

# Journal of Democracy

The *Journal of Democracy* celebrated its fifteenth anniversary with the publication of its January 2005 issue. Since its inception, the *Journal* has established itself as a leading voice in discussions on the problems and prospects of democracy around the world. The *Journal* explores in depth every aspect of the establishment, consolidation, and maintenance of democracy, including political institutions, parties and elections, civil society, ethnic conflict, economic reform, public opinion, the role of the media, federalism, and constitutionalism. It covers not only practical political matters but also questions of democratic theory and culture.

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In 2005, the *Journal* addressed manifold aspects of postconflict democracy-building (with Francis Fukuyama, Larry Diamond, Larry Goodson, Gerald Knaus and

Marcus Cox, Andrew Reynolds, Stephen D. Krasner, and Marc F. Plattner—January); discussed the challenges facing a changing East Asia (with Hahm Chaihark and Sung Ho Kim, Yun-han Chu, Pasuk Phongpaichit and Chris Baker, Muhammad Qodari, Doh Chull Shin and Jason Wells, and Francis Fukuyama, Björn Dressel, and Boo-Seung Chang—April); explored key aspects of the new Iraq (with Adeed Dawisha, Eric Davis, and Ahmed H. al-Rahim—July); and examined Iran's peculiar presidential election (with Akbar Ganji, Azar Nafisi, Abbas Milani, Vali Nasr, Ladan Boroumand, Mohsen Sazegara, and Michael McFaul—October).

The issues of 2005 also included Venezuelan democracy under President Hugo Chávez, with articles by Jennifer McCoy and Miriam Kornblith (January); Ukraine's Orange Revolution, with essays by Taras Kuzio and Lucan A. Way (April); the surprising new wave of democratic breakthroughs in postcommunist countries, in an essay by Michael McFaul (July); and regimes that



proclaim themselves democratic but whose actions suggest they are anything but, in a contribution by Václav Havel (October).

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