

Rule of law

**The west was law-governed
before it was democratic.**

(The universal franchise is about a century old.)

**And if the rule of law was earlier to arrive,
it is also shaping up to be the first to go.**

**It is hard to imagine a western nation
ceasing outright to be democratic
any time soon, if we understand this
to mean that it would no longer have
fair elections whose results are enforced.**

Chaos, though? Entropy?

**Those are easier destinies to picture,
at times by just looking around.**

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