

“D10” Megatrend – Investing Exclusively In True Democracies:

A 2021 Socially-Conscious Standard Used To Screen Investments & Alternative to ESG Criterion

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Edvard Munch, the Norwegian painter famed for his iconic [The Scream](#) masterpiece and with it, distinctive style, was said to have hung half of his paintings in the forest where they rotted and ruined; Asked why, Munch said when walking at sunsets, he “heard the enormous, infinite scream of nature” and he identified this with the angst of the modern person.

Today’s modern people, frustrated and emasculated, blame Democratic institutions and big Government for their woes and identify angst at every turn, they believe it has become harder to create and to produce and seemingly pernicious actors stifle them daily into duress or dismay.

Cite:- [Socialism Lacerates Australia: Wealth Creation Without Liberty Is Extralegal Servitude In All But Name](#), 21 September 2020

Watch: [Infinity Black Guests Sarah Gilligan & Kath Melbourne discussing Australian Democracy and Art](#), 12 August 2019

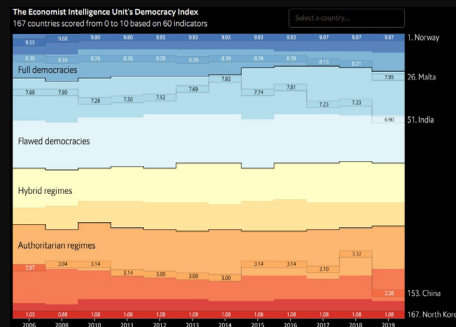
It is no wonder the precepts of Democracy and with it, Capitalism have fallen into decrepitude, a far cry away from the heralded 1992, “[End of History and the Last Man](#)” by American political scientist Francis Fukuyama, which posited that the ascendancy of Western Liberal Democracy was, “the end-point of mankind’s ideological evolution and the universalisation of Western liberal democracy as the final form of human government.”

Employing the classical definition of Capitalism as the standard—the free flow of capital and labour, respect for private property, and limited government (not just because government is inefficient but because it builds on ideologies that risk war and revolution and subverts the free forces of the economy)—runs contrariwise to what we see around us in contemporary Australia and is a source of angst when comprehending our reliance on China.

Cite:- [Bad New Days Of Big Government](#), 16 May 2015

For Australian global investors in particular, the inordinate dependency on the opaque Communist Chinese economy raises the spectre of the most serious risk-litigant in wealth management, that of [Redemption of Capital](#) itself, or put simply, receiving back the invested funds once selling of any given asset or chattel.

Cite:- [Hong Kong Affects Backend Of Australian Wealth Management](#), 4 December 2019



Cite:- [Risk Management In The Event Of War With China](#), 6 November 2019

Cite:- [Taiwan's Looming Crisis Is A Much Bigger Threat Than Markets Realise](#), 20 June 2018

Cite:- [Taiwanese War & Markets Fallout](#), 30 January 2019

War with China in the Pacific is inevitable and for Australians who think their ASX holdings are immune, they may take pause to remember that [approximately seventy percent of all digitalised shareholder records](#) are stored on Cloud and Edge servers buttressing China in now, indisputably undemocratic Hong Kong.

Cite:- [Edge vs Cloud Computing](#), 7 November 2018

Cite:- [Goodbye Hong Kong](#), 19 April 2020

The Chinese Communist Party has understood that **Tech** is the path to hegemony and have only enabled détente in areas where collaboration is essential.

And because of this, British Prime Minister Boris Johnson intends to invite the leaders of India, Australia and South Korea to the 2021 summit of the [Group of Seven nations, or G7](#), which [Britain is hosting in early June](#).

For Johnson, it's an early occasion to show that, even without the umbrella of the European Union, [post-Brexit Britain can still be a global player](#) — in this instance to coordinate telecom policy and develop an alternative to China's market leader Huawei, whose dominance in 5G technology has created widespread security concerns.

Cite:- [The Investment Theme We Like, For A Technology We Hate: Facial Recognition Technology \(FRT\) and Dual-Use Applications](#), 13 July 2020

Cite:- [Wolf Warrior Statecraft](#), 5 May 2020

Cite:- [Why Cyber Security Will Be Key Issue In 2020s](#), 15 January 2020

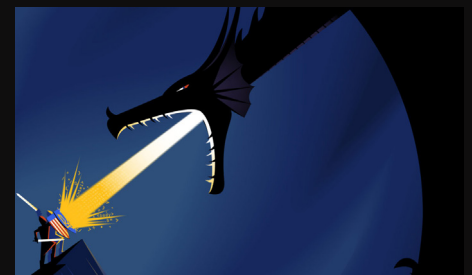
Cite:- [Chinese Internet Megatrend Going Global](#), 4 December 2018

The idea of a “**D10**” grouping ideologically committed to combating the march of authoritarian states chimes with Joe Biden's plan to hold a summit of Democracies: it is not clear if the idea of a D10 summit is seen as additional to the Biden summit or a substitute for the proposal.

Russia, a former member of the grouping, [was thrown out in 2014 following the annexation of Crimea](#), and a plan by

Donald Trump to re-invite Vladimir Putin last year fell apart following objections from Europe.

In 2008, while working in the State Department's policy planning team, [Ash Jain](#) and colleague David Gordon first floated the idea of a bloc of Democracies; according to Jain, “*Looking at this global landscape, we recognized (sic) that the notion of post-Cold War convergence among the major global powers, including Russia and China, was not going to become a reality anytime soon*” and his team recently published a “[global strategy](#)” document, pooling expert insight from the D-10 nations, on an allied approach to China.



Investing around **socially-conscious** Democratic ideologies is more than simply idealism, investments in these countries, historically, have shown they can manage root and branch political transitions peacefully while maintaining both economic prosperity and the rule of law.

Cite:- [Seismic Shifts In 2019](#), 16 January 2019

Since the onset of the first industrial revolution, human institutions have typically had a lifespan of around seventy years: In the first generation, the elite build the institutional structures needed to meet the economic challenges of their time, the second generation maintain them as best as they can and the third generation of the elite, which more often than not is corrupt to the bone, merely aims to live as well as it can off the existing system, which by now has become utterly ossified.

At this point the elite gets fired by the population and the cycle begins again – for the savvy global investor, given the bevy of uncertainties on the horizon, steadiness today matters more than the fickle brilliance that Socialist and Authoritarian regimes can often transitorily tempt us with, through their **mirages of Democracy**.

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