

When the housing bubble burst, these families suffered an economic shock that drove many into bankruptcy. This vulnerability helps explain why, in just twenty-five years, the partisans of liberal democracy have moved from triumphalism to near despair. Nonetheless, 23 percent are open to a strong leader who does not have to bother with Congress and elections, and 18 percent would countenance military rule. At the same time, it accepts and enforces the liberal principle that the legitimate scope of public power is limited, which entails some constraints on or divergences from majoritarian decision making. Still, there is no cause—and no excuse—for complacency. According to Jan-Werner Müller, a leading scholar of populism, populists "speak and act as if the people could develop a singular judgment, a singular will, and hence a singular will, and hence a singular, unambiguous mandate." 9 But of course they cannot. The challenge is not only work for all, but also reasonable compensation. But by investing in transportation infrastructure that enables people who work in cities to live further from their places of employment, governments can help small towns participate in the fruits of metropolitan growth. Liberal democracy had triumphed, it seemed, not only in practice but also in principle. Agency Within History Liberals are anti-tribal, cherishing particular identities while subordinating them to broader conceptions of civic and even human solidarity. But citizens often crave more unity and solidarity than liberal life typically offers, and community can be a satisfying alternative to the burdens of individual responsibility. ACWA staff appreciate the guidance on this critical issue from the ACWA Board of Directors, the ACWA DAC Drinking Water Initiative Task Force, and the State Legislative Committee and its Safe Drinking Water Funding Working Group. Please send comments and suggestions to cod@northwestern.edu. With anytime, anywhere access and built-in tools like highlighters, flashcards, and study groups, it's easy to see why so many students are going digital with Bookshelf. The defenders of liberal democracy should likewise acknowledge that control of borders is an attribute of national sovereignty, and that liberal democrats can have a wide range of views on the appropriate number and type of immigrants to admit. believe that allowing experts to make decisions about what is best for their countries makes sense.12 Over the past year, I have been part of a bipartisan Voter Study Group that has been working to understand not only the 2016 presidential election, but also Americans' views of their democratic system. If one group or party believes that the other embodies evil, however, its members are likely to scorn compromises as dishonorable concessions to the forces of darkness. How Serious Is the Threat? In the long run, the effort to place such issues beyond the pale of political contestation will do more to weaken liberal democracy than robust debate ever could. Many citizens, their confidence in the future shaken, long instead for an imagined past that insurgent politicians have promised to restore. The lag in Europe is worse. It promotes stable families and their governing institutions. Individuals outside the charmed circle of the people may therefore be excluded from equal citizenship, violating the principle of inclusion that is essential to democracy. Not only do liberal-democratic institutions protect citizens against tyrannical concentrations of power, they also provide mechanisms for channelling the public's grievances and unmet needs into effective reforms. The divisions are moral as well as empirical. That history suggests that full employment should be a focus of economic policy. What Is Liberal Democracy? Postelection analyses show that concerns about immigration largely drove the Brexit referendum, the 2016 U.S. presidential election, and the gains of far-right parties across Europe. The student side contains a wealth of information: chapter synopses, annotated web links, computer programs, and more. But the concern extends beyond illegal immigration. It was also evident among voters who favor one primary culture over cultural diversity, believe that European heritage is important to being an American, and harbor highly negative views of Muslims. As popular demand for strong leaders grows, rising political actors are beginning to question key liberal-democratic principles such as the rule of law, freedom of the press, and minority rights. Populism is the enemy of pluralism, and thus of modern democracy. Although there is widespread discontent with how democratic institutions are performing in the European and North American countries included in the survey, median support for representative democracy across these countries stands at 80 percent. But denouncing citizens concerned about immigration as ignorant and bigoted does nothing either to address the issue in substance or to lower the political temperature. Today's economic ills pale in comparison to the Great Depression of the 1930s, and today's autocratic regimes lack the ideological attraction that fascism and communism held at their peak. [The site also works for other editions.] Our site is divided into three parts. Gavin Newsom signed SB 200 (Monning) into law, creating the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund, which provides the legal structure and process for funding safe drinking water solutions for disadvantaged communities in California that currently do not have that access. Recently, a third definition has entered public debate—the people as opposed to cultural elites. Political leaders can assert the right of their nations to put their interests first without threatening liberaldemocratic institutions and norms. In practice, not every manifestation of populism threatens liberal democracy. To calculate the overall star rating and percentage breakdown by star, we donâ end the specific for the specific power in all its aspects marks the line between constitutionalism in general and the specific power in all its aspect as simple average. type of constitutionalism we call liberal. More than that, it appears that the modern knowledge-based economy thrives on the density and diversity found in larger cities, where concentrated professional networks spur innovation. In the space remaining, I can only gesture toward the elements of a liberal-democratic response to the populist challenge.16 1) The defenders of liberal democracy must focus relentlessly on identifying and countering threats to liberal institutions. Majoritarianism is limited only by the imperative of preserving the liberties and powers-freedom of speech, assembly, and the press, among others-that citizens need to influence public decisions. Populism is not merely, as some observers have suggested, an emotion-laden expression of disappointment over frustrated economic expectations, resentment against rigged rules and special interests, and fear of threats to physical and cultural security. It was the only legitimate form of government. We dare not ignore these developments, which may well be harbingers of worse to come. Even though China's government had brutally repressed a democracy movement, it was possible to believe that a more educated and prosperous Chinese middle class would eventually (and irresistibly) demand democratic reforms. Too often, individuals who have prospered in this meritocracy are seen as harboring a sense of superiority to their fellow citizens. As Jeff Colgan and Robert Keohane put it, "It is not bigotry to calibrate immigrants to assimilate and to society's ability to adjust."18 No issue has done more to spark the rise of contemporary populism, and finding a sustainable compromise would drain much of the bile from today's liberal-democratic politics. Twenty-five years ago, liberal democracy was on the march. Why is there a need for safe drinking water funding sources rather than establishing a new tax on drinking water. It isn't sound policy to tax a resource that is essential to life A regressive statewide tax on local water bills is in conflict with keeping water affordable for all Californians It would be highly inefficient to require more than 3,000 local water agencies to serve as tax collectors for the state The combined local administrative costs would exceed the combined statewide water tax revenue collected with local water bills Californians Oppose a Drinking Water Tax Tulchin Research conducted a statewide poll in early 2018 based on a previous drinking water tax proposal. 2021 Year in Review Although the ongoing pandemic continued to create challenges in 2021, ACWA staff once again proved extraordinary dedication in advocating on [...] The world's #1 eTextbook reader for students. These limits need not constrain public power in the aggregate. Across Europe and North America, long-established political arrangements are facing a revolt. But darker fears are also at work. In a similar vein, it is essential to distinguish between the liberal element of liberal democracy and what is often called cultural liberalism. 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In the context of popular sovereignty, splitting a country's population into the people and the others implies that some parts of the population, because they are not really part of the people, do not deserve to share in self-correction. When we say "we," what do we mean? During the 2016 Brexit referendum, the EU's unwillingness to compromise on the question of movement across its member nations' borders made it far more difficult for Britain's "Remain" forces to prevail. Indeed, some observers contend that populism, so understood, is not without merit: It represents "an illiberal democratic response to undemocratic liberalism,"6 and thus is less an attack on democracy than a corrective to a deficit thereof. This is a moral as well as an economic imperative. A society in which all citizens are equal but only 10 percent decades, middle-class families kept up their living standards via women's entry into the workforce and by taking on additional debt, in part drawn from the equity they had accumulated from rising home prices. The country that gave birth to the Solidarity movement is following his lead. Preferring those who are most like us goes with the grain of our sentiments more than does a wider, more abstract concept of equal citizenship or humanity. How Does Populism Challenge Liberal Democracy? Openness to undemocratic alternatives was most pronounced among voters who combine economic liberalism and cultural conservatism—the policy profile most characteristic of U.S. populists. The recovery since the end of the Great Recession has been the weakest of the entire postwar period largely because household and family incomes have remained flat. Again, this is a policy dispute within liberal democracy, not about liberal democracy. That poll showed that 73% of likely voters oppose a new tax on drinking water, both initially and even after hearing more information. Liberal democracy faces clear and present dangers. A structural explanation that places economics at the base and treats other issues as derivative distorts a more complex reality. In addition to organizing power, constitutions that places economics at the base and treats other issues as derivative distorts a more complex reality. communities, however, makes this impossible, even for those communities founded on republican principles. Conversely, we know all too well the consequences of long-term unemployment: diminished self-respect, increased strife within families, epidemics of substance abuse, blighted neighborhoods, and a corrosive sense of helplessness. Instead, our system considers things like how recent a review is and if the reviewer bought the item on Amazon. In short, populism plunges democratic societies into an endless series of moralized zero-sum conflicts; it threatens the rights of minorities; and it enables over-bearing leaders to dismantle the checkpoints on the road to autocracy. Left unmet, their demands could evolve into pressure for regime change. Nearly half the voters who supported Barack Obama in 2012 but switched to Donald Trump in 2016 favored a strong, unencumbered leader and declined to endorse democracy as the best form of government.13 It is not clear that these findings represent a break with the past. Even fewer support military government. Throughout the market democracies of the West, remote and less densely populated regions are losing ground to metropolitan centers. In the United States, partisan polarization gridlocked the system, preventing progress on critical issues. Liberal democracy is not the end of history; nothing is. Benjamin Constant famously distinguished between the "liberty of the ancients" and the "liberty of the moderns." For the ancients, liberty entailed "active participation in collective power"—that is, in direct self-government. Plurality, not homogeneity, characterizes most peoples, most of the time. These limits can be horizontal, like the familiar "separation of powers" and "checks and balances." They can also be vertical: Through federalism, public power is divided among different levels of jurisdiction (national, regional, and so forth). They are not, of course. Since the passage in 1965 of reforms that liberalized U.S. immigration policy following four decades of restrictive legislation, the country's demographics have been transformed. But to stop here would be to leave half the story untold—the more important half, in my view. It also analyzed reviews to verify trustworthiness. To some extent this trend reflects anxiety about economic displacement; the "Polish plumber" became a trope in the Brexit debate. After the first year, the funding will be 5% of the GGRF continuously appropriated - capped at \$130 million per year. The funding will sunset in 2030. Today, the global scene is very different. Surmounting them will require intellectual clarity and political leaders who are willing to take risks to serve the long-term interests of their countries. In this way, presuming the people's monopoly on virtue undermines democratic practice. We may also gain perspective, and a measure of comfort, from a cross-national survey released just a couple of months ago. Overall support for a leader who can act unchecked by Congress and the courts is no higher than it was two decades ago. Denying the equal dignity and worth of others is self-defeating: Insult does even more than injury to fuel resentment, one of the most dangerous of all political passions. The governor's signing of SB 200 follows the June 27 enactment of the 2019-'20 State Budget, which sets forth the first part of the funding solution. The State Budget provides \$130 million for Fiscal Year 2019-'20 for safe drinking water solutions in disadvantaged communities that do not have access to safe drinking water. As the British analyst David Goodhart vividly puts it, democratic citizenries are being divided into "Anywheres" (individuals whose identities are professional and who can use their skills in many places, at home and abroad) and "Somewheres" (individuals whose identities are tightly bound to particular places).1 A college degree, it turns out, not only expands economic opportunities but also reshapes an individual's entire outlook. That said, while publics are not turning their back on representative democracy, they are willing to consider other forms of decision making. In its U.S. version, this definition sets "real people" who eat hamburgers, listen to country and western music, and watch Duck Dynastyagainst "globalist" snobs who do whatever PBS, NPR, and the New York Times deem refined. By contrast, only 13 percent support a system in which a strong leader can make decisions without interference from the legislature or the courts. These observers argue that elites, by taking important issues such as economic, monetary, and regulatory policies off the public agenda and assigning them to institutions insulated from public scrutiny and influence, have invited precisely the popular revolt that now threatens to overwhelm them. One might conclude, then, that the liberty of the moderns consists in the selection of representatives through free and fair elections in which all may participate on equal terms. Populism requires constant combat against these enemies and the forces they represent. In 2015, first-generation immigrants made up 14 percent of the population, just shy of the peak slightly over a century earlier.17 It should not be surprising that this latest cycle of immigration, like its early twentieth-century precursor, has evoked support for more restrictive policies among many U.S. citizens—this time including descendants of the previous wave's immigrants. The combination of economic dislocation, demographic change, and challenges to traditional values has left many less educated citizens feeling that their lives are outside their control. Left unchecked, moves to undermine freedom of the press, weaken constitutional courts, concentrate power in the hands of the executive, and marginalize groups of citizens based on ethnicity, religion, or national origin will undermine liberal democracy from within. In modern societies, work provides more than a livelihood; it gives our lives structure and purpose, and is a key source of self-confidence and social respect. But the oft-heard analogy between those decades and our current situation obscures more than it reveals. We can now venture a more precise characterization of liberal democracy. The solution does not include a water tax. At the same time, political reforms are needed to restore the ability of liberal-democratic institutions to act effectively. But if elites stopped managing the economy effectively, all bets were off. The appeal of populism with its embrace of tribalism, its Manichean outlook, and the constant conflict it entails—is deeply rooted in the enduring incompleteness of life in liberal societies. Today, "we the people" is understood to mean all citizens, regardless of religion, manners and customs, and length of citizenship. For media inquiries, please contact ACWA Director of Communications Heather Engel at (916) 441-4545. A recent study of politics in the wake of financial crises over the past 140 years finds a consistent pattern: Majority parties shrink; far-right parties gain ground; polarization and fragmentation intensify; uncertainty rises; and governing becomes more difficult.11 Economic historians tell us that the effects of financial crises, unlike cyclical recessions, typically take a decade or more to abate. a government which derives all its powers directly or indirectly from the great body of the people."4 Democracy, at the most basic level, requires both the equality of all citizens and broadly inclusive citizenship. It is this challenge on which I wish to focus. This means, first, that public decisions are made by popular majorities of citizens whose votes all count equally; and second, that democratic publics want policy changes that give them hope for a better future. Political movements based on this premise inevitably come to grief, but not before disappointment gives way to a violent search for hidden enemies. Gridlock frustrates ordinary citizens and makes them more open to leaders who are willing to break the rules in order to get things done. sides of the aisle played key roles in making this agreement possible. To name just a few of those, Senator Monning (D-Carmel) has championed this issue from the beginning. Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee Chair Eduardo Garcia (D-Coachella) encouraged stakeholders to come forward with ideas for how to solve the problem. Senator Anna Caballero (D-Salinas) authored the ACWA and California Municipal Utilities Association co-sponsored SB 669, which proposed a Safe Drinking Water Trust. Discussions on that bill helped inform the broader discussion regarding solutions. Populism understands the elite as hopelessly corrupt, the people as uniformly virtuous—meaning that there is no reason why the people should not govern themselves and their society without institutional restraints. Thus, liberal institutional restraints are people from acting democratically in their own interest should be set aside. As I wrote in the Journal of Democracy in April 2017, "elites' preference for open societies is running up against growing public demands for . The current ills of liberal democracy are deep and pervasive. The door seems to be opening for a return to forms of authoritarianism written off by many as relics of the public agenda—had much the same effect. Large population flows, finally, have triggered concerns about the loss of national sovereignty. In government, the media, and major metropolitan areas, technological change has spurred the growth and consolidation of an education-based meritocracy, giving rise to new class divisions. The second half of the 1990s was the last time that the incomes of all economic groups from top to bottom progressed together at roughly the same rate. 4) It is time to abandon a myopic focus on economic policies that improve well-being across all demographic lines, including those of class and geography. First, it is divisive by definition. Inequality rose. The third concept, constitutionalism, denotes a basic, enduring structure of formal institutional governing institutional power, typically but not always codified in writing. The national and international governing institutions they thought would step in to help seemed frozen or indifferent. For this reason, public policy cannot fully eliminate the rural-urban gap. And populist leaders claim that they alone represent the people, the only legitimate force in society. Contemporary liberal democracy, I argued, rested on a tacit compact between peoples on the one hand and elected representatives together with unelected experts on the other. It is no coincidence that during this period the labor market reached and then sustained full employment, improving workers' bargaining power and bringing previously neglected individuals back into the workforce. ACWA also appreciates the tireless legislative outreach support from member agencies. One may speculate that any country (even a self-styled nation of immigrants) has a finite capacity to absorb new arrivals, and that bumping up against this limit triggers a reaction that detractors condemn as nativist. So does the tendency to impute good motives to our friends and malign intent to our foes. The people is an ensemble of individuals who enjoy a common civic status. Everything human beings make is subject to erosion and contingency. South Africa's apartheid regime was tottering. The United States, the United Kingdom, and the European Union all failed to deal with waves of immigration in ways that commanded public support. Human choice, not historical inevitability, will determine liberal democracy's fate. Learn more how customers reviews work on Amazon For those who believe in liberal democracy, it is sobering to review the events of the past quarter-century. These distinctions also shed light on the populist challenge to liberal democracy. As Abraham Lincoln once said as the clouds of crisis darkened, "If we could first know where we are and whither we are tending, we could better judge what to do and how to do it."15 What Is to Be Done? To be sure, the power of self-correction is not always enough to prevent liberal democracies from crumbling. So, too, is allowing the concentration of economic growth and dynamism in fewer and fewer places. Politics of Unreason and in the work he did on working-class authoritarianism in the 1950s.14 Nonetheless, there are grounds for concern, not least because our system allows aroused political minorities to exercise disproportionate influence. Worries about the increased demand for social services, too, have played a part. On the one hand, this is no time for complacency. The instructor side contains valuable material for innovative teachers. National identity is taking on increasing prominence in politics, and those who believe that liberal democracy draws strength from diversity have been thrown on the defensive. If all human beings are endowed with "certain unalienable rights" that governments do not create and individuals may not surrender, then the republican principle can authorize only forms of government that uphold these rights. Even if it lacks the kind of formal theoretical underpinnings or canonical texts that defined the great "isms" of the twentieth century, populism nonetheless has a coherent structure. This compact began to weaken with growing competition from developing nations, which put pressure on policies designed to protect the citizens of advanced democracies against labor-market risks. For citizens with less formal education, particularly those in rural areas and smaller towns, the dominance of this new elite has led to feelings of marginalization. In fact, Constant presents the "peaceful enjoyment of individual independence" as the modern alternative to direct self-government opens up a large sphere of nonpolitical life—economic, social, cultural, and religious—that citizens expect to conduct on their own terms. An independent judiciary, freedom of the press, the rule of law, and protected space for civil associations (secular and religious) represent the first line of defense against illiberalism, and they must be safeguarded. Against this backdrop, the Great Recession that began in late 2007 represented a colossal failure of economic stewardship, and political leaders' inability to restore vigorous growth compounded the felony. A globalized economy, it turned out, served the interests of the working and middle classes in the developed economies, which had done so well in the three decades after World War II. As economies struggled and unemployment persisted, the groups and regions that failed to rebound lost confidence in mainstream parties and established institutions, fueling the populist upsurge that has upended U.S. politics, threatens the European Union, and endangers liberal governance itself in several of the newer democracies. Populist leaders attack "enemies of the people" in moralistic terms, as corrupt, self-seeking, and given to conspiracies against ordinary citizens, often in collaboration with foreigners. For more on the polling, please read the polling, please read the polling results memo or see our news release. It is skeptical, however, about constitutionalism, insofar as formal, bounded institutions and procedures impede majorities from working their will. The best stance is reality-based concern, as detached from fear and foreboding as we can manage. Liberal norms and policies, they claim, weaken democracy and harm the people. When I began writing about this emerging revolt a few years ago, I believed that economics lay at its core. Populist parties often espouse measures, such as trade protectionism and withdrawal from international institutions, that challenge established arrangements but not liberal democracy itself. This type of political order rests on the republican principle, takes constitutional form, and incorporates the civic egalitarianism and majoritarian principles of democracy. Supporters of dynamism and diversity increasingly clash with proponents of stability and homogeneity, beneficiaries of technological change with those harmed by the resulting economic shifts. They have not yet regained the wealth they lost during this period. But neither sentiment is warranted. It was not until this year that middle-class families in the United States regained the level of income they enjoyed prior to the onset of the Great Recession in late 2007. In the long run, workers cannot spend more than they are paid. The California Legislature had previously passed the bill in early July 2019. In the first year, Fiscal Year 2019-'20, the safe drinking water funding solution will be funded with \$100 million from the General Fund. The people have one set of interests and values, the elite has another, and these two sets are not only different but fundamentally opposed. On July 24, 2019, Gov. When populists distinguish between the "people" and the "elite," they depict each of these groups as homogeneous. The principle of inclusive growth applies across lines of geography as well as class. . Only wage increases can generate more vigorous growth, and if market mechanisms fail to produce higher wages, public policy should step in. In this conception of democracy unmodified by a class. any adjective, there is nothing essentially undemocratic about majoritarian decisions that systematically disadvantage specific individuals and groups or invade privacy rights. On the other hand, I must underscore a less fashionable point: This is no time for panic either. In circumstances of even partial liberty, different social groups will have different interests, values, and origins. In addition to Gov. Liberal democracy faces multiple external challenges-from ethnonational autocracies, from the success of strong-handed meritocracy in places such as Singapore, and, not least, from the astonishing economic accomplishments of China's market-Leninist system. It takes an even dimmer view of liberal protections for individuals and minority groups. This bring us to the fourth and final concept: liberalism. To the extent that this occurs, populism becomes a threat to democracy, which, as Müller puts it, "requires pluralism and the recognition that we need to find fair terms of living together as free, equal, but also irreducibly diverse citizens."10 Whatever may have been possible in classical republics, no form of identity politics can serve as the basis for modern democracy, which stands or falls with the protection of pluralism. 2) We should distinguish between policy disputes and regime-level threats. economic, cultural, and political closure."2 All too often, liberal democracy is conflated with the spread of a cultural liberalism at odds with custom and religion. Decision making in circumstances of diversity typically requires compromise. In the United States, Donald Trump's famous promise to build a "big, beautiful wall" along the Mexican border became a powerful symbol of sovereignty regained. As recent decades have shown, no mechanism automatically translates economic growth into broadly shared prosperity. This may sound like an abstract theoretical question. Liberal democrats can adopt diverse views on issues such as abortion, same-sex marriage, local traditions, and religion while remaining true to their political creed. Its milestones have included the Brexit vote; the 2016 U.S. election; the doubling of support for France's National Front; the entrance of the far-right Alternative for Germany into the Bundestag; moves by traditional right-leaning parties toward the policies of the far-right in order to secure victories in the March 2017 Dutch and October 2017 Austrian parliamentary elections; and most troubling, the entrenchment in Hungary of Prime Minister Viktor Orbán's self-styled "illiberal democracy," which seems to be emerging as a template for Poland's governing Law and Justice party and—some scholars believe—for insurgent parties in Western Europe as well. But there is also an internal challenge to liberal democracy—a challenge from populists who seek to drive a wedge between democracy and liberalism. It is anything but The news is mostly good. Among respondents, 78 percent believe that democracy is preferable to any other form of government, while 83 percent think it is very important to live in a democracy is preferable to any other form. Not only did immigrants compete with longtime inhabitants for jobs and social services, they were also seen as threatening established cultural norms and public safety. A liberal order can use devices such as supermajority requirements or even unanimity rules to limit the majority's power, or it can deploy constitutional courts insulated from direct public pressure to police the perimeter beyond which even supermajorities may not go. From this perspective, populism is a threat not to democracy per se but rather to the dominant liberal variant of democracy. Of our four key concepts, populism accepts the principles of popular sovereignty and democracy is fragile, constantly threatened, always in need of repair. By the republican principle I mean popular sovereignty. Allowing the well-off strata of society to commandeer the lion's share of gains is a formula for endless conflict. The people would defer to elites as long as they delivered sustained prosperity and steadily improving living standards. This codified structure is "basic" in that it provides the basis for the conduct of public life. Most Californians have access to safe drinking water, but some disadvantaged communities do not Lack of access to safe drinking water is a public health issue the state must address A funding gap exists for operations & maintenance (O&M) costs for community water systems that treat water In general, O&M costs cannot be financed using existing state and federal drinking water funding sources In some situations, consolidation of a community water system may be the most effective solution A financial solution is needed for O&M and consolidation costs in disadvantaged communities that can complement existing federal and state funding sources for capital costs. If it wishes, a democratic public may embrace the maxim that it is better for ten guilty individuals to go free than for one innocent individual to be found guilty—but it is no less democratic if it adopts the opposite view. It might seem, then, that the aim of contemporary populism is what many scholars and at least one national leader (Orbán) call "illiberal democracy"—a governing system capable of translating popular preferences into public policy without the impediments that have prevented liberal democracies from responding effectively to urgent problems. While the Brexit vote, as a policy decision made by referendum, raised some issues in terms of parliamentary sovereignty, its outcome ultimately pivoted on policy concerns. During the founding period of the United States, however, a thicker understanding prevailed. In recent decades, as public concerns about population flows across national borders have intensified throughout the West, this issue has done more than any other to weaken support for liberal-democratic norms and institutions. Customer Reviews, including Product Star Ratings help customers to learn more about the product and decide whether it is the right product for them. In recent years, however, I have come to believe that this is only a portion of the truth. In light of this apparent inability to address mounting problems, governments across the West face growing public ire. In Federalist 2 John Jay wrote, "Providence has been pleased to give this one connected country to one united people—a people descended from the same religion, attached to the same necessary, speaking the same and customs." We may wonder where this left African Americans, not to mention Catholics and those for whom German was the language of daily life. This idea is at the heart of the most American of all documents, the Declaration of Independence, which famously asserts, "Governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."3 Consistent with the Declaration, James Madison wrote: "We may define a republic to be . The Athenian assembly that condemned Socrates may have been wrong, but it was fully democratic. We have now reached the core idea of liberalism: recognizing and protecting a sphere beyond the rightful reach of government in which individuals where the core idea of liberalism: recognizing and protecting a sphere beyond the rightful reach of government in which individuals where the core idea of liberalism: recognizing and protecting a sphere beyond the rightful reach of government in which individuals where the core idea of liberalism: recognizing and protecting a sphere beyond the rightful reach of government in which individuals where the core idea of the core i can enjoy independence and privacy. Hungarian leader Viktor Orbán is frank about his antipathy to liberalism. Citizens increasingly fear that Islam and liberal democracy are incompatible and that a clash of civilizations is inevitable. With these developments, divisions among citizens based on geography, formal-education levels, and value systems are growing sharper. As we learned in the 1920s and 1930s, the combination of public stress and strong undemocratic movements can be irresistible, especially in newer democratics. Governments, the Declaration reminds us, are created to "to secure these rights," not to redefine or abridge them. Equally counterfactual is the proposition that the people are uniformly virtuous. Antipathy has its satisfactions, and conflict, like love, can make us feel more fully alive. To clarify what these developments may mean for liberalism. VitalSource is the leading provider of online textbooks and course materials. If the national government has limited police powers but subordinate jurisdictions are free to regulate what the national government may not, then in principle there is nothing beyond government may not. between democracy and liberalism. There was no alternative. History offers a valuable corrective to myopia. The erosion of the manufacturing sector and the urbanization of opportunity—the shift of economic dynamism away from smaller communities and rural areas toward a handful of metropolitan centers—destabilized geographic regions and political structures. The threat of Islamist terrorism has made Western populations less willing to absorb new immigrants or even refugees from Muslim-majority countries. Why is a statewide water tax not the right approach? The partisans of liberal democracy must do all they can to prevent this from happening. This revolt threatens the assumptions that shaped liberal democracy's forward march in the 1990s and that continue to guide mainstream politicians and policy makers of the center-left and center-right. This approach raises some obvious difficulties. Because populism embraces the republican principle of popular sovereignty, it faces the question inherent in this principle: Who are the people? But sometimes the populist challenge does directly threaten liberal democracy. And it is "enduring" because it typically includes some mechanism that makes it harder to change the structure itself than to amend or reverse decisions made within it. 3) Liberal democracy. liberal-democratic institutions are strong, disputes about trade, immigration, and even national sovereignty can still take place. More than 15 million users have used our Bookshelf platform over the past year to improve their learning experience and outcomes. Tools & Resources 2019 ACWA & Coalition Letters 2019 Media Coverage 2018 Coalition Letters Questions For questions about the agreement or Conference Committee action, please contact ACWA Deputy Executive Director for Government Relations Cindy Tuck at (916) 441-4545. About the text may interest either students or instructors. The Berlin Wall had fallen; the Soviet Union had collapsed; new democracies were emerging throughout Europe, and Russia seemed to be in transition as well. In this spirit, the U.S. Declaration of Independence not only invokes but also limits the republican principle. Ken Janda, Jerry Goldman, Jeff Berry, Deborah Schildkraut, and Paul Manna welcome you to uspolitics.org, the companion web site we've developed for the 14th edition of our text, The Challenge of Democracy (2018). Imposing the assumption of uniformity on the reality of diversity not only distorts the facts but also elevates the characteristics of some social groups over those of others. Together with equal and inclusive citizenship, the other key pillar of democratic governance is majority rule. Information technology can also be an asset: Expanding internet access today, like rural electrification during the New Deal, could help to bring isolated communities into the national economy and society. Nor is it undemocratic per se to conduct judicial proceedings in the same manner as legislative affairs. The people, this principle holds, are the sole source of legitimacy, and only they can rightly authorize forms of government. Agricultural areas can still do well when prices are high, but the light industries that once thrived in smaller communities have weakened in the face of competitive pressure

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