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The new issue of the *Journal of Democracy* ([available free on ProjectMuse](#) until February 14) presents a timely snapshot on the fate of freedom around the world, and particularly in Europe. Below are essays that may be of particular interest to H-Mediterranean readers:

[“Italy’s Hard Truths”](#)

Erik Jones

The government of Giorgia Meloni, the country’s first female prime minister, is popular, scary, and competent. Her far-right party also enjoys greater democratic legitimacy than any other Italian party in a long time.

[“In Europe, Democracy Erodes from the Right”](#)

Milan W. Svobik, Elena Avramovska, Johanna Lutz, and Filip Milačić

When ordinary voters are given a choice between democracy and partisan loyalty, who will put democracy first? Frighteningly, Europe harbors a deep reservoir of authoritarian potential.

For the full issue, featuring additional essays on the rise of Europe’s far right by Bo Rothstein and Gabriele Magni and Andrew Reynolds, as well as why Putin’s military failed by Zoltan Barany, please visit our [ProjectMuse page](#) or our [website](#). You can follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

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