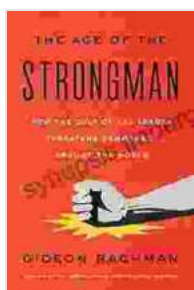


How the Cult of the Leader Threatens Democracy Around the World

By Steven Levitsky and Daniel Ziblatt

In their new book, *How the Cult of the Leader Threatens Democracy Around the World*, Steven Levitsky and Daniel Ziblatt argue that the rise of authoritarian leaders is a threat to democracy. They identify ten warning signs of authoritarianism, and they show how these signs have been present in the recent rise of leaders such as Donald Trump, Vladimir Putin, and Xi Jinping.

Levitsky and Ziblatt define authoritarianism as a system of government in which one person or a small group of people holds all the power. Authoritarian leaders typically use fear and intimidation to control their people, and they often suppress dissent and limit freedom of speech and assembly.



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The authors argue that the rise of authoritarianism is a global phenomenon. They point to the fact that the number of authoritarian regimes has increased in recent years, and they warn that this trend could continue if we do not take action to stop it.

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1. A leader who disrespects democratic institutions
2. A leader who tolerates or encourages violence
3. A leader who attacks the media
4. A leader who undermines the rule of law
5. A leader who restricts freedom of speech
6. A leader who limits freedom of assembly
7. A leader who persecutes political opponents
8. A leader who gerrymanders electoral districts
9. A leader who uses propaganda to control the narrative
10. A leader who builds up a cult of personality

Levitsky and Ziblatt argue that these warning signs are present in the recent rise of leaders such as Donald Trump, Vladimir Putin, and Xi Jinping. They warn that these leaders are a threat to democracy, and they urge us to take action to stop them.

How the Cult of the Leader Threatens Democracy Around the World is a timely and important book. It provides a clear and concise analysis of the

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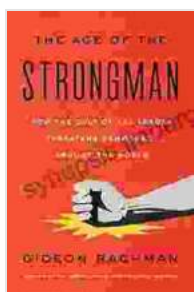
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