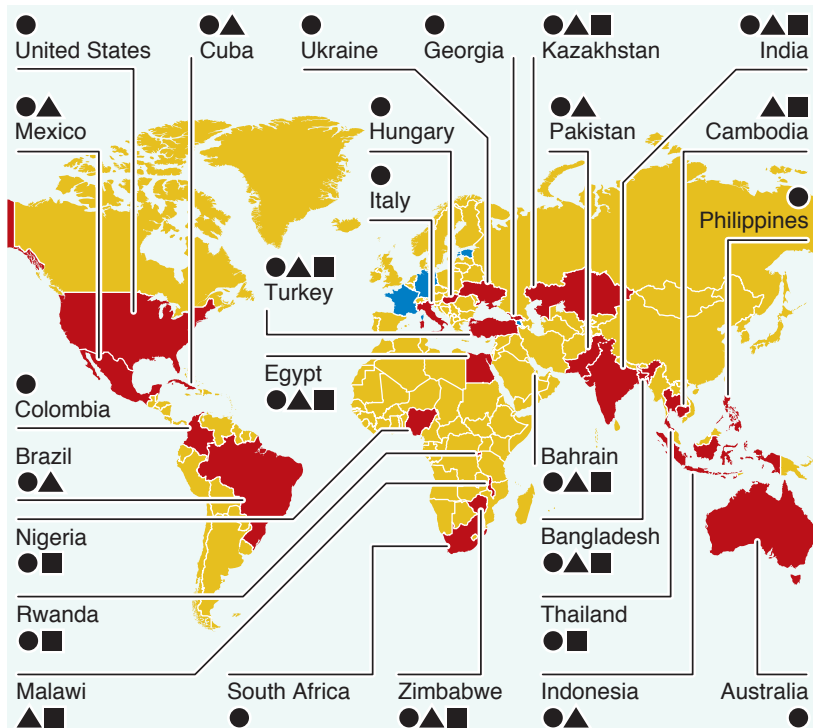


Growing online interference in elections

Online disinformation, propaganda and censorship were used to influence 26 of 30 national elections studied over the past year, according to a report by democracy watchdog Freedom House

ONLINE ELECTION INTERFERENCE BY DOMESTIC ACTORS (*past year*)



● Information tactics

Coordinated use of hyperpartisan commentators, bots, group admins or news sites to spread false or misleading content, often with state or political party backing

▲ Technical tactics

Intentional restrictions on connectivity; blocking of social media sites; and cyber-attacks from suspected domestic actors on political websites or social media accounts

■ Legal tactics

Arrests of individuals for online political expression, as well as establishment of new laws and regulations that criminalise online speech

Without election interference (Armenia, Estonia, France, Germany)