

Does Iowa mark the beginning of the end for democracy?

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As the Guardian has noted this morning:

Last night, the race for the US presidency formally started – and Donald Trump [has won the first round by a landslide](#). With 99% of votes counted, Trump has 51% of Republican support in the Iowa caucus – a victory of unprecedented dominance for any race not involving a sitting president.

Apparently, more than 50% of Republicans in Iowa think the 2020 election was illegally called for Biden. This is their moment of retribution.

The problem with that is, firstly, they are wrong. Trump undoubtedly lost in 2020. Second, this would spell the end for democracy in the USA. And third, it might also tip the world over a precipice from which there might be no return, not least with regard to climate change but also on foreign policy, civil rights and other issues. After all, if the US abandons democracy, how many others might do so?

If you are not worried by this, you are reading the wrong blog.