong note stating how people are angry for all the right reasons but directing it at the wrong place.

## Reader's response

The thing I found the most interesting about this text is its use of examples such as Russia. It also clarifies that democracy being under threat doesn't simply equate to a totalitarian regime where no elections are held and all civil rights cease to exist. But rather a tilt towards that direction. I don't think the author makes any weak or insufficient argument as he made sure to disperse sources for his claims. While reading this article I learnt the sheer amount of declining faith in people in regards to democracy. I wasn't aware it's this bad. What I would like to learn more is other probable answers to the question , why are young people turning away from democracy.

Morozov, Evgeny. "The Internet Is a Tyrant's Friend." *New Scientist*, New Scientist, 2 Mar. 2011,

[www.newscientist.com/article/mg20928026-100-the-internet-is-a-tyrants-friend/](http://www.newscientist.com/article/mg20928026-100-the-internet-is-a-tyrants-friend/)

## Abstract

Morozov is a writer, researcher, and intellectual from Belarus who studies political and social implications of technology. He was named one of the 28 most influential Europeans by *Politico* in 2018. In "The Internet is a tyrant's friend" He cites examples from Tunisia and Egypt and the impact of Facebook( now meta)

## Reader's response

Morozov's writing helped me see the cracks in the system which people caught on early . For reference his article was written in 2011, fourteen years ago yet it shows me some of the flaws people noticed. Such as the polarising nature of the internet, it's shortcomings but the most interesting, it's dual and almost ironic nature. People living in harsh, highly Censored regimes use social media as a means to revolt against their governments. Only for their government to work closely with such organisations and spread propaganda, misinformation as well as catch “ perpetrators ”

Morozov's work also helped me in analysing what were the factors which people didn't catch early on but in hindsight we're more aware of .

Rosenberg, Jacob. “How Musk, Trump, and Your Boss Learned to Hate Democracy.” *Mother Jones*, 12 Mar. 2025,

[www.motherjones.com/politics/2025/03/musk-trump-doge-bosses-democracy-dictatorship-capitalism/](http://www.motherjones.com/politics/2025/03/musk-trump-doge-bosses-democracy-dictatorship-capitalism/)

## Abstract

Jacob Rosenberg is an Articles Editor at *Mother Jones*. In the article “ How Musk, Trump, and your boss learned to Hate Democracy ” Jacob delves into “ DOGE” , businesses run by dictators and Capitalism and Democracy. He presents and attends to answer a question which concerns all. Work is a dictatorship, is the government next?

## Reader's Response

Jacob's article draws a comparison between a capitalistic corporate workplace and the government. Furthermore it paints the similarities as well as the growing discomfort. The article helped me connect Capitalism and the rise of authoritarianism . How the two are intertwined and strengthen each other. Jacob mentions recent events in American Politics such as Elon Musk's growing influence and the formation of DOGE. It questions an oligarchic structure. The article helps strengthen my Op Ed from a relevance standpoint.

Kim, Jean. "Why Do People Follow Tyrants?" *Psychology Today*, Sussex Publishers, [www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/culture-shrink/201702/](http://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/culture-shrink/201702/)

## Abstract

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## Reader's response

Jean's article was the most important article for my Op Ed. It closely resonates with the main premise of my work. Which is, we all like dictators but don't wanna admit it. She unveils the curtain and forces us to think about the reasons we're attracted to Tyrants . From powerlust to Parental trauma and shallow mindset to the frustrations with bureaucracy. Everything adds up and fuels a dictator's rise to power. A good tyrant knows how to exploit these emotions. Through Jean's article I aim to establish facts of the situation and prepare a cautionary tale for my readers. As the first step to solving any problem is it's acceptance.

