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Understandings of Democracy

2021

democracy is popular and still enjoys in supremacy in contemporary political discourse with limited challenges from alternatives meanwhile it has also been acknowledged that democracy is in crisis however if most people love democracy and politicians have to live with democracy how can democracy be in trouble this book examines this puzzling phenomenon theoretically this book argues that 1 people hold distinct understandings of democracy 2 popular conceptions of democracy are significantly shaped by socioeconomic and political contexts 3 such varying conceptions generate different baselines for people to assess democratic practices and to establish their views of democracy and 4 such distinct conceptions also drive political participation in different ways overall popular understandings of democracy have critically shaped how citizens respond to authoritarian or populist practices in contemporary politics using new survey instruments embedded in the global barometer surveys gbs this book highlights the significance and essentialness of how people assess the tradeoffs between key democratic principles and instrumental gains when they conceptualize democracy for comparative research on popular understandings of democracy furthermore weaving together gbs ii survey data from 72 societies and survey experiments this book scrutinizes some key micro dynamics that drive people’s critical political attitudes and behaviors which are centered on how people understand democracy in different ways overall this book theorizes and demonstrates that as a critical but under appreciated component of the demand side dynamics varying conceptions of democracy offer significant explanatory power for understanding why democracy is in trouble even when most people profess to love democracy

Treuhänder künftiger Generationen

2016

the modern democratic state’s achilles tendon is the elected politician thinking and acting in the short run a common assumption of economic theory is the politician maximizing the probability of his own reelection towering public debt in many western democracies seem to provide an empirical validation for this assumed short termism how can legitimate claims be accounted for especially those of future generations whose members to not have their say at the next election how can a possible institutional arrangement look like that does not dislodge parliament as the political master in a democracy a possible answer defended in this book is the sharing of power between politicians to their own benefit and independent institutions similar to the theoretically well founded and reality tested monetary policy approach

Digital Politics in Western Democracies

2013-12

a comparative analysis of political websites and their users from seven western democracies digital politics is shorthand for how internet technologies have fueled the complex interactions between political actors and their constituents cristian vaccari analyzes the presentation and consumption of online politics in seven advanced western democracies australia france germany italy spain the united kingdom and the united states from 2006 to 2010 his study not only refutes claims that the web creates homogenized american style politics and political interaction but also empirically reveals how a nation’s unique constraints and opportunities create digital responses digital politics in western democracies is the first large scale comparative treatment of both the supply and the demand sides of digital politics among different countries and national political actors it is divided into four parts theoretical challenges and research methodology how parties and candidates structure their websites supply how citizens use the websites to access campaign information demand and how the research results tie back to inequalities engagement and competition in digital politics because a key aspect of any political system is how its actors and citizens communicate this book will be invaluable for scholars students and practitioners interested in political communication party competition party organization and the study of the contemporary media landscape writ large

Economics and Elections

1990

a cross national study of the effect of economic conditions on voting behavior in the united states and the western democracies

Do Parties Still Represent?

2019-04-05

this book examines the representativeness of party membership and analyses the potential consequences of changing representativeness parties with high membership ratios as well as those experiencing severe decline are compared and examined across countries with varying constitutional arrangements and party systems the book discusses whether changing representative capacities lead to declining political representation of group interests less representative party candidate selection processes and declining legitimacy for the political system the book bridges two subareas that are usually not in conversation with each other literature on the decline of party membership and that on group representation gender ethnic minorities and other social groups this text will be of key interest to students and scholars of political parties political parties representation and elections and more broadly to people interested in european and comparative politics
after the end of the second world war the federal republic of germany wanted to avoid a national special path at all costs even those who since reunification have called for a new patriotism merely mean to accomplish germany's perfect normalization as a western democracy what they call for is not a profession of specifically german values but an abstract love for the country in which people happen to have been born and grown up but now as globalization advances and china rises to become the world's greatest economic power the west's very existence is at stake the union between democracy and prosperity has been broken democracy is no longer the indubitably most effective evil to remain competitive in the face of globalization germany needs unique and inimitable advantages of location it needs to look for specifically german visions in solution 1 10 umbauland ingo niermann devises ten provokingly simple ideas which would see germany work it out after all including a new grammar a new political party assigning allotment gardens to unemployed people and retirees and the great pyramid the tallest building of the world which would serve as a democratic tomb for millions of people see solution 9 the great pyramid eds ingo niermann and jens thiel

**Pacific Answers to Western Hegemony**

2020-09-02

the destruction of local identity through the relentless encroachment of a mcdonald ized cultural imperialism is a global phenomenon yet the reactions of pacific peoples to this western hegemony are diverse and encourage the creation of independent cultural identities through sports and games political mediations tourism media and filmmaking and the struggles for land rights and titles particularly in australia this book based on extensive fieldwork addresses a subject of great immediacy to peoples of the pacific island nations it fills an important gap in existing ethnographic literature on the region and confidently navigates what had previously been considered uncharted even uncharted waters that wide sea between the classic ethnography of oceania and contemporary anthropology's theoretical concerns with global relations and transnational cultures its breadth rigour and timely contribution to post colonial politics in oceania are certain to ensure that this book will provide an enduring contribution to the field

**Western Democracies and the New Extreme Right Challenge**

2003-11-20

by the turn of the 1990s western democracy appeared destined to become the universal governmental norm however as we move into the new millennium there are growing signs that extremism is far from dead in recent years the extreme right has gathered notable support in many western countries such as austria france and italy racist violence initially aimed at immigrants is on the rise and in the us and increasingly in europe the state itself has become a major target this book considers the varying trajectories of the extreme right and populist parties and focuses on the problems of responses to these trends an issue which has hitherto been neglected in academic literature

**Policy Representation in Western Democracies**

1999

policy representation in western democracies offers a comparative analysis of policy representation in five western democracies france germany the netherlands sweden and the us a leading group of authors examines the impact of belief systems and geographical and institutional characteristics on the match between the policy preferences of the electorate and those of their representatives the book offers a variety of perspectives on the conceptualization measurement and interpretation of congruence between mass and elite opinion the book also evaluates the consequences of different electoral systems for policy representation

**Political Parties in Western Democracies**

2020-02-18

presents a brilliant persuasive case that american political parties so often dismissed as immature or ineffective compared with their european counterparts are in fact old and durable political organizations serving well the needs of a pluralistic society what chiefly distinguishes this work is the inclusion of considerable material on american parties in a comparative context to the analysis of british scandinavian europe canadian and new zealand political parties

**Safe for Democracy**

1984

this groundbreaking book probes the ways in which two capitalist superpowers great britain and the united states reacted to the momentous challenge of revolution that emerged during the early years of this century the revolutions that inflamed mexico in 1910 china in 1911 and russia in 1917 all occurred within the same period of upheaval that culminated in the great war in europe yet no previous study has treated these revolutions under one cover or assessed their collective impact on the western democracies with such precision and insight book jacket
Debating Democracy

2021

around the world faith in democracy is falling partisanship and mutual distrust are increasing what if anything should we do about these problems in this accessible work leading philosophers jason brennan and hélène landemore debate whether the solution lies in having less democracy or more brennan argues that democracy has systematic flaws and that democracy does not and cannot work the way most of us commonly assume he argues the best solution is to limit democracy s scope and to experiment with certain voting systems that can overcome democracy s problems landemore argues that democracy s virtues which stem at an ideal level from its inclusiveness and egalitarian distribution of power are not properly manifested in the historical regime form that we call representative democracy whereas representative democracy centers an oligarchic form of representation by elected officials landemore defends a more authentic paradigm of popular rule open democracy in which legislative power is open to all on an equal basis including via lottery based mechanisms

Immigration and the Politics of Welfare Exclusion

2019-01-01

why do some governments try to limit immigrants access to social benefits and entitlements while others do not through an in depth study of sweden canada and the netherlands immigration and the politics of welfare exclusion maps the politics of immigrants social rights in western democracies to achieve this goal edward a koning analyzes policy documents public opinion surveys data on welfare use parliamentary debates and interviews with politicians and key players in the three countries koning s findings are three fold first the politics of immigrant welfare exclusion have little to do with economic factors and are more about general opposition to immigration and multiculturalism second proposals for exclusion are particularly likely to arise in a political climate that incentivizes politicians to appear tough on immigration finally the success of anti immigrant politicians in bringing about exclusionary reforms depends on the response of the political mainstream and the extent to which immigrants rights are protected in national and international legal frameworks a timely investigation into an increasingly pressing subject immigration and the politics of welfare exclusion will be essential reading for scholars and students of political science comparative politics and immigration studies

Strangers in Our Midst

2016-05-09

how should democracies respond to the millions who want to settle in their societies david miller s analysis reframes immigration as a question of political philosophy acknowledging the impact on host countries he defends the right of states to control their borders and decide the future size shape and cultural make up of their populations

Tyrants on Twitter

2022-04-12

a look inside the weaponization of social media and an innovative proposal for protecting western democracies from information warfare when facebook twitter youtube and instagram were first introduced to the public their mission was simple they were designed to help people become more connected to each other social media became a thriving digital space by giving its users the freedom to share whatever they wanted with their friends and followers unfortunately these same digital tools are also easy to manipulate as exemplified by russia s interference in the 2016 u s presidential election authoritarian states can exploit social media to interfere with democratic governance in open societies tyrants on twitter is the first detailed analysis of how chinese and russian agents weaponize facebook instagram twitter and youtube to subvert the liberal international order in addition to examining the 2016 u s election david l sloss explores russia s use of foreign influence operations to threaten democracies in europe as well as china s use of social media and other digital tools to meddle in western democracies and buttress autocratic rulers around the world sloss calls for cooperation among democratic governments to create a new transnational system for regulating social media to protect western democracies from information warfare drawing on his professional experience as an arms control negotiator he outlines a novel system of transnational governance that western democracies can enforce by harmonizing their domestic regulations and drawing on his academic expertise in constitutional law he explains why that system if implemented by legislation in the united states would be constitutionally defensible despite likely first amendment objections with its critical examination of information warfare and its proposal for practical legislative solutions to fight back this book is essential reading in a time when disinformation campaigns threaten to undermine democracy

Global Criminal and Sovereign Free Economies and the Demise of the Western Democracies

2014-09-15

much has been written about the many economic benefits of globalization and the triumph and spread of democratic liberalism with the end of the cold war following the demise of the soviet union this work takes issue with such wine and roses perspectives about the future of the western democracies and their faith based views on the moral purity of a globalized marketplace it also questions many of the assumptions found in the status quo reinforcing discipline of international political economy ipe a discipline that focuses on the formal and legitimate
economies and the façade they present that international relations and commerce is still dominated and dictated solely by the old westphalian state centric system having highlighted these concerns this book looks at two major themes the first theme focuses on the theoretical perception that a dark renaissance is taking place globally one in which the western liberal democracies and its citizens are ill prepared to respond because it exists at the trans civilization level bridging the modern to the post modern world the second theme focuses on the actual process of state deconstruction that is taking place this process is leading to what may become the very undoing of the democracies drawing together experts from a variety of backgrounds this work explores the increasing shift away from formal based capitalism and evaluates through case studies how different states are responding to the challenges they face this work will be of great interest to students and scholars of international political economy

Political Economy in Western Democracies

1985

as the internet has been regulated from its conception many widespread beliefs regarding internet freedom are actually misconceptions additionally there are already two main categories of internet regulation systems in use the open and the silent irss unexpectedly the former are quite popular among authoritarian regimes while the latter are implemented mainly in western democracies many it experts and media analysts criticize western governments choice to use a silent irs expressing their fear that this could set a dangerous precedent for the rest of the democratic countries around the world new regulation systems must be developed and implemented that are more acceptable to the general public internet censorship and regulation systems in democracies emerging research and opportunities is an essential reference source that discusses the phenomenon of internet regulation in general and the use of internet regulation systems irss by authoritarian regimes and western democracies and proposes a blueprint for the development and implementation of a fair internet regulation system firs using original research conducted in seven countries from 2008 to 2017 the book also considers the function of a fair internet regulation system in terms of maximizing its effectiveness keeping the implementation cost low and increasing the probability of acceptance by each country s general public featuring research on topics such as governmental control online filtering and public opinion this book is ideally designed for researchers policymakers government officials practitioners academicians and students seeking coverage on modern internet censorship policies within various international democracies

Internet Censorship and Regulation Systems in Democracies:
Emerging Research and Opportunities

2020-05-08

the ways in which citizens experience politics on social media have overall positive implications for political participation and equality in western democracies this book investigates the relationship between political experiences on social media and institutional political participation based on custom built post election surveys on samples representative of internet users in denmark france germany greece italy poland spain the united kingdom and the united states between 2015 18 on the whole social media do not constitute echo chambers as most users see a mixture of political content they agree and disagree with social media also facilitate accidental encounters with news and exposure to electoral mobilization among substantial numbers of users furthermore political experiences on social media have relevant implications for participation seeing political messages that reinforce one s viewpoints as accidentally encountering political news and being targeted by electoral mobilization on social media are all positively associated with participation importantly these political experiences enhance participation especially among citizens who are less politically involved conversely the participatory benefits of social media do not vary based on users ideological preferences and on whether they voted for populist parties finally political media are all positively associated with participation importantly these political experiences enhance participation especially among citizens who are less politically involved conversely the participatory benefits of social media do not vary based on users ideological preferences and on whether they voted for populist parties finally political institutions matter as some political experiences on social media are more strongly associated with participation in majoritarian systems and in party centric systems while social media may be part of many societal problems they can contribute to the solution to at least two important democratic ills citizens disconnection from politics and inequalities between those who choose to exercise their voice and those who remain silent

Outside the Bubble

2021

this book assesses the quality of democracy through the study of organized interests in central and eastern europe since the collapse of communism in 1989 up to 2017 it offers a much needed comprehensive look into formal interest representation in cee countries and compares this with the model in western democracies drawing on democratic theory and comparative analysis the authors explore the effects of a legal framework political as well as social contexts the volume contributes to debates on the performance of young democracies in cee where scholars argue that there is a democratic crisis and democratic fatigue while the interest group system is often labelled as weak and in some cases underdeveloped although great efforts have been made to deepen our understanding of interest organization and lobbying tools the current literature fails to provide a comprehensive answer on the influence of unsupportive environments on population ecology the case of cee countries shows significant effects of political and social contexts on interest representation stimulating a debate about the quality of democratic institutions following the collapse of communism

Decentralist Trends in Western Democracies

1979

the first international examination of how police respond to political protests the way in which police handle political demonstrations is always potentially controversial in contemporary democracies police departments have two different often conflicting aims keeping the peace and defending citizens right to protest this collection the
only resource to examine police interventions cross nationally analyzes a wide array of policing styles focusing on
cultures and political power to examine the methods and the consequences of policing protest

**Translations on Near East and North Africa**

1976

this book identifies the main factors shaping the fortunes of democracy globally why do some democracies in the
same region and presumably subject to similar global influences remain stable while others regress this is the
question guiding all the authors of this edited book in the search for answers they examine 16 democracies in
paired and tripled comparisons in sub saharan africa north and latin america east asia western and central europe
along with two polar cases insights from the perspectives of history political science economics and international
relations are offered along with a sketch of possible future scenarios combining approaches anchored in the
analytical tradition with empirical case studies and given the broad range of topics this book is bound to be of
interest not only to students and practitioners of democracy but also to the broader academic and general
readership

**Achieving Democracy Through Interest Representation**

2020-10-24

when why and how are democratic institutions reformed this is the broad question guiding this research rooted in
a context of crises of representative democracy core democratic rules can be understood as the formal political
rules regulating the direct relationship between elites within the political system parties and citizens they are
therefore the cornerstone of the functioning of any political system this book deals with the context the motives
and the mechanisms explaining the incidence of institutional engineering in consolidated european democracies
between 1990 and 2015 it is centred on the choice of political elites to use or not to use institutional engineering
as a response to the challenges they face this study provides both a better empirical understanding of the world of
democratic reforms in consolidated democracies thanks to a new data set covering six dimensions of reform in 18
european countries secondly the book provides evidence about the link between the lack of political support and
democratic reforms and the role of electoral shifts in fostering reforms thirdly this research shows that the final
outcome of a given reform depends on the type of reform at stake and on the process used during the phase of
discussion of the reform though case studies in ireland france and italy ultimately the book demonstrates that
contrary to what has been commonly assumed reforms of the core democratic rules are frequent and constitute in
most cases an answer of challenged political elites to the erosion of political support and electoral change
comparative politics is a series for researchers teachers and students of political science that deals with
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of houston

**Policing Protest**

1998

when political victories are based on a fraction of the electoral register perish looks like the only way towards
reform

**Democracy under Pressure**

2022-10-31

the author discusses the role of economic concentration in limiting public access to information and reducing
opportunities for public discourse picard examines the government policies that have contributed to the erosion of
democratic participation and have permitted the growth of large commercial press entities unobstructed by anti
trust provisions he relates recent public policy responses to this problem to democratic socialist ideology and
develops a social democratic theory of the press which draws upon ideas and policies found throughout the
western world picard provides a democratic framework for understanding the changing nature of media
economics and state press relations and offers proposals for achieving both a democratically functioning press and
broader popular participation

**Reforming Democracy**

2017-05-19

in uneasy partnership at the helm of the modern state stand elected party politicians and professional bureaucrats
this book is the first comprehensive comparison of these two powerful elites in seven countries the united states
great britain france germany sweden italy and the netherlands researchers questioned 700 bureaucrats and 600
politicians in an effort to understand how their aims attitudes and ambitions differ within cultural settings one of
the authors most significant findings is that the worlds of these two elites overlap much more in the united states
than in europe but throughout the west bureaucrats and politicians each wear special blinders and each have
special virtues in a well ordered polity the authors conclude politicians articulate society s dreams and
bureaucrats bring them gingerly to earth

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international media assistance is a small but important form of international democracy promotion aid media assistance boomed after the 1989 transitions in central europe but now flows to virtually all regions of the world today the media assistance industry is focused on the problem of sustainability how are free and independent public affairs media supposed to maintain their editorial mission while facing hostile political systems or the demands of the consumer marketplace many media in developing countries have been or are grant dependent when grants are exhausted or withdrawn media that were funded to further democratic consolidation typically wither and die some become mere grant chasers others abandon public service to the demands of market competition or political patronage as a result governmental and non governmental grant makers now emphasize the need for sustainability in considering grants in the media sector many grant recipients have grown frustrated sometimes bitter and have sought to take a much more active role in the way assistance programs are put together just how is sustainability to be achieved while also ensuring a public service editorial mission exporting press freedom examines the history and practice of media assistance and argues that the dilemma of media independence and sustainability is best understood as an economic problem rather than one of poor editorial standards or lack of will it includes profiles of news and public affairs media in developing and democratizing countries and also of two non governmental organizations that have pioneered the use of low interest loans in media assistance these profiles exemplify strategic and entrepreneurial approaches to developing and supporting public service media such approaches may be of use not only in the developing world but in the consolidated western democracies as well where concern has grown about poor journalistic performance and its consequences for democratic governance craig l lamay is a journalist an assistant professor at northwestern university s medill school of journalism an adjunct professor at northwestern s school of law and a faculty associate at northwestern s institute for policy research

The Press and the Decline of Democracy
1985-12-06

western democracy is being questioned around the world at the same time western aid groups are quick to say that they are not trying to impose a particular style of democracy on others and that they are open to supporting local alternative forms of democracy this book examines what it is about western democracy that non westerners are reacting negatively to and whether the critics often are equating a dislike for certain western social or economic features with an aversion to of western political systems it also explores the current state of debate about alternative forms of democratic practice in different regions asia africa the middle east and latin america and then puts forward ideas about how western actors engaged in democracy support can do a better job of incorporating new thinking about alternative democratic forms into their efforts

Bureaucrats and Politicians in Western Democracies
2009-06-30

local politics a resource for democracy in western europe examines the relationship between local institutional design and citizens attitudes toward democracy vetter highlights the conditions under which locally socialized political orientations may serve as a resource for democracy at higher system levels

Exporting Press Freedom
2007-01-01

the first panoramic history of the western world from the 1970s to the present day from the cold war to the 2008 financial crisis and wars in the middle east empire of democracy is a superbly informed and riveting historical analysis of our contemporary era charles s maier harvard university half a century ago at the height of the cold war and amidst a world economic crisis the western democracies were forced to undergo a profound transformation against what some saw as a full scale crisis of democracy with race riots anti vietnam marches and a wave of worker discontent sowing crisis from one nation to the next a new political economic order was devised and the postwar social contract was torn up and written anew in this epic narrative of the events that have shaped our own times simon reid henry shows how liberal democracy and western history with it was profoundly reimagined when the postwar golden age ended as the institutions of liberal rule were reinvented a new generation of politicians emerged thatcher reagan mitterrand kohl the late twentieth century heyday they oversaw carried the western democracies triumphantly to victory in the cold war and into the economic boom of the 1990s but equally it led them into the fiasco of iraq to the high drama of the financial crisis in 2007 8 and ultimately to the anti liberal surge of our own times the present crisis of liberalism is leading us toward as yet unscripted decades the era we have all been living through is closing out and democracy is turning on its axis once again brilliantly reid henry calls for the salvation of democracy from the choices of its own leaders if it is to survive samuel moyn yale university

The Puzzle of Non-Western Democracy
2015-09-08

law politics and society in the modern west have been marked by the increasing power of the judge the development of constitutional justice the evolution of international judiciaries and judicial systems that extend even further into social life judges make decisions that not only enforce the law but also codify the values of our times in the summer of 2000 an esteemed group of judges and legal scholars met in provence france to consider
the role of the judge in modern society they included robert badinter former president of the constitutional council in france stephen breyer justice of the supreme court of the united states antonio cassese the first president of the international criminal tribunal for the former yugoslavia dieter grimm former vice president of the constitutional court of germany gil carlos rodriguez president of the court of justice of the european union and ronald dworkin formerly of oxford university now professor of philosophy and law at the new york university law school what followed was an animated discussion ranging from the influence of the media on the judiciary to the development of an international criminal law to the judge s consideration of the judge s own role judges in contemporary democracy offers a rare and intimate glimpse into the powers and the role of judges in today s society

Local Politics

2007

depression is prevalent throughout western society but while identifying risk factors we rarely make the link to the liberal value system which so shapes the society in which we live freedom equality progress respect for the individual what s wrong with liberalism as residents of western liberal democracies aren t we living in the type of society most conducive to happiness intellectually we like to think so but we intone the liberal mantra rationality defines a person my life is up to me liberalism is the best there is but there are parts of ourselves that suspect otherwise and that remain unconvincing we become symptomatic this book challenges individualist readings of depression which are still so dominant in western societies this is in professional circles and the wider community alike it also questions the viability of our conception of mental health while social models of health have been around for some time now it goes further in contending that living under liberalism is itself a risk factor for depression the liberal values we want to defend can also and at the same time lead to psychological strain this is because they rest on an understanding of the person that is partial and distorted and which involves us in multiple contradictions which we struggle to reconcile with the experience of everyday life in contrast to the reading of depression as a pathological and individual disorder living under liberalism claims that depression may be a realistic legitimate and healthy response to a social context which is itself pathological the revised premise that mental health is a dynamic process in a society which cannot be assumed to be healthy challenges mainstream treatments of choice for depression it also has major implications for health and healing drawing on a range of diverse material from clinical and sociological to philosophical and popular the book is designed for a wide audience combining social criticism with a practical approach to self help living under liberalism shows how what we regard as personal depression is far more political than it might seem it is a book which will be of interest to clinicians academics and the general public alike

Empire of Democracy

2020-06-30

in 2019 eastern europe will celebrate 30 years since the fall of communism but this celebration takes place in a context of increased geopolitical competition in the region the western democratic model is under attack not only in the countries of eastern and central europe but also in the core countries of the eu and even in the united states the messages and methods of dissemination used by anti western propaganda may differ with each national context but the effect is the same the slow but progressive erosion of trust in democratic values and the institutions which embody them this book presents papers from the nato advanced research workshop challenges in strategic communication and fighting propaganda in eastern europe solutions for a future common project held in chisinau moldova on 25 27 april 2018 the workshop brought together institutional academic and civic experts from the social sciences journalism computer science and international relations to share insights into security and strategic communication as well as research results and expertise on the impact of social media and technological innovation with the aim of shaping a new project with a common methodology to monitor collect process and interpret data on strategic communication and devise efficient tools to counteract anti western propaganda with contributions about romania moldova ukraine the western balkans and the usa highlighting challenges such as detecting propaganda identifying the groups most vulnerable to its influence and building mechanisms to strengthen trust the book will be of value to all those with an interest in defending the western democratic model

Judges in Contemporary Democracy

2004-06-01

embark on a captivating journey through the intricate tapestry of western democracies and delve into the challenges they face in the dynamic 21st century in democracy in action you will explore the political landscapes of the united states the united kingdom germany and france unraveling the complex web of electoral systems party politics and the profound issues that shape the fate of democratic nations why have western democracies played such a significant role in global politics what historical forces have shaped their evolution how do they navigate the ever changing political tides of the modern world in this illuminating book you will find answers to these questions and more as you gain a deeper understanding of the significance of western democracies in our interconnected global society in the united states discover the intricacies of its political system and the contrasting dynamics of presidential and parliamentary systems uncover the nuances of the electoral process and voting systems and navigate the intricate world of political parties and partisan politics explore the historical roots and modern challenges faced by the united kingdom from the revered westminster system to the role of the monarchy and the implications of brexit journey to germany where federalism and consensus politics shape the landscape and coalition governments and a multi party system lay the foundation for decision making delve into the realm of electoral reforms and proportional representation all while understanding the profound impact of historical legacies on german politics finally traverse the intricacies of france s semi presidential system decipher the diverse political ideologies and party system and uncover the challenges posed by immigration and identity politics but the exploration doesn t stop there engage with the pressing challenges that western democracies face

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in the 21st century delve into the rise of populism and its impact on these nations and unravel the consequences of political polarization and gridlock grapple with the threats to freedom of the press and media and examine the ongoing debates surrounding electoral reforms and democratic innovations in the digital age discover the profound impact of technology on democracy and elections as social media becomes a powerful tool in political campaigns explore the challenges of cybersecurity and election interference and grapple with the delicate balance between privacy and security in an increasingly digital world as you reach the concluding chapters be prepared for a thought provoking reflection on the key insights gained throughout the book contemplate the future of democracy and the potential reforms that lie ahead and above all recognize the vital importance of citizen engagement and democratic participation in safeguarding the principles and values that underpin our democratic societies democracy in action western democracies and challenges is an essential read for those who seek to grasp the intracies of democracy its strengths its vulnerabilities and the evolving landscape of western democracies engaging enlightening and meticulously researched this book invites you to critically analyze and understand the dynamic world of democratic governance are you ready to embark on this transformative intellectual journey

**Living Under Liberalism**

2008-01

this book assesses the evolutionary sustainability of liberalism the book s central claim is that liberal institutions ultimately weaken their social groups in the evolutionary process of inter group competition in this sense institutions relying on the liberal satisfaction of preferences reveal maladaptive tendencies based on the model of multilevel selection this work appraises the capacity of liberal democracy and free markets to satisfy preferences in particular the book re evaluates public choice theory s classic postulate that free markets are a suitable alternative to the shortcomings of western liberal democracies regarding preference satisfaction yet the book concludes that free markets are not a solution to the problems of liberal democracy because both market and democratic liberal institutions rest on the liberal satisfaction of preferences an ethic which hurts group evolutionary fitness this volume is of interest to political theorists evolutionary ethicists political economists and to general readers interested in the future of liberalism

**Challenges in Strategic Communication and Fighting Propaganda in Eastern Europe**

2019-02-08

how china s political model could prove to be a viable alternative to western democracy westerners tend to divide the political world into good democracies and bad authoritarian regimes but the chinese political model does not fit neatly in either category over the past three decades china has evolved a political system that can best be described as political meritocracy the china model seeks to understand the ideals and the reality of this unique political system how do the ideals of political meritocracy set the standard for evaluating political progress and regress in china how can china avoid the disadvantages of political meritocracy and how can political meritocracy best be combined with democracy daniel bell answers these questions and more opening with a critique of one person one vote as a way of choosing top leaders bell argues that chinese style political meritocracy can help to remedy the key flaws of electoral democracy he discusses the advantages and pitfalls of political meritocracy distinguishes between different ways of combining meritocracy and democracy and argues that china has evolved a model of democratic meritocracy that is morally desirable and politically stable bell summarizes and evaluates the china model meritocracy at the top experimentation in the middle and democracy at the bottom and its implications for the rest of the world a timely and original book that will stir up interest and debate the china model looks at a political system that not only has had a long history in china but could prove to be the most important political development of the twenty first century

**Democracy in Action**

2023-05-22

first published in 1982 policy styles in western europe considers the growth of the modern state in the 1980s and examines the implications of this for the making and implementation of public policy decisions it argues that the business of government was simply easier in the 1970s and that the growth of the modern state has meant an expansion of public policies with the state widening in areas of societal activity this book looks at the similarities and differences that exist among the countries of western europe this book looks at the similarities and differences that exist among the countries of western europe whilst it is increasingly clear that most policy problems arise from areas of concern common to all western democracies for example unemployment inflation and crime this book focuses on whether or not individual countries exhibit characteristic policy styles in response to them in this volume the country studies consider the main characteristics of the individual policy processes in relation to a simple typology of political styles each author considers a series of central questions the relationship between the government and other actors in the policy process the degree to which policy making has become sectorised and segmented and the broad approach to problem solving in terms of anticipatory or reactive styles

**The Evolutionary Limits of Liberalism**

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