

✓ **Authoritarian Practices Currently In Progress:**

- ✓ Political Acts & Personal Acts are merged together
- ✓ Systemic efforts to intimidate the media
- ✓ Threats of imprisonment, torture, and/or murder of opposition journalists
- ✓ Politicizing the civil service, military, National Guide and/or domestic security agencies
- ✓ Stacking the courts, especially the Supreme Court
- ✓ Rigging the system, especially voting systems
- ✓ Gutting institutions by firings of personnel, placing incompetent or inexperienced leaders in positions of power
- ✓ Rewarding loyalty based only on the fidelity to the leader as the only criteria to serve in positions of power
- ✓ Fearmongering by officials
- ✓ Demonizing the opposition
- ✓ Accountability to no one but themselves
- ✓ No checks & balances
- ✓ No Constitutional limits to power
- ✓ No accountability of power by cabinets, advisors, courts, people, or press
- ✓ Tendency to resort to force or fraud to gain political power
- ✓ Use intimidation, power, & suppression of fundamental civil liberties
- ✓ Use techniques of mass propaganda to gain and sustain public approval
- ✓ Suppression, imprisonment, torture, or murder of political opponents
 - Proclamation of state of emergency
- ✓ Not abiding by rules of law
- ✓ Creating “cult of personality” centered on the leader
- ✓ Powerful and continuing nationalism
- ✓ Disdain for recognition of human rights
- ✓ Identification of enemies, scapegoats, minorities as unifying cause
- ✓ Control of & supremacy of the military
- ✓ Rampant sexism and undermining the rights of women
- ✓ Labor power is suppressed
- ✓ Disdain for intellectuals and the arts
- ✓ Rampant cronyism & corruption
- ✓ Use of disinformation, conspiracy theories, misinformation (lies) to influence citizens
- ✓ Use of confusion, chaos, and disruption to provide instability
- ✓ Encouragement of polarization and division of citizens
 - Building pro dictatorship of state media and/or social media networks
 - Suspension of elections and/or use of fraudulent elections
 - Ruling by decree
 - Religion and government are intertwined