“Waves” of Democratization
- S. Huntington argues that democracy expands in “waves”
- Democracy ebbs after the wave

1\textsuperscript{st} wave: 1810-1922
2\textsuperscript{nd} wave: 1944-1957
3\textsuperscript{rd} wave: 1974- ?

What Causes Democratization?

Huntington’s Main Factors Contributing to 3\textsuperscript{rd} Wave
- legitimacy crises in authoritarian regimes
- economic growth
  - new educated middle-class demands
  - greater rights and freedoms
  - increasing urbanization
- Catholic Church’s new political role
  - Church supported more progressive politics
- Changes in EU, US, and Soviet policies
  - EU and US began advocating and supporting pro-democracy movements in authoritarian states
  - Soviet Union abandoned Brezhnev Doctrine
- snowballing or demonstration effect
  - falling dominoes
  - June-Dec. 1989: Poland, then Hungary, then E. Germany, then Czechoslovakia, then Romania