

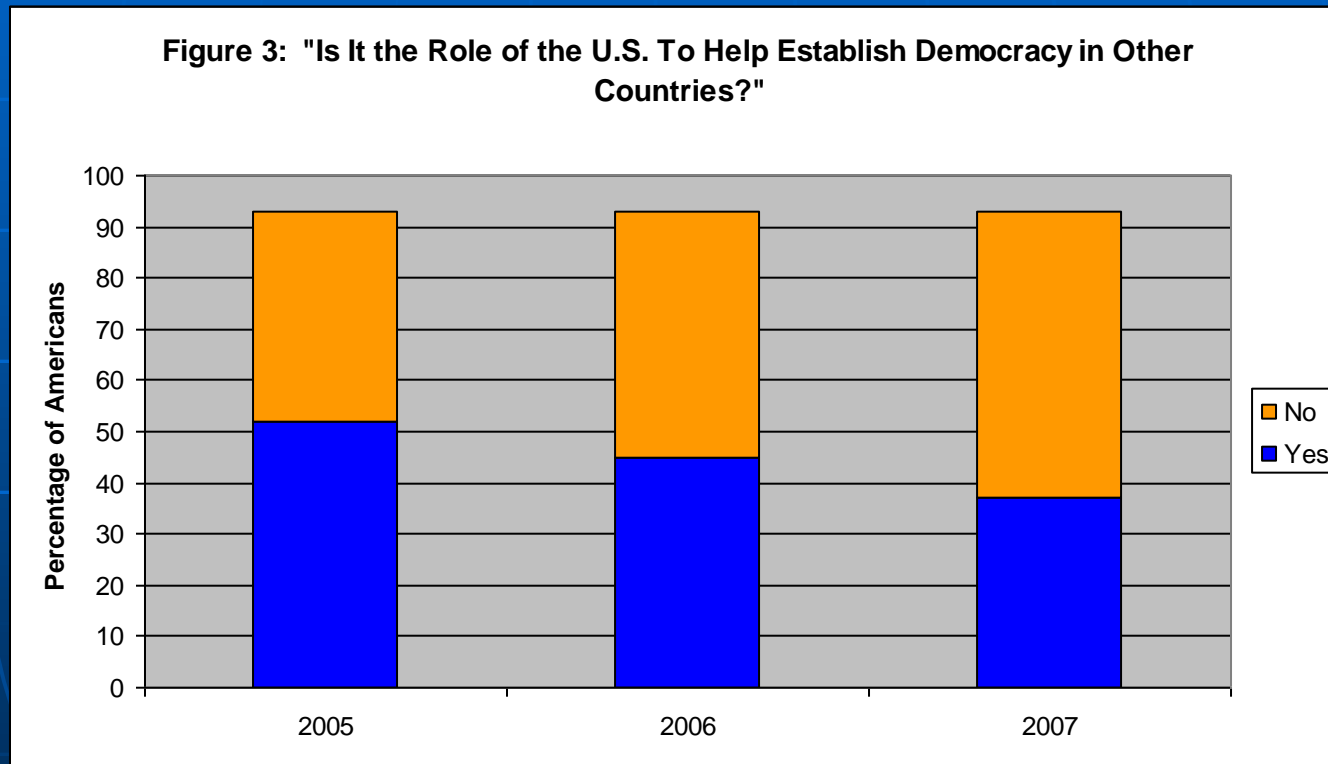
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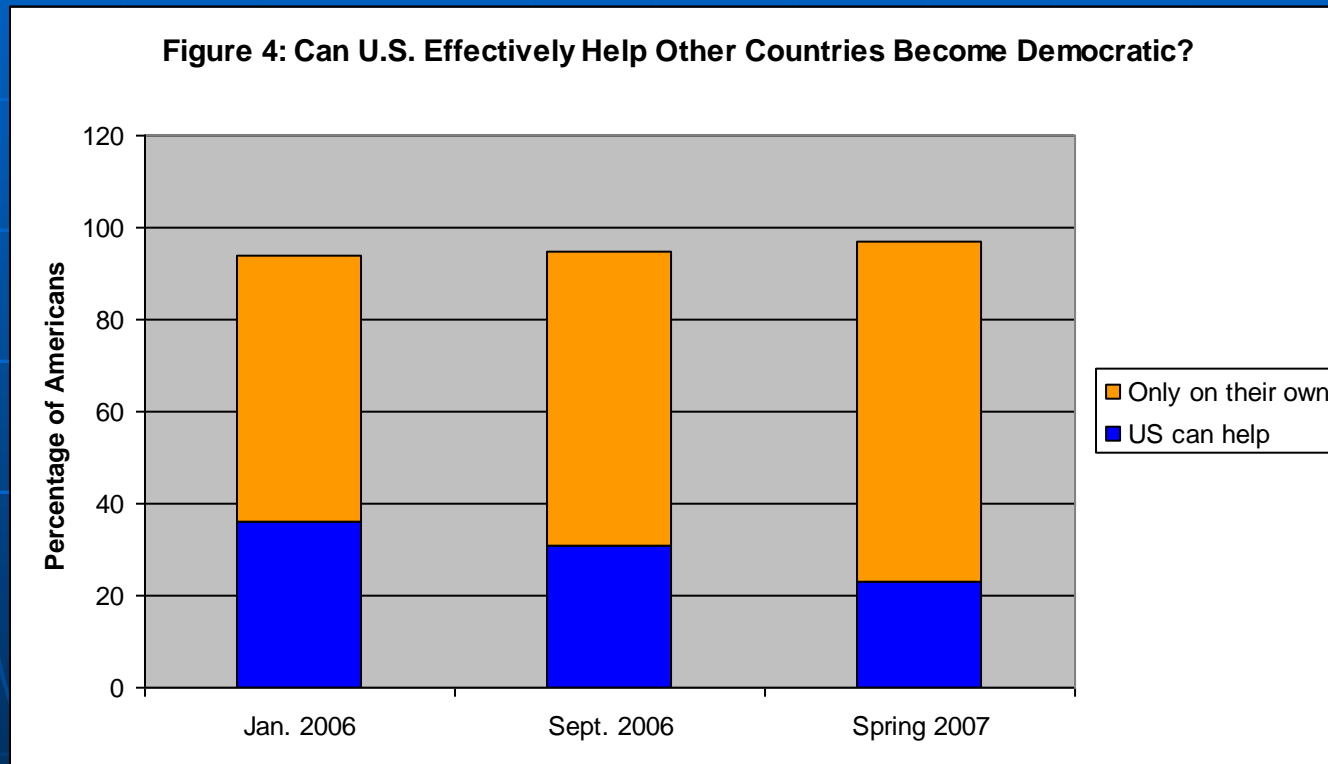
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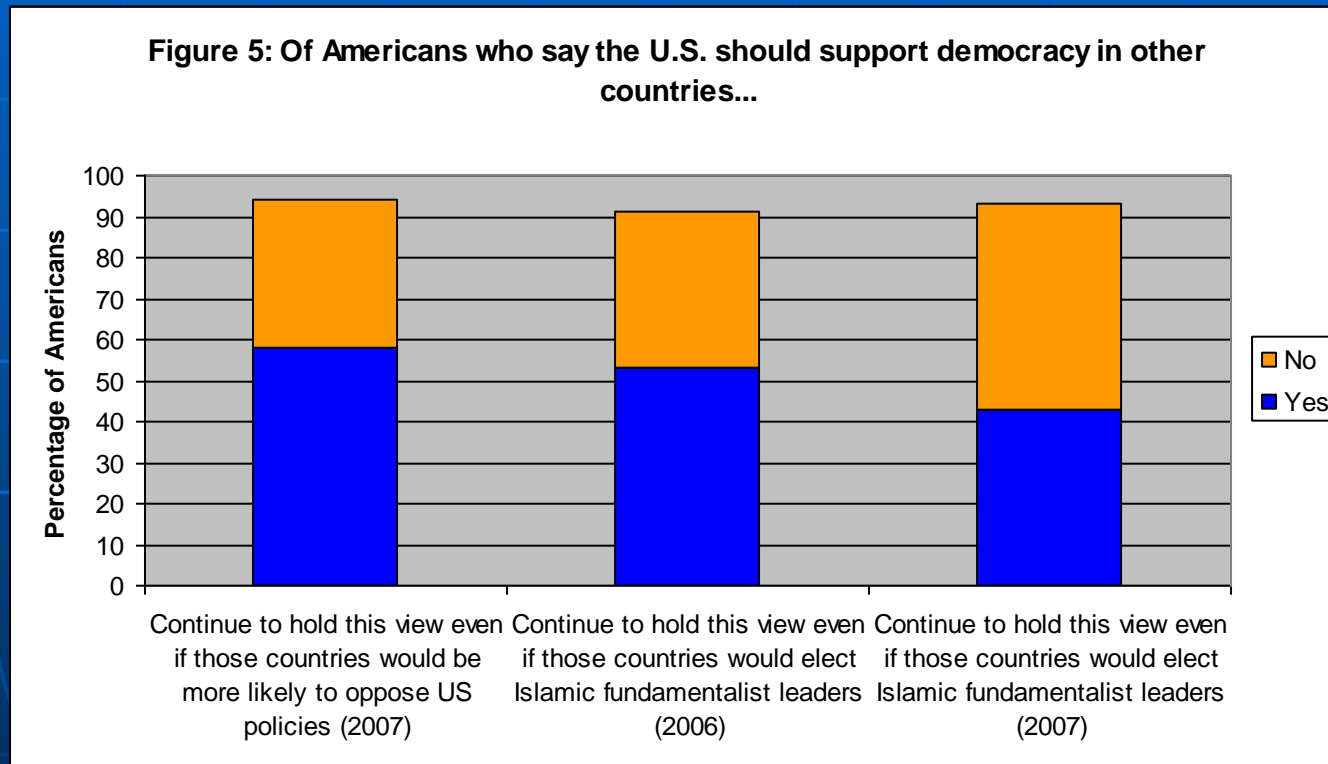
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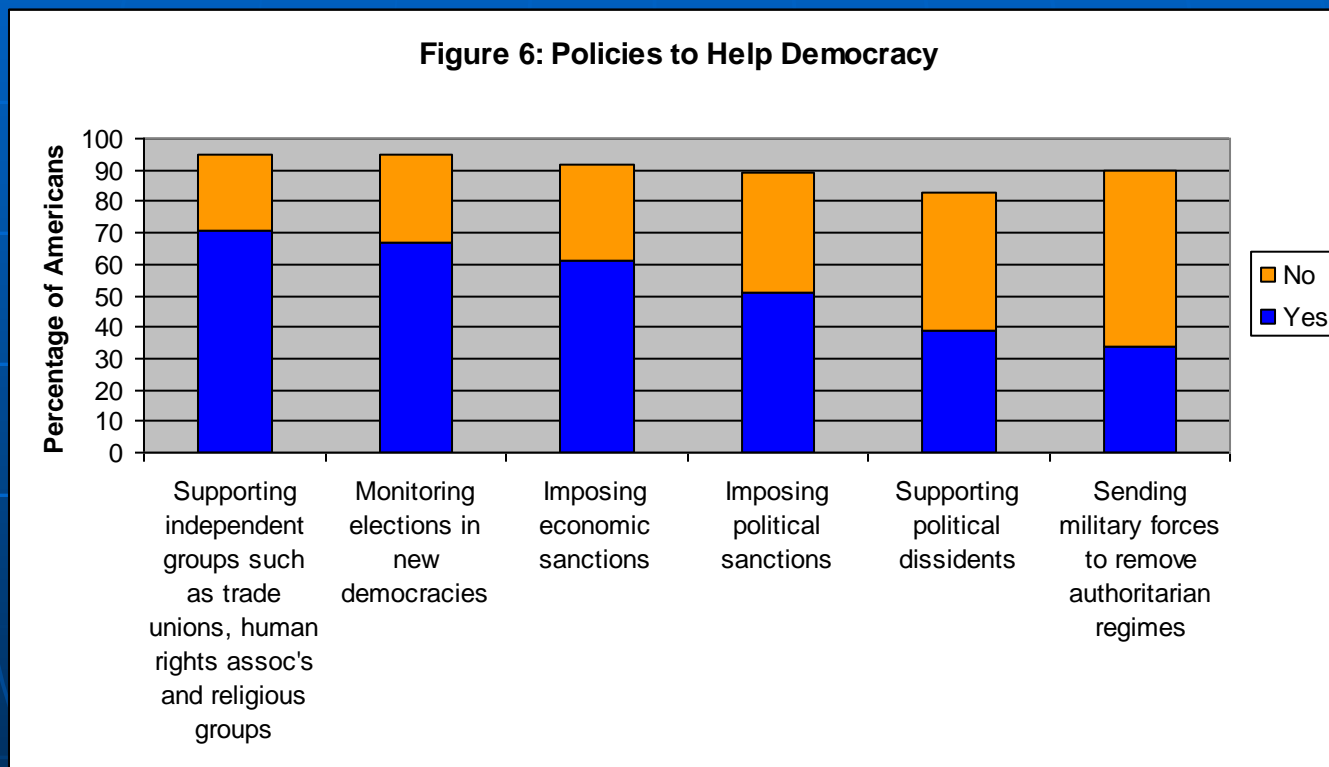
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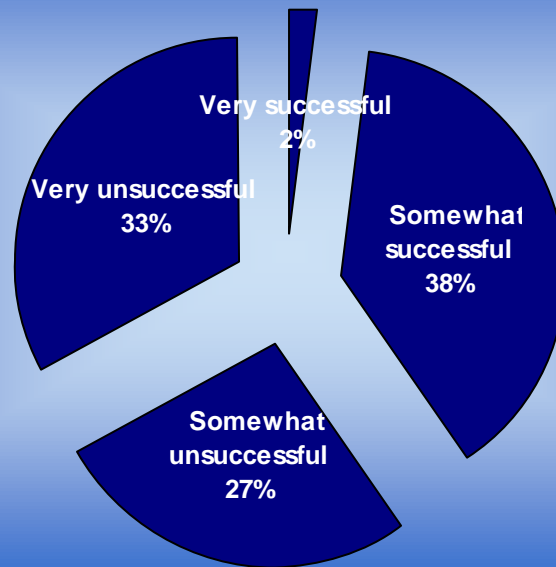


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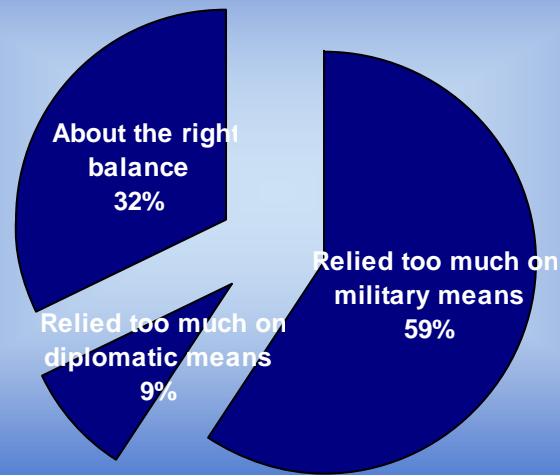
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# Conclusions

- 1) American rhetoric should focus on specific policies that support the development of democracy in the Middle East
- 2) American efforts should be explicitly framed as peaceful and non-military
- 3) Must make the case to the public that U.S. isolationism is not an option