

The Death of Democracy. Paul C. Roberts

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The electorate in Romania chose **Calin Georgescu** as their president. But the West said NO! You see, Georgescu is opposed to US military bases on Romania's border with Russia. So a Romanian judge was paid a bagful of money to cancel the election. The current president, whose term expires December 21, following Zelensky's lead declared he would stay in office. I have wondered why Biden did not do the same thing.

The judge vacated the will of the Romanian people, because he ruled that Russia using the social media TikTok interfered with the election. For reasons I don't understand, when a newspaper endorses a candidate it is not interfering with an election. Neither is it interfering when plutocrats donate millions of dollars, thus purchasing the government to serve their interests. Celebrities can endorse, etc., but it only is interference if it happens in social media and the result is not what the ruling elite require..

The West also doesn't accept the vote of the Georgian people who elected a parliament that is not hostile to Russia. That country's president, a French citizen, says she won't step down either.

It seems democracy is no longer a Western value if it interferes with Western agendas. This reduces democracy to a cover for elite agendas.

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