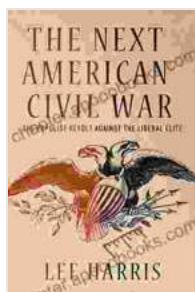


The Rise of Populism: A Revolt Against the Liberal Elite

In the wake of the 2016 U.S. presidential election, the term "populism" has become increasingly ubiquitous in political discourse.

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But what is populism? Is it a legitimate response to the failures of liberalism or a dangerous threat to democracy itself?



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Edsall writes that the liberal elite has become increasingly disconnected from the concerns of ordinary people. This disconnect has led to a sense of betrayal and anger among many voters, who feel that the system is rigged against them.

Populist leaders exploit this anger by promising to break up the establishment and restore power to the people. They often appeal to nativist sentiment and scapegoat minorities, promising to protect the nation from outsiders.

Edsall warns that populism can be a dangerous force. It can lead to authoritarianism and the erosion of democratic norms. However, he also argues that populism can be a force for good, if it is channeled into constructive reforms that address the legitimate grievances of ordinary people.

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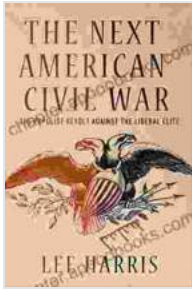
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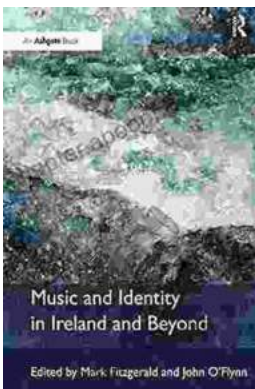


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