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7.6 CURRENT	7.4 PRIOR	HIGH RISK STATUS
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Bottom line: Rising pressure, but still short of the system-wide strain visible by early 2026.

Report month November 2025	Direction Worsening +0.2	Coverage October 15, 2025 - November 15, 2025	Biggest move Immigration authority, election rules, and civil-society pressure began moving together.
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What changed this month

High Risk pressure became a durable trajectory.

November showed the archive moving firmly into High Risk territory. The score reflected rising pressure across immigration authority, election administration, political retaliation concerns, and institutional behavior under executive pressure.

Five recovered takeaways <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Supreme Court let the administration revoke Temporary Protected Status for Venezuelans while litigation continued.• Reuters reported a plan to investigate liberal groups and activist networks under a domestic-terror framing.• The White House confirmed it was preparing an elections executive order aimed at mail voting and fraud prevention.	What moved the meter <p>The score rose because multiple categories began reinforcing one another: immigration power, election rules, civil-society pressure, and institutional self-protection. The Illinois ruling kept the month from moving more sharply upward.</p>	Report status <p>This is a backfilled formal report built from recovered archive content, aligned to the current report format.</p>
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Top score drivers

The monthly score rose because several documented stress categories reinforced each other.

Driver	Direction	Interpretation
Immigration and due process	Worsening	The TPS ruling kept immigration authority and legal-process concerns central to the month.
Election administration	Worsening	Preparation of an elections executive order signaled pressure on voting rules before the 2026 cycle.
Civil society and retaliation	Worsening	Domestic-terror framing and pressure on institutions raised concern about punitive use of state power.
Countervailing checks	Present	The Illinois National Guard ruling showed courts still providing meaningful brakes.

Category scorecard

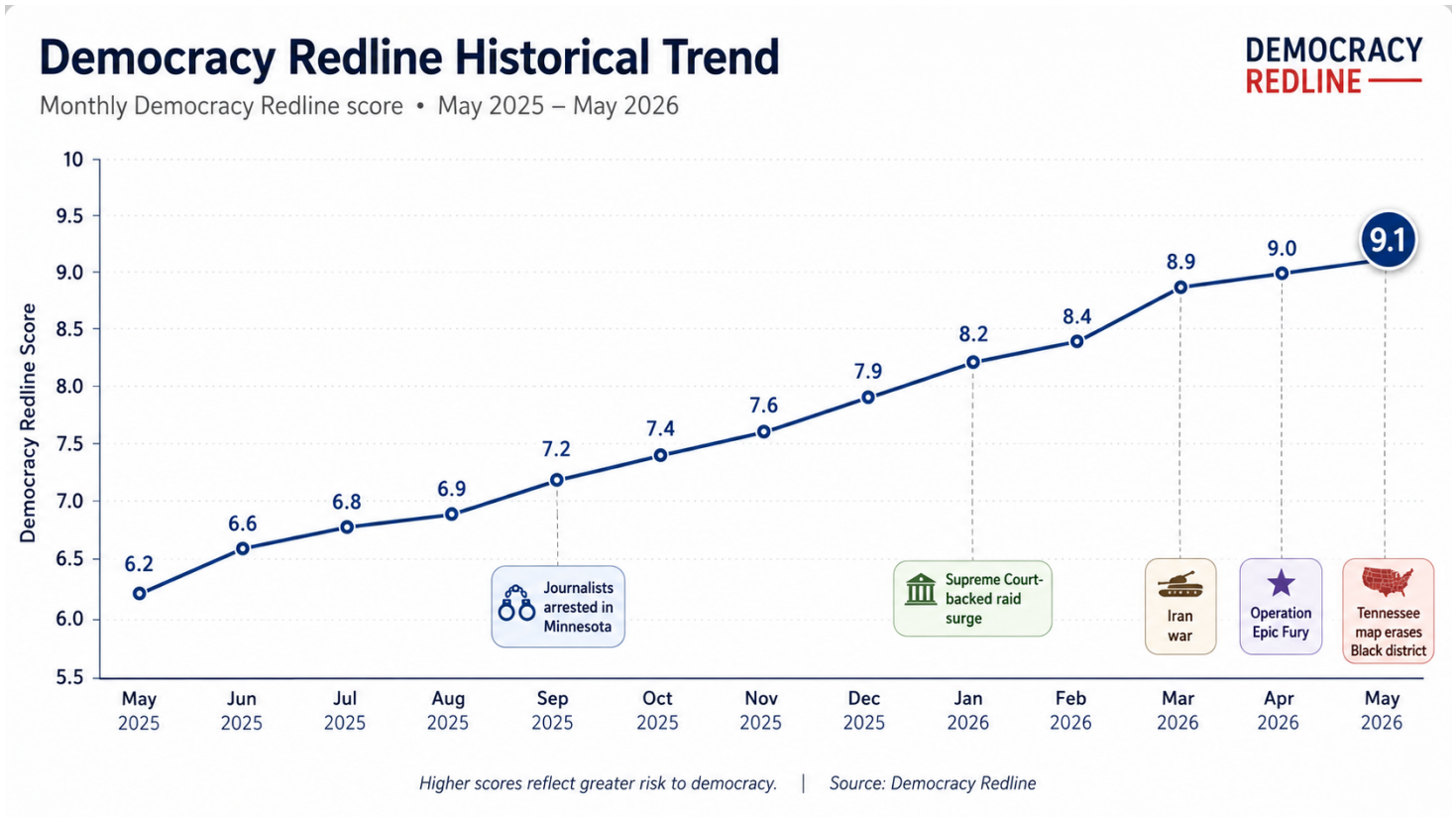
Category	Status	Interpretation
Executive power and emergency authority	High	Pressure rose through deployment disputes and broad executive-branch assertions.
Rule of law and due process	High	Immigration and TPS litigation kept legal-process concerns elevated.
Election fairness and administration	High	Preparations around voting rules began to appear as an active score driver.
Civil liberties and civil society	High	Activist-network investigation framing increased concern about civil-society pressure.
Institutional independence	High	Law-firm accommodation suggested institutional behavior was adapting under pressure.
Countervailing checks	Active	Court intervention constrained one of the highest-risk deployment issues.

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Category movement matters most when multiple documented stress signals reinforce one another rather than appearing as isolated disputes.

Historical trajectory context

November 2025 in the escalation sequence



November 2025 sits between earlier elevated-risk months and the later explicit Red Zone readings. The purpose of the backfill is to show direction, intensity, and accumulation across the monthly record.

Prior score	Current score	Status
7.4	7.6	High Risk

How this score is grounded

Evidence, interpretation, and score impact are separated.

The score is a structured civic-risk judgment based on recovered archive content and the public-record source stack described in the methodology. It is not a poll or a prediction.

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

Key evidence and benchmark events

The Supreme Court let the administration revoke Temporary Protected Status for Venezuelans while litigation continued.	Reuters reported a plan to investigate liberal groups and activist networks under a domestic-terror framing.	The White House confirmed it was preparing an elections executive order aimed at mail voting and fraud prevention.
A federal judge blocked the administration's deployment of federalized National Guard troops in Illinois.	Law-firm accommodation after punitive executive pressure suggested retaliation was beginning to reshape institutional behavior.	

Methodology note

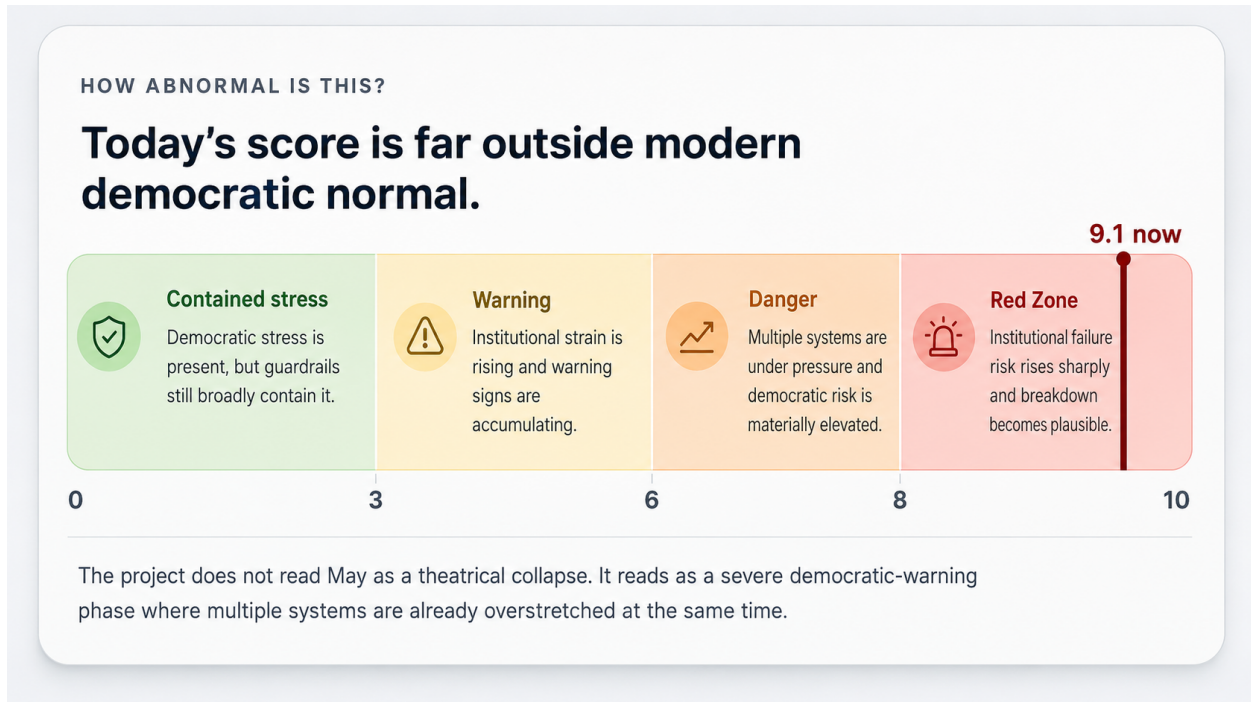
Backfilled formal reports use the current Democracy Redline scoring framework to reconstruct earlier trajectory. Where recovered report text was available, this PDF uses that recovered content. These records are best read as sequence documents that show persistence and accumulation across months.

What to watch next

Forward indicators for the next reporting period

<p>Election-rule follow-through</p> <p>Whether the planned elections executive order moved from preparation to implementation.</p>	<p>Civil-society investigations</p> <p>Whether investigatory framing widened or narrowed.</p>	<p>Court constraints</p> <p>Whether rulings like the Illinois order held as effective brakes.</p>
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Companion visual



This companion graphic explains why high institutional-stress scores should not be treated as ordinary political volatility.