

DEMOCRACY IN DANGER QUOTES

(Assembled by Allan Willinger)

1. Protect Democracy website (<https://protectdemocracy.org/the-threat/>): "Our democracy is in danger. For the first time since the Civil War, a violent insurrection prevented the United States from holding a peaceful transfer of power."
2. Former AG Eric Holder: "We're at a moment of reckoning in America, ... I'm not being hyperbolic or alarmist. I think our democracy is on the line."
(<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/12/24/us/elections/democrats-state-elections.html>)
3. Lawrence Tribe, Harvard Law School professor: "...the overriding test that he (*ie AG Merrick Garland*) and the rest of the government face is the threat to our democracy from people bent on destroying it."
(<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/12/23/opinion/trump-capitol-riot-january-6th.html>)
4. Retired generals Eaton, Taguba and Anderson: "In short: We are chilled to our bones at the thought of a coup succeeding next time." (<https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2021/12/17/eaton-taguba-anderson-generals-military/>)
5. Common Cause, LWV, Public Citizen, 47 other orgs: "... our democracy faces an existential threat ...".
(<https://www.citizen.org/news/over-50-groups-warn-2022-election-results-could-be-ignored-without-swift-action/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=989e9fb3-79c5-4051-b20b-f6f37d01d99b>. Click on "open letter")
6. Marc Elias, voting rights attorney: "We are one, maybe two, elections away from a constitutional crisis."
(<https://www.democracydocket.com/news/how-the-gop-will-try-to-subvert-our-elections/>)
7. Barton Gellman, The Atlantic, 12/6/21: "The prospect of this democratic collapse is not remote. People with the motive to make it happen are manufacturing the means. Given the opportunity, they will act. They are acting already." (<https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2022/01/january-6-insurrection-trump-coup-2024-election/620843/>)
8. Richard L. Hasen, UC Irvine professor of law & political science: "We face a serious risk that American democracy as we know it will come to an end in 2024," he said, "but urgent action is not happening."
(<https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2022/01/january-6-insurrection-trump-coup-2024-election/620843/>)
9. Craig Holman, lobbyist for Public Citizen: "Saving our democracy from these attacks - and confronting the filibuster-will be the most crucial fight of 2022, and it is not at all clear if our democracy will survive."
(<https://pge.post-gazette.com/pf/print/181349/3/202201010006>)
10. New York Times Editorial Board, 1/1/2022: "...the Republic faces an existential threat from a movement that is openly contemptuous of democracy...". "...we might hope to salvage a democracy that is in grave danger." (<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/01/01/opinion/january-6-attack-committee.html>)
11. Timothy Snyder, Yale history professor, 7-minute interview on MSNBC:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pmt1qW8cBjQ>
12. Judge J. Michael Luttig (advised Pence on Jan 6): "Trump's and the Republicans' far more ambitious objective is to execute successfully in 2024 the very same plan they failed in executing in 2020 and to overturn the 2024 election if Trump or his anointed successor loses again in the next quadrennial contest. The last presidential election was a dry run for the next." (<https://www.cnn.com/2022/04/27/opinions/gop-blueprint-to-steal-the-2024-election-luttig/index.html>)