Diagnosing the Global Rise of Illiberal Democracy

“Tribalism and polarization are on full display in a global wave of political fragmentation,” writes Carnegie Council President Joel H. Rosenthal in his latest article, "Narrowing Hearts and Minds: Diagnosing the Global Rise of Illiberal Democracy."

"Although the global drift away from open pluralistic democracy is unmistakable, if we act quickly,” he writes, "we can use this moment as an opportunity to better understand this alarming trend and detect the problems within liberal democracy itself."

Rosenthal also moderated a virtual event in which regional experts discussed the rise of illiberal democracy in Hungary, India, and Brazil and examined the question: Is democracy an ethical standard?

Be sure to follow Rosenthal on LinkedIn to receive future columns translating ethics, analyzing democracy, and examining our increasingly interconnected world.

News From Our Impact Initiatives

**Model International Mobility Convention (MIMC):** On World Refugee Day, Senior Fellow Michael W. Doyle, MIMC Research Fellow Mark James Wood, and University of Innsbruck’s Janine Prantl, published an article titled "The World’s Refugee System Needs to be Made Responsible.” They argue that proximity should not remain the exclusive principle of refugee protection, as culpability and capability should be included to ensure equitable responsibility-sharing. Click here to view the latest data published by MIMC that proposes new financial and resettlement commitments based on factors like population, GDP, and unemployment rate. Learn more about the initiative by visiting the MIMC website and following @MIMC_Carnegie on Twitter.

The Carnegie Climate Governance Initiative (C2G) published a new C2GTalk interview with the European External Action Service's ambassador
at large for climate diplomacy Marc Vanheukelen, asking, how might solar radiation modification (SRM) be put on the international governance agenda? Additionally, for World Oceans Day, a C2GDiscuss conversation was released featuring Senior Fellow Janos Pasztor with Kristina M. Gjerde, Joyashree Roy, and Stefanos Fotiou on ocean-based climate altering approaches. Finally, don't miss the recent blog posts on the implications of SRM on the UN Sustainable Development Goals, navigating the maze of climate-altering terminology, and a round-up of C2G’s knowledge resources. Follow the initiative's work on the C2G website and @C2G2net on Twitter.

Carnegie Council’s Artificial Intelligence & Equality Initiative (AIEI) published two new podcasts on responsibility and artificial intelligence (AI). Senior Fellow Anja Kaspersen talked with Carnegie-Uehiro fellow Wendell Wallach about creative reflections on the history and role of AI ethics, as well as members from the AI ethics initiative ThinkTech about engaging young professionals in AI ethics and equality. Also, in a virtual event, AIEI Research Fellow Pia-Milan Green discussed the role of ethics, equality, and AI in the Caribbean with panelists Cordel Green, Stacey N. Russell, and Erica Simmons.

The U.S. Global Engagement (USGE) initiative published two new episodes of The Doorstep podcast. Senior Fellows Nikolas Gvosdev and Tatiana Serafin discussed the status of press freedoms around the world with Stephen J. Adler and Carlos Martinez de la Serna. Additionally, they explored how experimental digital currencies may change the definition of the nation-state with NYU Stern’s David Yermack. Finally, Oregon State University’s Christopher McKnight Nichols joined Gvosdev and Serafin for a virtual event covering his latest book, Rethinking American Grand Strategy. New episodes of The Doorstep premiere every other Friday and are available via the Carnegie Council website, YouTube, Spotify, and Apple Podcasts. Join the conversation by following @DoorstepPodcast on Twitter.

Events & Multimedia

Upcoming event:

Join Carnegie Council Senior Fellow Anja Kaspersen in the latest Artificial Intelligence & Equality Initiative virtual event on July 6 at 2:00PM ET. Arizona State University’s Gary Marchant and Carlos Ignacio Gutierrez will join Kaspersen to discuss their work on characterizing soft law programs for the governance of artificial intelligence. Click here to learn more and here to sign up.

In case you missed it:

The Council’s Global Ethics Review podcast launched a new special multi-part series examining global vaccine distribution. The first episode featured a conversation with Oxford’s Professor Cécile Fabre on the ethical questions and policy choices faced by countries and their leaders, including: What are the moral responsibilities of vaccine-rich countries to the rest of the world?

The editors of Ethics & International Affairs recently released the Spring 2021 issue of the journal. The highlight of the issue is a roundtable on ethics and the future of the global food system, plus articles on resource
sovereignty, the COVID-19 pandemic, women’s rights in North Korea, and more. Also, check out this blog post from the editors on what they’ve been reading, as well as a reflection on fractured globalization during year two of the pandemic.

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