

11.1 - Democracy & Authoritarianism

Artificial Intelligence Policy

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Think:

- *Is AI compatible with democratic governance?*
- *What aspects of democratic systems are most under threat in the age of AI?*
- *How does the use of AI support or undermine authoritarian control?*

Read:

- Beraja et al, 2024. "[AI-tocracy](#)" *Quarterly Journal of Economics*
- *Make sure to scan and pay attention both articles under "browse" today*

Browse:

- Himmelriech, 2022. "[Against Democratizing AI](#)" *AI & Society*.
- Xu, 2020. "[To Repress or to Co-opt? Authoritarian Control in the Age of Digital Surveillance](#)" *American Journal of Political Science*
- Yang, 2026. "[The Limits of AI for Authoritarian Control](#)" *American Journal of Political Science*

Submit:

- Discussion question to course chat

Tip

- “ Read”, “ Listen”, and/or “ Watch” items are required content for the day, and should be read/heard/watched before class on that day.
- “ Browse” items should be briefly looked at but do not need to be read deeply unless you want to

- “ Additional Resources” do not need to be looked at; they are there to serve, if useful, as further references for your debates, final projects, and general edification later. ∴∴