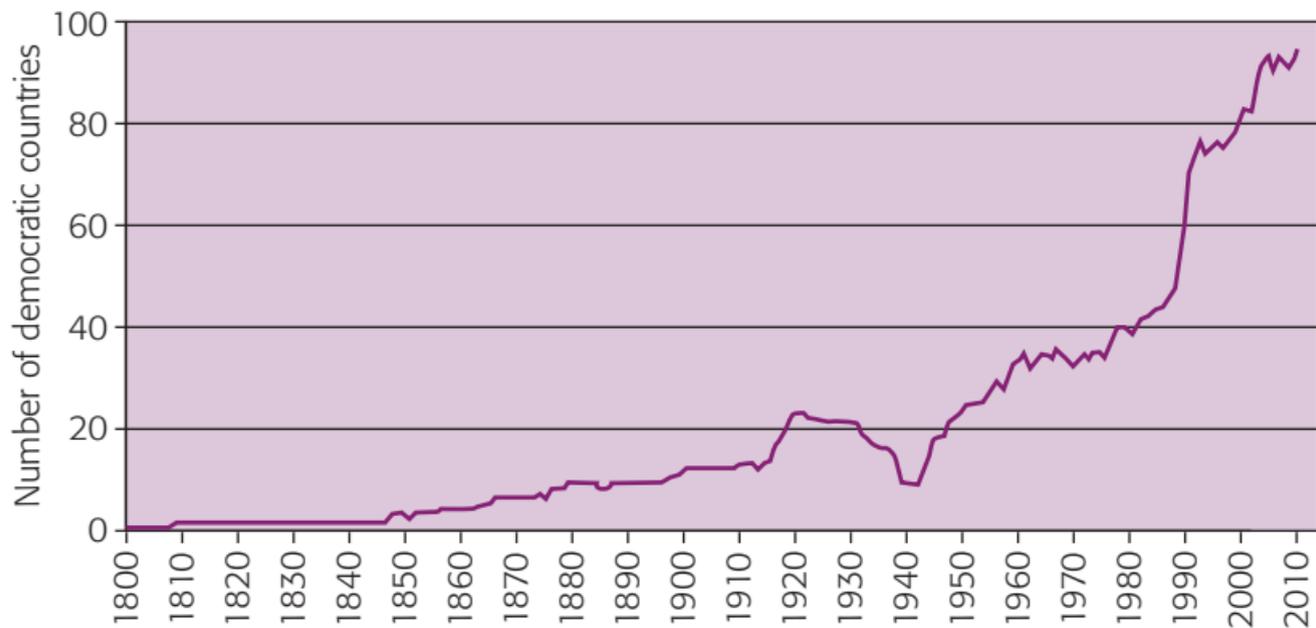


### Figure 3.1 The number of democratic countries in the world, 1800–2011

The number of democracies in the world increased dramatically after 1945. This expansion began before, but was accelerated by, the collapse of communism.



Note: Based on countries with a population exceeding 500,000.

Source: Adapted from Polity IV Project (2011), fig. 10.