Democratic Consolidation

1. Linz and Stepan: Democracy has become “the only game in town”

2. Huntington: “two-turnover test”
   - **Behaviorally**, democracy becomes the only game in town when no significant political group seriously attempts to overthrow the democratic regime or to promote domestic or international violence in order to secede from the state.
   - **Attitudinally**, democracy becomes the only game in town when, even in the face of severe political and economic crises, the overwhelming majority of the people believe that any further political change must change from within the parameters of democratic procedures.
   - **Constitutionally**, democracy becomes the only game in town when all of the actors in the polity becomes habituated to the fact that political conflict within the state will be resolved according to established norms, and that violations of these norms are likely to be both ineffective and costly.

Przeworski et al: What Makes Democracy Endure?
- Democracy
- Affluence
- Economic growth and moderate inflation, reduced inequality
- International climate
- Parliamentary institutions