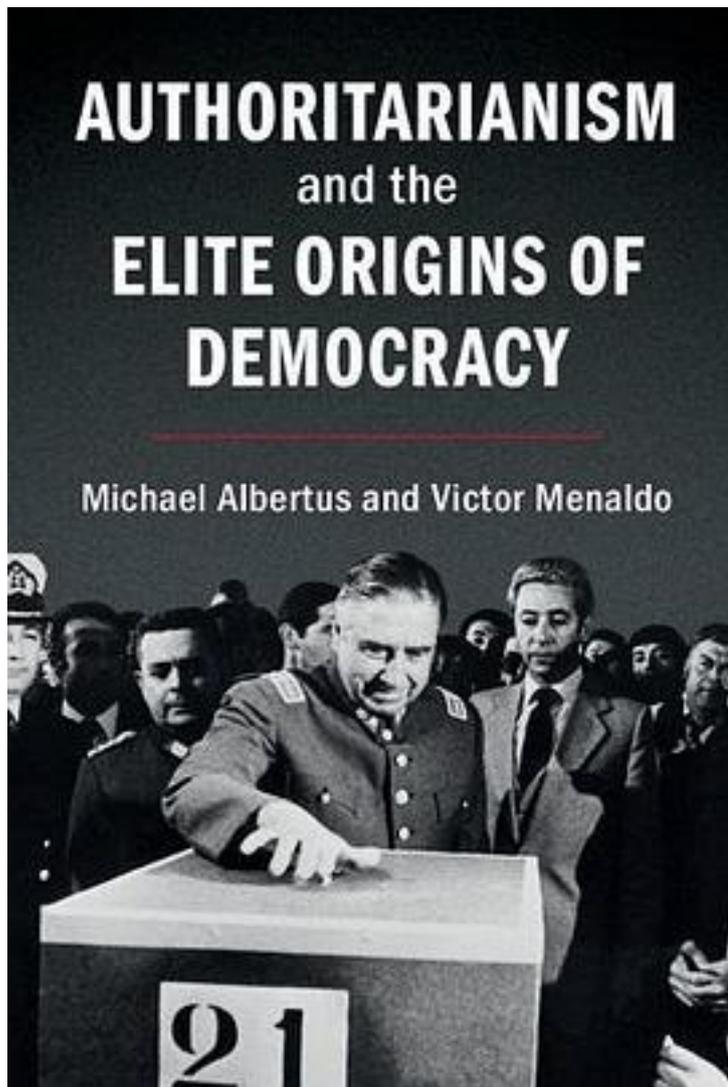


Authoritarianism and the Elite Origins of Democracy



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This book argues that - in terms of institutional design, the allocation of power and privilege, and the lived experiences of citizens - democracy often does not restart the political game after displacing authoritarianism. Democratic institutions are frequently designed by the outgoing authoritarian regime to shield incumbent elites from the rule of law and give them an unfair advantage over politics and the economy after democratization. *Authoritarianism and the Elite Origins of Democracy* systematically documents and analyzes the constitutional tools that outgoing authoritarian elites use to accomplish these ends, such as electoral system design, legislative appointments, federalism, legal immunities, constitutional tribunal design, and supermajority thresholds for change. The study provides wide-ranging evidence for these claims using data that spans the globe and dates from 1800 to the present. Albertus and Menaldo also conduct detailed case studies of Chile and Sweden. In doing so, they explain why some democracies successfully overhaul their elite-biased constitutions for more egalitarian social contracts.

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这书里最好的一个观点是，第一波之后的大部分民主化都是精英主导的民主化，从一开始就不是为普通民众服务的，所以再分配政策也不是按照中位投票人的偏好来；但是经过不懈的努力，精英民主可以逐渐转化为大众民主；换言之，行百里者半九十，民主化离真正的民主还差得远呢；但后半部分有点虎头蛇尾，empirics实在不太可信

基本上是对精英分裂模型的一个总结和重述，很多细节值得斟酌。看完案例部分再展开讲吧。

niubility，现在民主专制起源的分析很多都聚焦于精英的态度与策略（但又不同于转型学）…书很好，但总觉得少了些什么

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