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ON

# **DEMOCRACY AND THE DEMAGOGUE**

This will always remain one of the best jokes of democracy, that it gave its deadly enemies the means by which it was destroyed.

—Joseph Goebbels, Reich Minister of Propaganda, 1933–45

From Plato to the present day, the demagogue has been the shadow lurking over democracy, a political system whose values, freedom and equality, combine to make it uniquely susceptible to the demagogue bent on undermining them. I will explain the special threat demagoguery poses to democracy, using examples from the current United States election campaign.

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