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# Authoritarianism and EU Enlargement in the Western Balkans: The Rise of Stabilitocracy

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# **What is stabilitocracy?**

Governments that claim to secure stability, pretend to espouse EU integration and rely on informal, clientelist structures, control of the media, and the regular production of crises to undermine democracy and the rule of law.

# Types of Democracy

FIGURE 1  
THE CONCEPT OF EMBEDDED DEMOCRACY

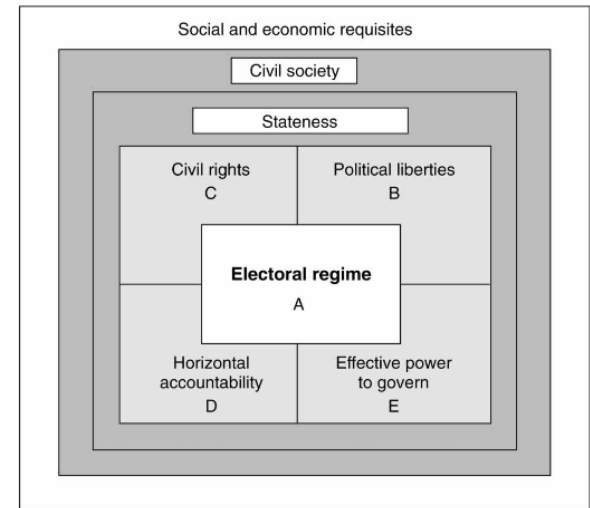
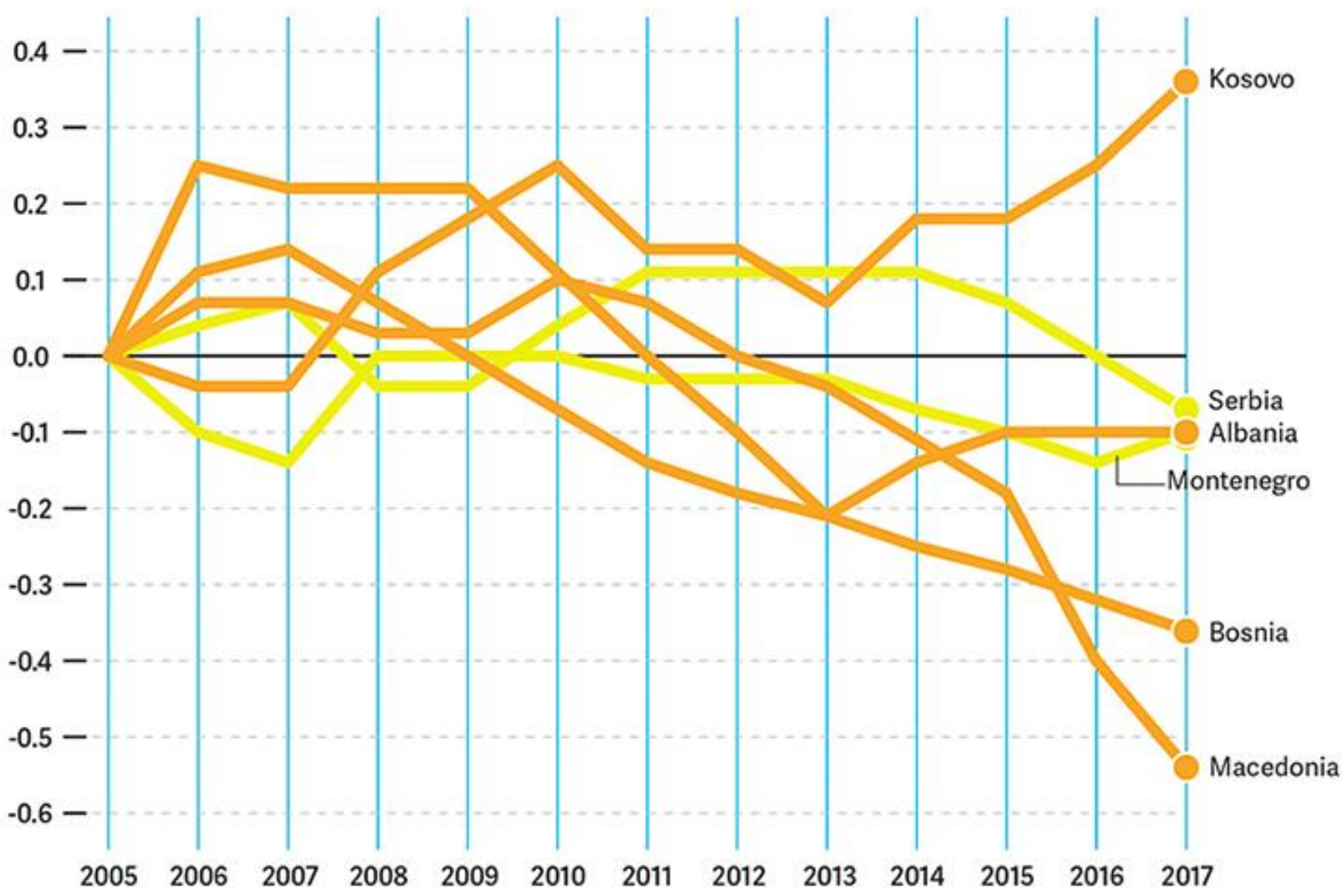


Table 1. An overview of regime types.

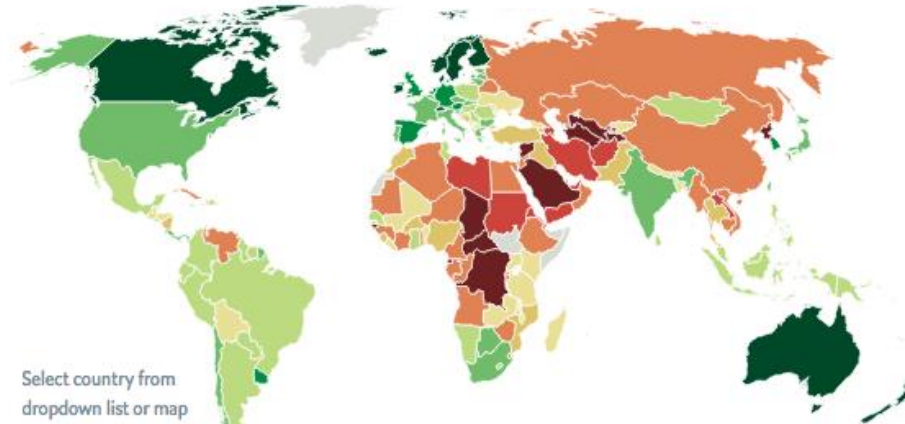
Regime	Democracy		(Hybrid)	Authoritarianism	Totalitarianism	Democratization
Subtype	Classic	Diminished		Diminished	Classic	
Qualifier	Functioning	Defective		Electoral	Closed	
Examples	Majoritarian vs. Consensus democracy	Exclusive Delegative Illiberal Democracy with reserved domains		Electoral authoritarianism	Military dictatorship One-party state Personalist rule	

Note: Based on Merkel et al., *Band 1: Theorie*; Lauth, *Demokratie und Demokratiemessung*; Schedler, *Electoral Authoritarianism*; Lijphart, *Patterns of Democracy*; Brooker, *Non-Democratic Regimes*.

CHANGES IN BALKAN COUNTRIES' DEMOCRACY SCORES SINCE NATIONS IN TRANSIT 2005

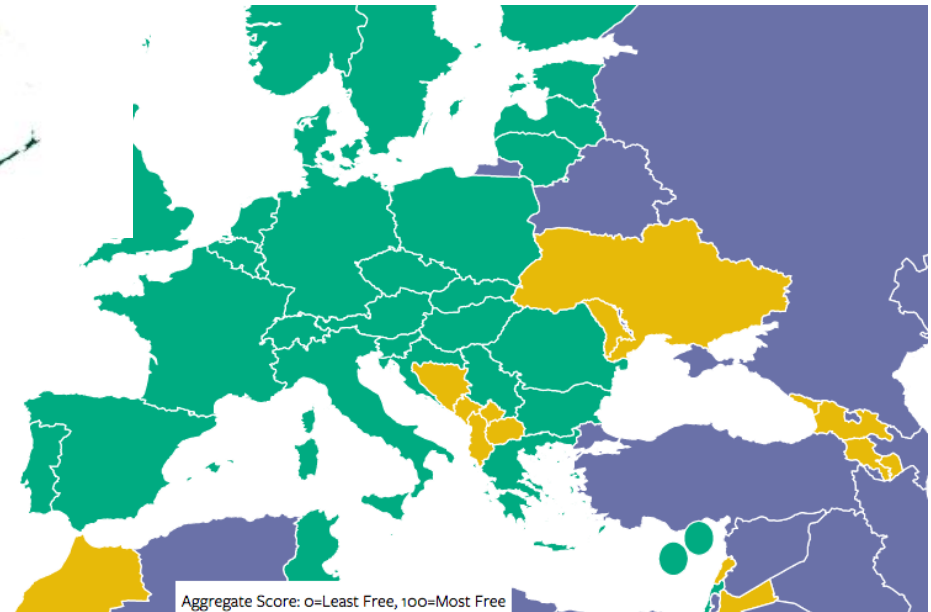


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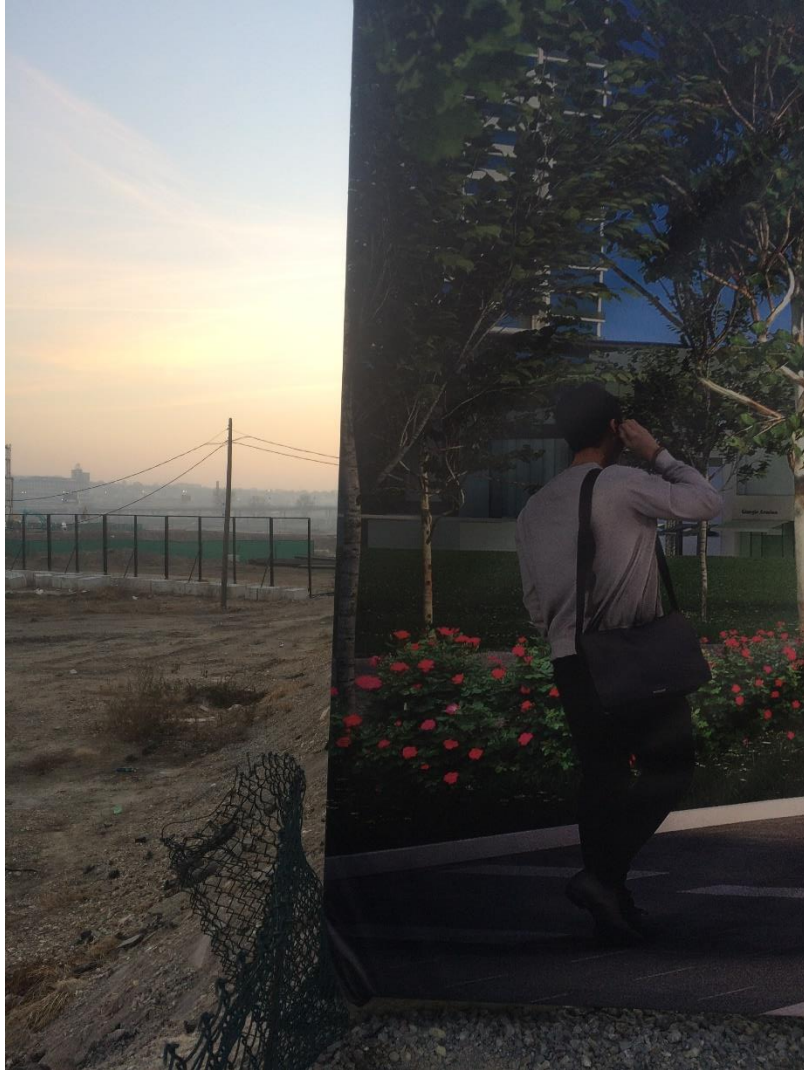
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Aggregate Score: 0=Least Free, 100=Most Free



# Ending Transition



# External Legitimacy





# Crisis and Permanent State of Emergency





# The Populist International?



# The Macedonian Scenario



# Thank you!

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