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Democracy in the Americas: A Tocquevillean Reading of South and North America

Scholars, public intellectuals, and politicians have both critiqued democracy in their countries while also decrying threats to democracy. This discussion looks at the state of democracy in the Americas giving particular attention to Venezuela, Brazil, and the United States. It draws on lessons that Tocqueville offers to contemporary political scientists about how to think of democracy and the potential dangers involved in democratizing democracy.

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