

# Democracy and Democratization Today

## Section 6

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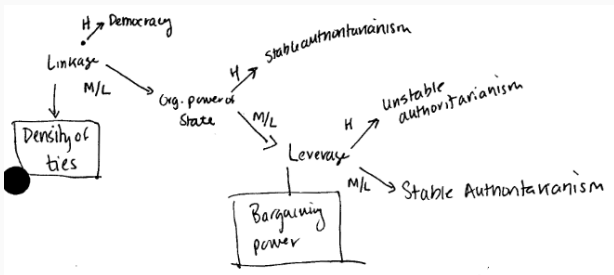
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# Why do pro-democracy voters choose anti-democratic candidates?

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Svolik: when voters' partisan preferences clash with their preferences for democracy voters are faced with a choice  
⇒ punishing politicians for anti-democratic behavior is difficult when they are aligned with your political preferences

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- Rosenfeld
- either the readings on MENA or China