

Amendments to R10: Defending Democracy, Delivering Answers

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1	AM-6-1	Scottish Green Party	the threats to independent journalists and environmental defenders, and discrimination and violence towards Indigenous and LGBTI communities has constantly risen under Bolsonaro. In Central Asian countries such as Kyrgyzstan,	From line 5 to 7: the threats to independent journalists and environmental defenders, and discrimination and violence towards Indigenous and LGBTIQI communities has constantly risen under Bolsonaro. In Central Asian countries such as Kyrgyzstan,	Replace 'LGBTI' with 'LGBTQI' as is used later in the resolution, for consistency. A single amendment would cover in line 6 and line 16 - but I cannot see how to do that for two paragraphs, sorry!
2	AM-7-1	Scottish Green Party	discrimination and violence towards Indigenous and LGBTI communities has constantly risen under Bolsonaro. In Central Asian countries such as Kyrgyzstan, nationalist leaders harshly reversed steps towards a parliamentary form of government with the violent repression of opponents. Globally, democracy has been in constant and accelerating decline since 2006, resulting in more than a	Delete from line 6 to 10: discrimination and violence towards Indigenous and LGBTI communities has constantly risen under Bolsonaro. In Central Asian countries such as Kyrgyzstan, nationalist leaders harshly reversed steps towards a parliamentary form of government with the violent repression of opponents. Globally, democracy has been in constant and accelerating decline since 2006, resulting in more than a	Remove example of Kyrgyzstan/Central Asia in relation to democratic backsliding. Neither the country nor the region has had a functioning democracy to backslide from.
3	AM-9-1	Green Party of England and Wales	nationalist leaders harshly reversed steps towards a parliamentary form of government with the violent repression of opponents. Globally, democracy has been in constant and accelerating decline since 2006, resulting in more than a	Insert from line 8 to 10: nationalist leaders harshly reversed steps towards a parliamentary form of government with the violent repression of opponents. In the United Kingdom the government is using Brexit as a cover for increasingly draconian measures infringing on the right to protest and the right to challenge national politicians. Globally, democracy has been in constant and accelerating decline since 2006, resulting in more than a	Gives an example of a non-EU country (and EGP member) in the wider Europe where democracy is under threat.
4	AM-10-2	Groen	government with the violent repression of opponents. Globally, democracy has been in constant and accelerating decline since 2006, resulting in more than a third of the world's population living under authoritarian rule.	From line 9 to 11: government with the violent repression of opponents. Globally, democracy has been in constant and accelerating decline since 2006, resulting in more than a third of the world's population living under authoritarian rule. one fourth of the world's population living in a closed autocracy and additionally almost half living in an electoral autocracy.	According to the Democracy Report by the Swedish V-dem Institute.

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5	AM-16-1	Scottish Green Party	independent media, the political opposition and civil society. In Poland, the independence of the judiciary is heavily at risk, while women's and LGBTI rights are being harshly restricted. In several EU Member States, corruption remains a	From line 15 to 17: independent media, the political opposition and civil society. In Poland, the independence of the judiciary is heavily at risk, while women's <u>reproductive</u> and LGBTI <u>and</u> rights are being harshly restricted. In several EU Member States, corruption remains a	Line 16: Replace 'women's' with 'reproductive'. This part of the resolution is referencing restrictions on access to abortion in Poland, but not all people who can become pregnant are women so reproductive rights is a more accurate term.
6	AM-20-1	BÜNDNIS 90/Die Grünen	cornerstones of democracy. Civic space is shrinking, and NGOs, human rights and environmental defenders and independent journalists are under threat. Right-wing leaders Viktor Orbán, Jarosław Kaczyński or Giorgia Meloni only pay lip service	From line 19 to 21: cornerstones of democracy. Civic space is shrinking, and NGOs, human rights and environmental defenders and , independent journalists <u>and</u> <u>scientist</u> are under threat. Right-wing leaders Viktor Orbán, Jarosław Kaczyński or Giorgia Meloni only pay lip service	
7	AM-25-1	Vihreät - De Gröna	These leaders and political parties have a lot in common. They demand power in their own interests and at the expense of our freedom. Their attack on democracy is an attack on the way we live and on our human rights. They use the multiple crises that we currently face to fuel protests supportive of their populism and	From line 25 to 28: These leaders and political parties have a lot in common. They demand power in their own interests and at the expense of our freedom. Their attack on democracy is an attack on the way we live and on our human rights. In <u>the current wave of backlash against democracy, certain characteristics are repeated across socio-political contexts. In most cases, democratic backsliding is carried out by democratically elected leaders and governments - called the anti-pluralists - which erode the institutions maintaining democracy, such as civil society, civil rights, media freedom, independent judiciary and academia. Changes take place incrementally and across institutions, which makes it harder to detect the exact point of democratic breakdown - and also to stop it before it is too late.</u> They use the multiple crises that we currently face to fuel protests supportive of their populism and	The resolution has plenty of examples but limited analysis of the current situation, factors and conditions causing democratic backsliding and its effects. The amendment gives some basic definitions to improve our knowledge of the current situation.
8	AM-26-1	Oikologoi Prasinoi / Ecologist Greens	These leaders and political parties have a lot in common. They demand power in their own interests and at the expense of our freedom. Their attack on democracy is an attack on the way we live and on our human rights. They use the multiple	Delete from line 25 to 27: These leaders and political parties have a lot in common. They demand power in their own interests and at the expense of our freedom. Their attack on democracy is an attack on the way we live and on our human rights. They use the multiple	

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9	AM-27-1	Oikologoi Prasinoi / Ecologist Greens	their own interests and at the expense of our freedom. Their attack on democracy is an attack on the way we live and on our human rights. They use the multiple crises that we currently face to fuel protests supportive of their populism and their right-wing and fascist politics that do not deliver for citizens. They unite in their goal to push the boundaries of the acceptable closer and closer to fascism – and we must unite in fighting back!	From line 26 to 31: their own interests and at the expense of our freedom. Their attack on democracy is an attack on the way we live, and on our human rights. They use the multiple crises that we currently face to fuel protests supportive of their populism, and their right-wing and fascist politics that do not deliver for citizens. They unite in their goal to push the boundaries of the acceptable "acceptable" closer and closer to fascism – and we must unite in fighting back!	
10	AM-27-2	Vihreät - De Gröna	their own interests and at the expense of our freedom. Their attack on democracy is an attack on the way we live and on our human rights. They use the multiple crises that we currently face to fuel protests supportive of their populism and	Insert from line 26 to 28: their own interests and at the expense of our freedom. Their attack on democracy is an attack on the way we live and on our human rights. Anti-pluralist leaders often use populist and polarising tactics to divide populations according to cultural, ethnic and religious divisions to “deserving people” and to those who should be excluded. Right-wing populists and antigender organisations are having a marriage of convenience in which the populists gain the support of religious-conservative actors for their undemocratic project and in turn, they give away the rights of women and LGBTIQ people. They use the multiple crises that we currently face to fuel protests supportive of their populism and	Further specific analysis of the situation.
11	AM-28-1	Groen	is an attack on the way we live and on our human rights. They use the multiple crises that we currently face to fuel protests supportive of their populism and their right-wing and fascist politics that do not deliver for citizens. They unite in their goal to push the boundaries of the acceptable closer and closer	From line 27 to 30: is an attack on the way we live and on our human rights. They use the multiple crises that we currently face to fuel protests supportive of their populism and their right wing and stand for far right, anti-democratic, and/or fascist politics that do not deliver for citizens. They unite in their goal to push the boundaries of the acceptable closer and closer	To make room for a more clear analysis, as these parties share a lot but also differ in some ways from each other.
12	AM-28-2	Esquerra Verda	is an attack on the way we live and on our human rights. They use the multiple crises that we currently face to fuel protests supportive of their populism and their right-wing and fascist politics that do not deliver for citizens. They	Insert from line 27 to 29: is an attack on the way we live and on our human rights. They use the multiple crises that we currently face to fuel protests supportive of their populism, their illiberal model of society and their right-wing and fascist politics that do not deliver for citizens. They	

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13	AM-29-1	Green Party of England and Wales	crises that we currently face to fuel protests supportive of their populism and their right-wing and fascist politics that do not deliver for citizens. They unite in their goal to push the boundaries of the acceptable closer and closer	Insert from line 28 to 30: crises that we currently face to fuel protests supportive of their populism and their right-wing and fascist politics that do not deliver for citizens. Often, they rely on support and funding from Russia and its proxies. They unite in their goal to push the boundaries of the acceptable closer and closer	
14	AM-35-1	Europe Ecologie - Les Verts	and fascism in Europe. We will continue to work towards societies where we welcome everyone's voice, and each person can contribute. Because for us, involvement and participation in political decision-making are the basis for democracy.	From line 34 to 37: and fascism in Europe. We will continue to work towards societies where we welcome everyone's voice, and each person can contribute. Because for us, involvement and participation in political decision-making are the basis for democracy. "We will continue to fight against the declining political participation of citizens which is eroding democracy and favoring far-right parties"	
15	AM-42-1	Greens/EFA Group in the European Parliament	minorities, and others who are marginalised have a direct say on the issues that impact them the most. We will defend civil society, activists, and NGOs in shrinking spaces against discrimination in authoritarian Member States and work towards European minimum standards on protecting NGOs and Non-Profits throughout the EU. We will defend the rule of law and the freedom of the media, and we will fight to hold governments accountable when they do not take action against	From line 41 to 46: minorities, and others who are marginalised have a direct say on the issues that impact them the most. We will defend civil society, activists, and NGOs in shrinking spaces against discrimination in authoritarian Member States and work towards European minimum standards on protecting NGOs and Non-Profits throughout the EU. We will defend and strengthen civil society, including activists, organisations and NGOs. We work towards an EU regulatory framework establishing a specific legal form of European Association and common minimum standards for civil society organisations to provide an enabling level-playing field and to protect in particular organisations put under pressure in authoritarian Member States. We also support the joint European CSO call for an EU civil society strategy including meaningful and structured dialogue. We will defend the rule of law and the freedom of the media, and we will fight to hold governments accountable when they do not take action against	

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16	AM-42-2	BÜNDNIS 90/Die Grünen	minorities, and others who are marginalised have a direct say on the issues that impact them the most. We will defend civil society, activists, and NGOs in shrinking spaces against discrimination in authoritarian Member States and work towards European minimum standards on protecting NGOs and Non-Profits throughout the EU. We will defend the rule of law and the freedom of the media, and we will fight to hold governments accountable when they do not take action against	<p>From line 41 to 46:</p> <p>minorities, and others who are marginalised have a direct say on the issues that impact them the most. We will defend civil society, activists, and NGOs in shrinking spaces against discrimination in authoritarian Member States and work towards European minimum standards on protecting NGOs and Non-Profits throughout the EU. <u>We defend and strengthen civil society and its organisations both at EU and national level, thereby also supporting freedom of association and freedom of speech - in particular those civil societies actors, who are under attack for their engagement for democracy, LGBTIQ and women's rights as well as social and climate justice. We work towards an EU regulatory framework including European minimum standards to empower and safeguard NGOs and Non-Profits, and establishing a legal form of European Association.</u> We will defend the rule of law and the freedom of the media, and we will fight to hold governments accountable when they do not take action against</p>	
17	AM-45-1	BÜNDNIS 90/Die Grünen	towards European minimum standards on protecting NGOs and Non-Profits throughout the EU. We will defend the rule of law and the freedom of the media, and we will fight to hold governments accountable when they do not take action against	<p>Insert from line 44 to 46:</p> <p>towards European minimum standards on protecting NGOs and Non-Profits throughout the EU. We will defend the rule of law, <u>academic freedom</u> and the freedom of the media, <u>both ideally and materially</u>, and we will fight to hold governments accountable when they do not take action against</p>	

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18	AM-47-1	BÜNDNIS 90/Die Grünen	fight to hold governments accountable when they do not take action against corruption.	<p>Insert from line 46 to 47:</p> <p>fight to hold governments accountable when they do not take action against corruption.</p> <p>This also entails actively funding civil society in their struggle for democratic societies and stronger linking the funding of organisations and governments to the rule of law and democratic values. Additionally, we need to strive towards a Europe that is largely independent from authoritarian regimes on a global scale and that takes a clear stance towards human rights. Only by overcoming European dependencies on autocracies can we build a fully sovereign and democratic Europe.</p>	
19	AM-49-1	BÜNDNIS 90/Die Grünen	Even more so in times of crises, when social cohesion declines our democracy suffers. This is why we support legitimate social protests by people facing the fear of poverty and exclusion and we are ready to channel their demands into	<p>Insert from line 48 to 50:</p> <p>Even more so in times of crises, when social cohesion declines our democracy suffers. This is why we will combat unjust wealth gaps, support legitimate social protests by people facing the fear of poverty and exclusion and we are ready to channel their demands into</p>	
20	AM-50-1	Esquerra Verda	suffers. This is why we support legitimate social protests by people facing the fear of poverty and exclusion and we are ready to channel their demands into policies that deliver. We will strongly fight for social justice in order to	<p>Insert from line 49 to 51:</p> <p>suffers. This is why we support legitimate social protests by people facing the fear of poverty and exclusion, for instance against the undermining of public services, and we are ready to channel their demands into policies that deliver. We will strongly fight for social justice in order to</p>	
21	AM-55-1	Groen	deplore conservative forces ignoring their democratic responsibility but helping fascists into power – as the only answer to imminent division, polarisation, uncertainty and anger is solidarity.	<p>From line 54 to 56:</p> <p>deplore conservative forces ignoring their democratic responsibility but helping fascists far right, anti-democratic and/or fascist parties and politicians into power – as the only answer to imminent division, polarisation, uncertainty and anger is solidarity.</p>	As in R29, to make room for a more clear analysis, as these parties share a lot but also differ in some ways from each other.

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22	AM-56-1	Vihreät - De Gröna	fascists into power – as the only answer to imminent division, polarisation, uncertainty and anger is solidarity.	Insert from line 55 to 56: fascists into power – as the only answer to imminent division, polarisation, uncertainty and anger is solidarity. We demand political parties be more responsible and take active measures to detect power-seeking anti-pluralist individuals and prevent them from gaining power within the party. We call for awareness-raising on the incremental process in which the democratic backsliding takes place through, for instance, demonising the opposition, undermining the independence of courts, media and academia, constraining the freedom of the Internet, intimidating autonomous civil society and business communities, gaining political control over the state bureaucracy and security services. These activities must be detected and prevented on time.	Action proposals, so we don't only deplore but also know where to act.
23	AM-56-2	Vihreät - De Gröna	uncertainty and anger is solidarity. This is what we will fight for in the upcoming European elections in 2024: a	Insert from line 56 to 57: The European Green Party calls for all European political parties and foundations to support their members in recognising anti-democratic forces among their membership, to support their member parties in preventing such forces from gaining leadership within the member parties, and giving advice on how to prevent anti-democratic forces from gaining power.	Another action point. The aim of this wording is not to give European parties power over their members, but to give incentives and tools to support member parties when they are facing such issues. European level may have seen similar situations already in other member parties and may have tools to recognise such issues earlier and to better support member parties to act should they wish to do so.
24	AM-58-1	Groen	This is what we will fight for in the upcoming European elections in 2024: a Europe built on our core value of democracy.	Insert from line 57 to 58: This is what we will fight for in the upcoming European elections in 2024: a Europe built on our core value of democracy and human rights.	To make clear it is about the defense of both democracy and human rights / rule of law, which are closely linked instead of opposite to each other, as some populist claim.