

Authoritarianism

**Recep Tayyip Erdogan in Turkey,
Putin in Russia,
Rodrigo Duterte in the Philippines,
and Viktor Orbán in Hungary have
all discovered that opposition parties
can be left in existence and elections
can be held in order to provide a
fig leaf of democratic legitimacy,
while in reality elections pose
scant challenge to their power.
Truly dangerous opposition leaders
are neutralized or eliminated
one way or another.**

**Christopher R. Browning,
"The Suffocation of Democracy"**