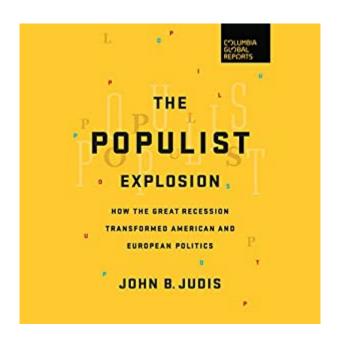


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What's happening in global politics? As if overnight, many Democrats revolted and passionately backed a socialist named Bernie Sanders; the United Kingdom voted to leave the European Union; the vituperative billionaire Donald Trump became the presidential nominee of the Republican party; and a slew of rebellious parties continued to win elections in Switzerland, Norway, Italy, Austria, and Greece. John B. Judis, one of America's most respected political analysts, tells us why we need to learn about the populist movement that began in the United States in the 1890s, the politics of which have recurred on both sides of the Atlantic ever since. Populism, on both the right and the left, champions the people against an establishment, based on issues - globalization, free trade, immigration - on which there has been a strong elite consensus, but also a strong mass discontent that is now breaking out into the open. The Populist Explosion is essential listening for our times as we grapple to understand the political forces at work here and in Europe.

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There is an incredible amount of misinformation about populism. The most common error is to characterize all populism as xenophobic. This terrific book places today's populism in a detailed history. I learned a lot, which is why I read, and they came away with a much better understanding of what is going on in the world today, another good reason to read. It's pretty hard to find a more important movement in politics than populism. By it. You'll like it.

This book seems to be a fair-minded and clear explanation of populism and its history. It's a good read for all citizens.

An excellent use of the history of populism in modern US times to help clarify what's happening now.

Very interesting book about the origins and current rise of populism. A cautionary tale about what happens when large segments of the population feel excluded from the political debate.

This was a really helpful, brief summary of the history and pressures that have brought about both left and right wing populism (e.g. Sanders and Trump) in Europe and the U.S. I certainly appreciated that it wasn't too wordy.

Overview and history of the populist movement - the election of Donald Trump is the latest example of populism shifting the landscape of national politics. The book was written during the 2016 US presidential campaign but before the November 2016 election.

Author covers and puts in perspective the recent populist movements and their drivers- interesting discussions, maybe somewhat superficial and impacted by the author's worldview, still worth reading, provokes hard thinking about mainstream politics

A n informative book about the populist revolutions occurring in Europe and the U.S. If Hillary had read this book she may not have been so blind sided by Trumps appeal to voters who have become disillusioned with neoliberalism.been

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