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Open Discussion

2024 Elections: Viewpoints From Around the Council of Councils

Guiding questions: Are there general trends in democracy (both in terms of principles and practices) that we can point to when looking at the nearly 60 percent of the world's population voting this year? How is populism playing out in your elections? If you perceive it is on the rise, what does that mean for your foreign policies and international cooperation more broadly? How have or how will elections across the world influence foreign policies? What do election results this year say about the systemic global trends of great power competition, migration, climate change, and backlash against globalization? If your country has held elections, what do you think the result portends? If your country will hold elections, where is the election race trending?

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