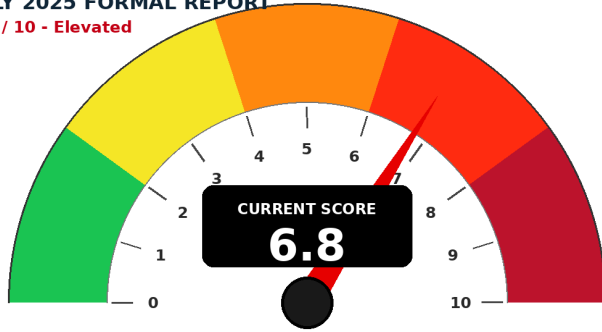


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JULY 2025 FORMAL REPORT
6.8 / 10 - Elevated



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What changed this month?

This period mattered because the archive begins to show durability. A temporary spike is different from a sustained operating pattern. July's modest increase reflects a risk environment in which domestic deployment, federal immigration conflict, and war-powers concerns remained central rather than fading after one news cycle.

July 2025 Formal Backfilled Summary Report

July continued the upward move as war powers, immigration conflict, and domestic deployment pressures remained active.

CURRENT 6.8	PRIOR 6.6	STATUS Elevated
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Coverage: June 15, 2025 - July 15, 2025
Direction: +0.2

Report type Retrospective backfilled summary	Status Elevated	Score 6.8 / 10
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Top score drivers

The summer escalation became more durable.

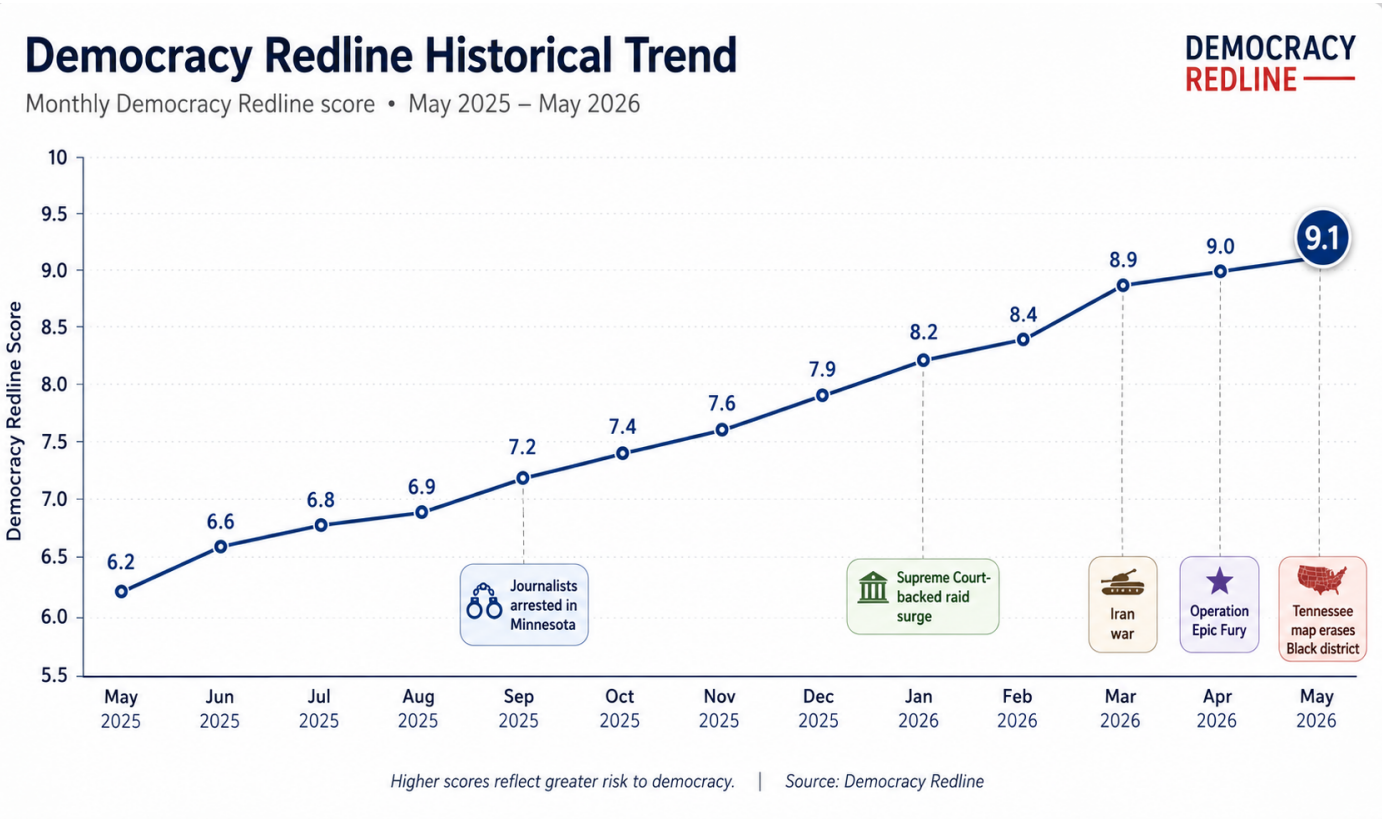
Driver	Basis in archive record
War powers	Listed as a major driver or pressure area in the current backfilled archive record.
Immigration conflict	Listed as a major driver or pressure area in the current backfilled archive record.
Local authority	Listed as a major driver or pressure area in the current backfilled archive record.
Deployment persistence	Listed as a major driver or pressure area in the current backfilled archive record.

Category scorecard

Score area	Reading	Interpretation
Rule of law / court compliance	Pressure area	The archive narrative identifies court orders, legal limits, or litigation as part of the period where applicable.
Civil liberties / due process	Pressure area	Immigration, protest, rights, or due-process concerns are treated as democratic-stress indicators in the archive record.
Executive power / federal-state conflict	Pressure area	Federal deployment, enforcement posture, or local-authority conflicts are assessed as governance-risk signals.
Institutional checks	Reactive / countervailing	Courts, lawsuits, state resistance, public scrutiny, and local objections can slow or limit escalation.
Trajectory / normalization risk	Sequence signal	Persistence matters: the report weighs whether extraordinary conflict faded or became part of the operating baseline.

Historical trajectory context

July 2025 in the backfilled series



July 2025 is included to complete the older 2025 archive sequence. This report should be read as a retrospective summary based on the existing archive record, the preserved score, and the recorded coverage period.

Prior score	Current score	Monthly change	Status
6.6	6.8	+0.2	Elevated

Key evidence and benchmark events

Existing archive language, preserved in formal-report format

<p>Iran strikes moved war-powers accountability into the scoring environment. U.S. strikes on Iranian nuclear facilities and the global anti-war response added a foreign-policy and congressional-oversight dimension to the democratic-stress picture.</p>	<p>Los Angeles troop deployment remained legally and politically active. The military deployment that began in June continued to shape July's score, including public debate over whether troops were being used near the line between protection and domestic law enforcement.</p>
<p>Immigration enforcement conflict expanded into litigation against Los Angeles. The Justice Department sued Los Angeles over sanctuary policies, tying the local protest and deployment crisis to a broader effort to pressure jurisdictions that resisted federal immigration enforcement.</p>	<p>The month showed resilience and risk at the same time. Legal challenges, public criticism, and state resistance continued, but those checks were reacting to escalation after the fact rather than preventing it.</p>
<p>The score rose less sharply because the crisis was sustained rather than newly transformed. July's +0.2 movement reflects continuity and accumulation. The period confirmed that June's escalation was not isolated, but it did not yet create the larger system-wide jump seen later.</p>	

What moved the meter

The meter moved from 6.6 to 6.8 because multiple stressors stayed active across the full window. July is a continuation month: still Elevated, still accumulating, and increasingly important as proof that the trajectory was becoming durable. This page is more substantive than the prior placeholder record, but it remains labeled as a retrospective backfill because it was reconstructed after the month had passed rather than published live during that period.

How this score is grounded

Evidence, interpretation, and score impact are separated.

The score is a structured civic-risk judgment based on the archived record for the monthly period. It is not a poll or a prediction. It weighs documented signals by severity, persistence, category, and whether multiple stress signals moved together.

Fact Observable public actions, court rulings, official statements, documented enforcement activity, and major reporting already referenced in the archive.	Interpretation Why those events matter for democratic function, institutional independence, civil liberties, and rule-of-law constraints.	Score impact How the evidence affected the monthly risk assessment, especially when categories reinforced one another.
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Methodology note

Backfilled records use the current Democracy Redline scoring framework to reconstruct earlier trajectory. They are useful historical context, but they remain separate from reports that were published live in their original month. The score should be read as a structured assessment of democratic stress across categories, not as a claim that any single event alone determined the month's rating.