

CASES OF DEMOCRATIC BREAKDOWN

Country	Year	Method & Actors Involved	Motives and Capabilities
Argentina	1955	Military coup; General Lonardi	Lonardi forced into retirement; plotted for years
Argentina	1962	Military coup; appoints Guido	Military coup after Peronists re-legaziled and gain support
Argentina	1966	Military coup; Onganía	Resurgent Peronism and economic troubles
Argentina	1976	Military coup; Videla	Long-planned coup of Perón's ill-functioning government
Bolivia	1980	Military coup; García Meza	Coup under fear of leftist President after indecisive election
Brazil	1964	Military coup; Castello Branco	Military opposed left-leaning Goulart
Burundi	1996	Military coup; ex-Pres. Buyoya	Former president Buyoya regains power during civil war
Chile	1973	Military coup; Pinochet	Pinochet plans overthrow of socialist president Allende
Comoros	1995	Coup by Denard mercenaries	Denard installs longtime politician Tiki who is later elected
Congo	1997	Sassou-Nguesso wins civil war	Former president and head of PCT, used private militia
Cuba	1952	Batista coup with army backing	Former president and senator, commanded vast patronage
Ecuador	1963	Military coup; Castro Jijón	
Ecuador	2000	Noboa president after coup	Coup during economic crisis, Noboa widely backed
Ghana	1972	Military coup; Acheampong	
Ghana	1981	Coup led by Rawlings	Former coup leader and air force officer, fought corruption
Greece	1967	Military coup; Papadopoulos	Papadopoulos leads coup during political crisis
Guatemala	1954	Military coup; Castillo Armas	Former coup plotter, opposed nationalization efforts
Guatemala	1963	Coup led by minister Peralta	Defense minister, prevented election of former leftist pres.
Guatemala	1982	Military coup; Ríos Montt	Former general, coup annuls fraudulent elections
Guinea-Bissau	2003		Military feared re-election of liberal president
Honduras	1963	Military coup; López	
Honduras	1972	Military coup; López	Coup during political crisis after popular uprising
Korea, South	1961	Military coup; Park	
Laos	1959		
Lebanon	1975		Economic stagnation and failure to repress insurrections
Myanmar	1958	Caretaker gov't called in; Ne Win	
Myanmar	1962	Military coup; Ne Win	King disbands parliament and PM; Maoist insurrection
Nepal	2002	Parliament dismissed; Gyanendra	History in military and gov't; gov't threatened by oppos.
Niger	1996	Military coup; Mainassara	
Nigeria	1966	Military coup;	Former minister and general, military junta cited corruption
Nigeria	1983	Military coup; Buhari	Former governor, declared martial law amidst instability
Pakistan	1956	Auto-coup; Mirza	Army chief, seized power in post-election violence
Pakistan	1977	Military coup; Zia	Army chief, leads coup after Sharif tries to dismiss him
Pakistan	1999	Military coup; Musharraf	Former exiled president, dissolved Congress, overthrown
Panama	1951	Auto-coup; Arias	Colonel and aide to Arias, deposes Arias again
Panama	1968	Military coup; Torrijos	Coup after indecisive elections and jockeying for power
Peru	1962	Military coup; Pérez	Political crisis, corruption, nascent rebellion
Peru	1968	Military coup; Velasco	Supported by military to fight Sendero, shut down Congress
Peru	1990	Auto-coup; Fujimori	Former senator, imposed martial law as president
Philippines	1965	Auto-coup; Marcos	Army commander, arrests elected replacement of Margai
Sierra Leone	1967	Coup by Lansana	Fought RUF, led coup after freed from jail for coup plotting
Sierra Leone	1997	Coup by Koroma	Army commander, seized power after assassination of pres.
Somalia	1969	Military coup; Barre	Former minister and MP, created executive presidency
Sri Lanka	1977	Auto-coup; Jayewardene	Coup during political instability and ill-functioning gov't
Sudan	1958	Military coup; Abboud	Commander of Khartoum garrison, overthrew former PM
Sudan	1969	Military coup; Nimeiry	Army colonel, overthrew corrupt coalition gov't of Sadiq
Sudan	1989	Military coup; al-Bashir	Army
Suriname	1980	Military coup; Bouterse	Army chief and former dictator, dismisses gov't by phone
Suriname	1990	Coup by Bouterse	Coup after student protests of former dictator's return
Thailand	1976	Military coup; appt. Kraivichien	Two generals depose Chatichai, accused of corruption
Thailand	1991	Military coup; Kongsompong	Military chief, coup after communist-nationalist violence
Turkey	1980	Military coup; Evren	Acholi former commanders sidelined by Obote's gov't
Uganda	1985	Coup by Okello and Olara-Okello	Former minister, dissolved Congress from military pressure
Uruguay	1973	Auto-coup w/ military; Bordaberry	