

# If American democracy is going to survive, the media must make this crucial shift | The Washington Post

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In the year since the Jan. 6 insurrection, mainstream journalists have done a lot of things right. They've published [major investigations](#), pointed out politicians' lies and, in many cases, finally learned how to clearly communicate the facts of what happened leading up to that horrendous riot at the U.S. Capitol — and what is happening now as pro-Trump Republicans steadily chip away at the very checks and balances that saved American democracy last year.

Much of this work has been impressive. And yet, something crucial is missing. For the most part, news organizations are not making democracy-under-siege a central focus of the work they present to the public.

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