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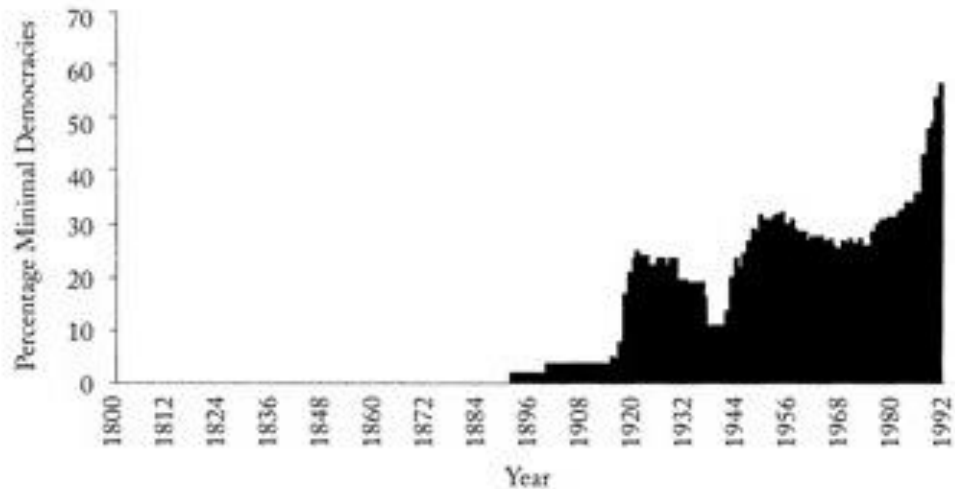


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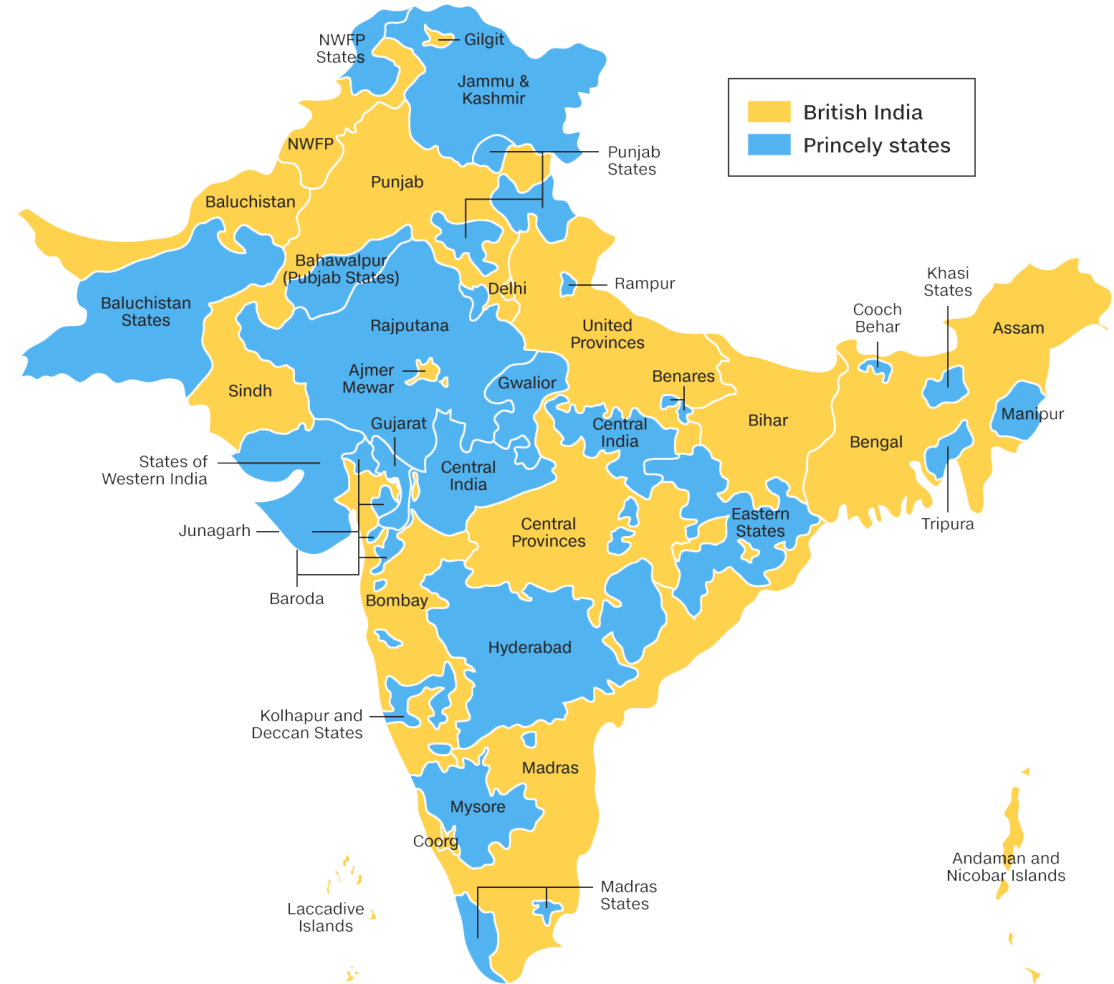


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# October 1922 – March 1923: A New Constitution



Sir Brajendra Nath Seal

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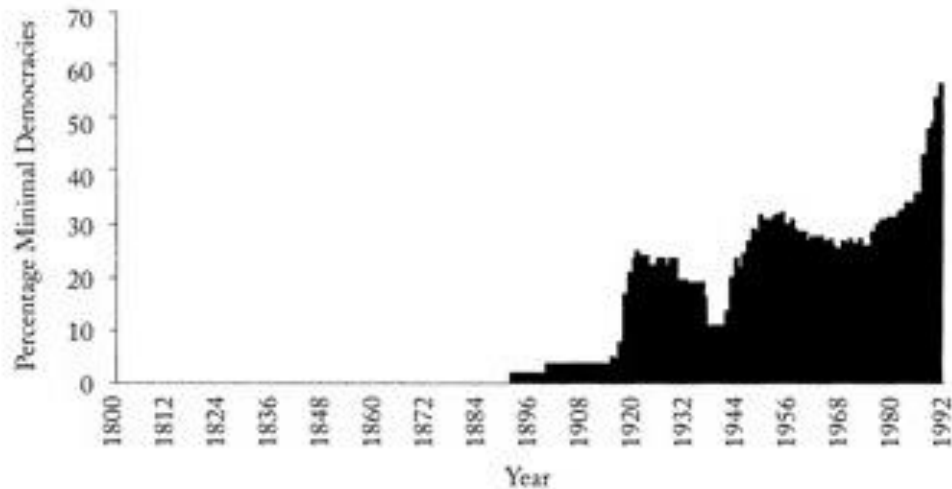
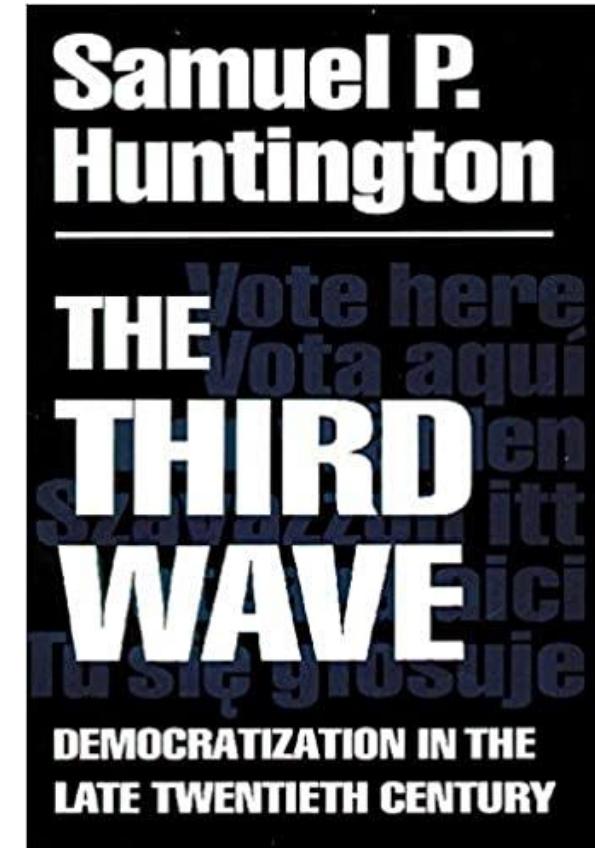


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