

Democracy

Any American watching Israel's turmoil must recognise the parallels between the two countries — not just today, but stretching back to the founding of both states. Israel and the US are two improbable creations that went on similar journeys. Both may soon end with the dismantling of democracy.

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Both states hit identity crises when the ethnic majority realised it risked becoming a minority.

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It's often said nowadays that Israel can be a Jewish state or a democracy, but it can't be both. Similarly, the US can be a white-ruled ethnostate or a democracy, but not both.

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