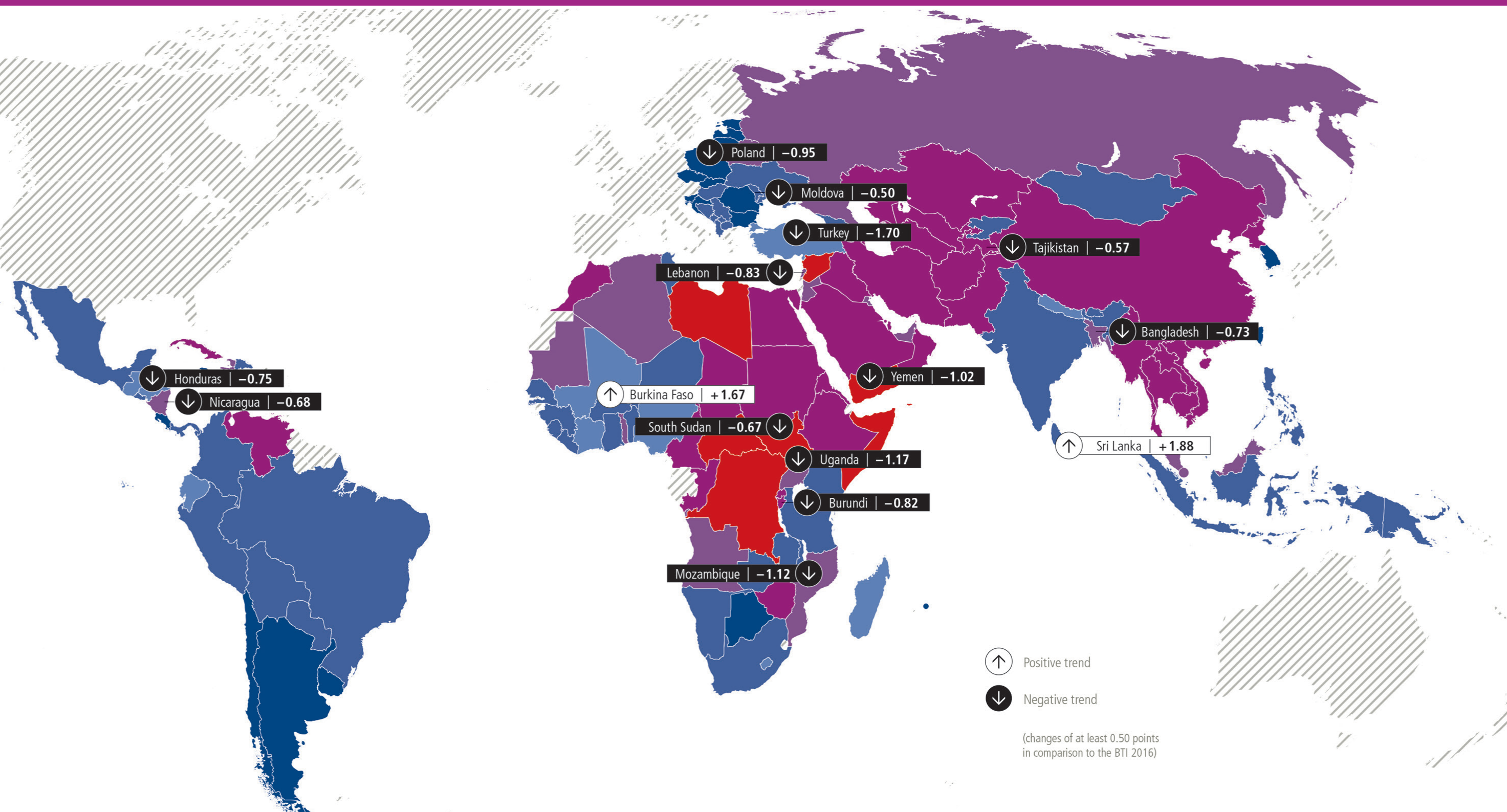


THE MANY SHADES OF DEMOCRACY

This week, the United Nations General Assembly gathers in New York to discuss global challenges, including sustainable development, preventing epidemics, and resolving conflict. Though absent from the official agenda, the deteriorating state of democracy around the world will have an impact on the proceedings as autocrats and democrats alike attempt to influence policy outcomes. This infographic, drawn from the Bertelsmann Transformation Index (BTI), provides a disturbing snapshot of the downward trajectory of democracy in 2018. For more information on the latest BTI report, [click here](#).

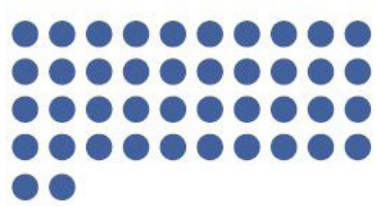


↑ Positive trend
 ↓ Negative trend
 (changes of at least 0.50 points in comparison to the BTI 2016)

Democracies in consolidation



Defective democracies



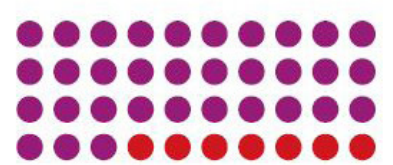
Highly defective democracies



Moderate autocracies



Hard-line autocracies



failing states