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Challenges for Changing Times

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Beware of chronocentrism!

“the belief that the present moment is central to the history of humankind”

Four Challenges

- Work
- Inequality
- Truth
- Trust

Four Challenges

➤ **Work**

➤ Inequality

➤ Truth

➤ Trust

YOUR WORK

Interesting

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Interesting

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Horses

Motors





People

Robots





Office
1980s

Office
2010s

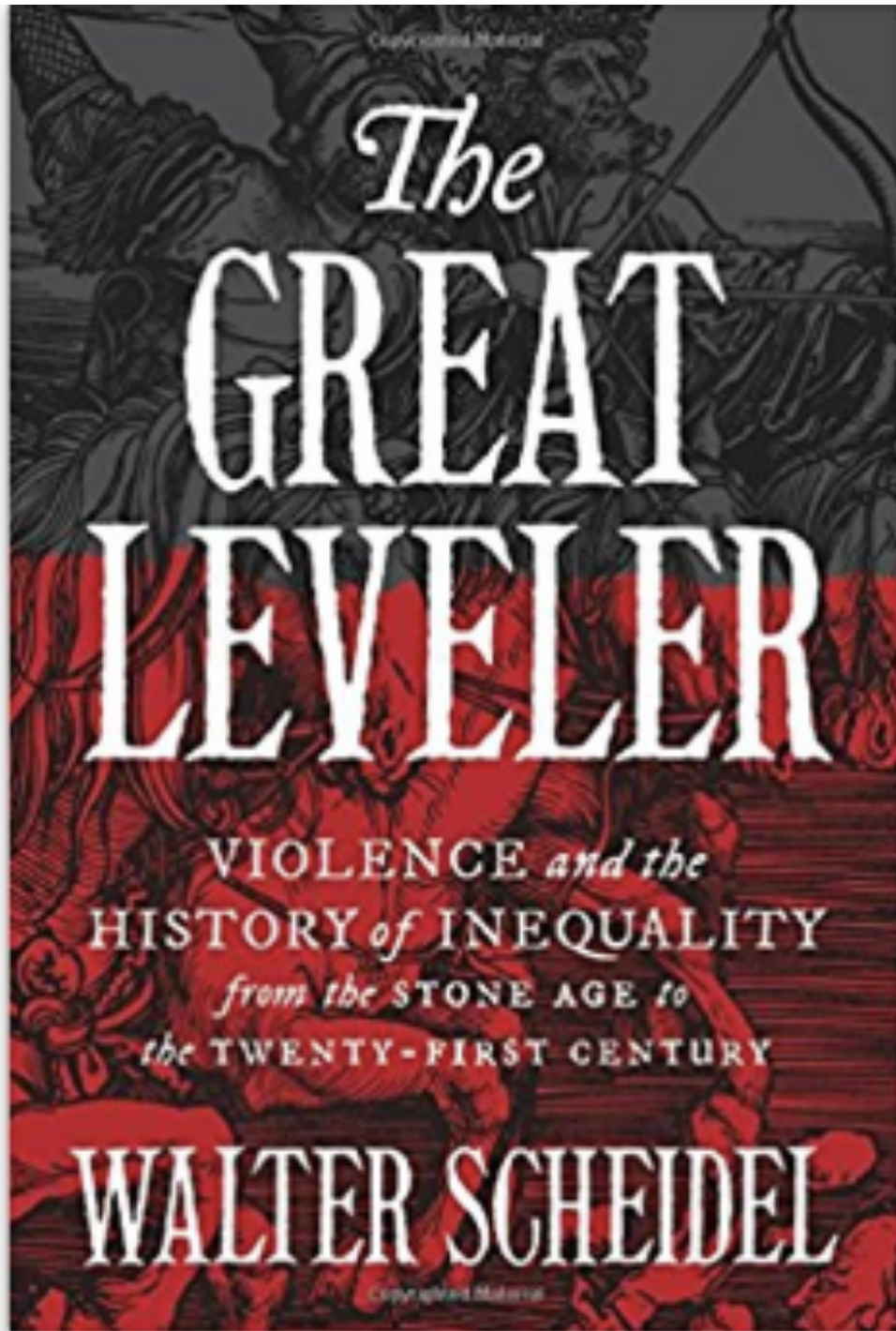




Lifelong learning

Four Challenges

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Reducing inequality (The Four Horsemen)

- Mass mobilisation warfare
- Transformative revolutions
- State failure / system collapse
- Severe epidemics



The
Economist

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TURKEY'S TURMOIL: HOW BAD IS IT?

Swampy tales from American politics

The prince and the carmaker

Airport queues, a passport to misery

Modern love

Dating in the digital age



Associative mating

Rich marry rich...

Poor marry poor...

Link with inequality
assumed but not
proven

THE SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLER

THE ROAD TO SOMEWHERE

THE POPULIST REVOLT
AND THE FUTURE OF POLITICS

DAVID GOODHART

A *'Somewhere'*:
rooted in a community
or country; no higher
education.

An *'Anywhere'*:
Globally mobile; has a
university degree.

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'Somewheres'

becoming

'Anywheres....'



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Oxford Dictionaries

**WORD
OF THE YEAR**

post-truth

Definition

"circumstances in which objective facts are less influential in shaping public opinion than appeals to emotion and personal belief."

Oxford Dictionaries

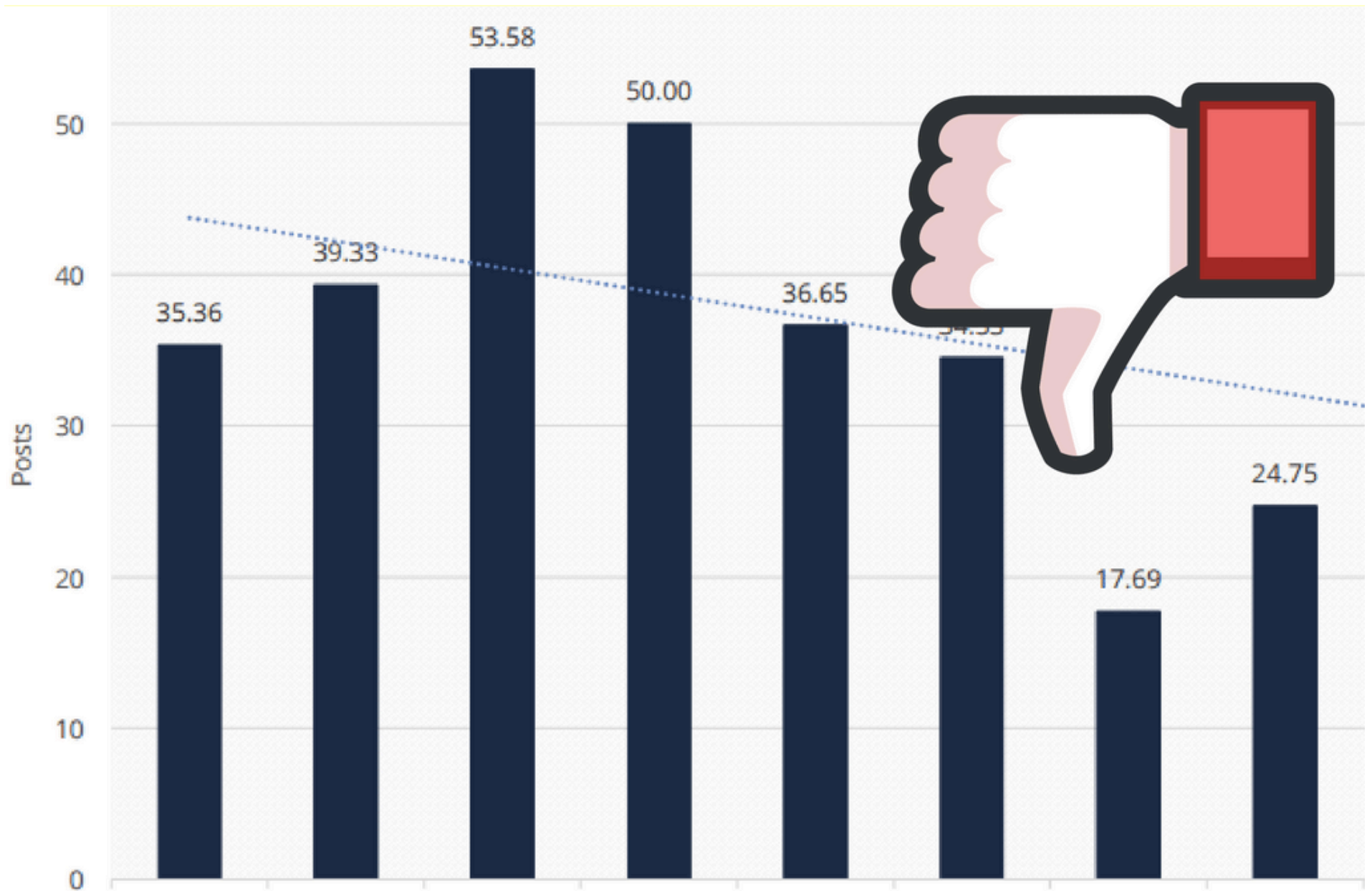
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Example

“In this era of post-truth politics, it is easy to cherry-pick data and come to whatever conclusion you desire”





Personal Facebooks posts declining = Fake News?



Ole Petter Ottersen
Rector, University of Oslo

“We have to create many more arenas for debate – arenas that are open and inclusive so as to give a voice to those who feel left behind too.”

Colleges should be trust-building as well as truth-seeking



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“In our age of turbulence these two words – trust and truth – are inextricably intertwined.”



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Your advantages:

- Diverse

- Residential

- Theory of Knowledge

Four Challenges

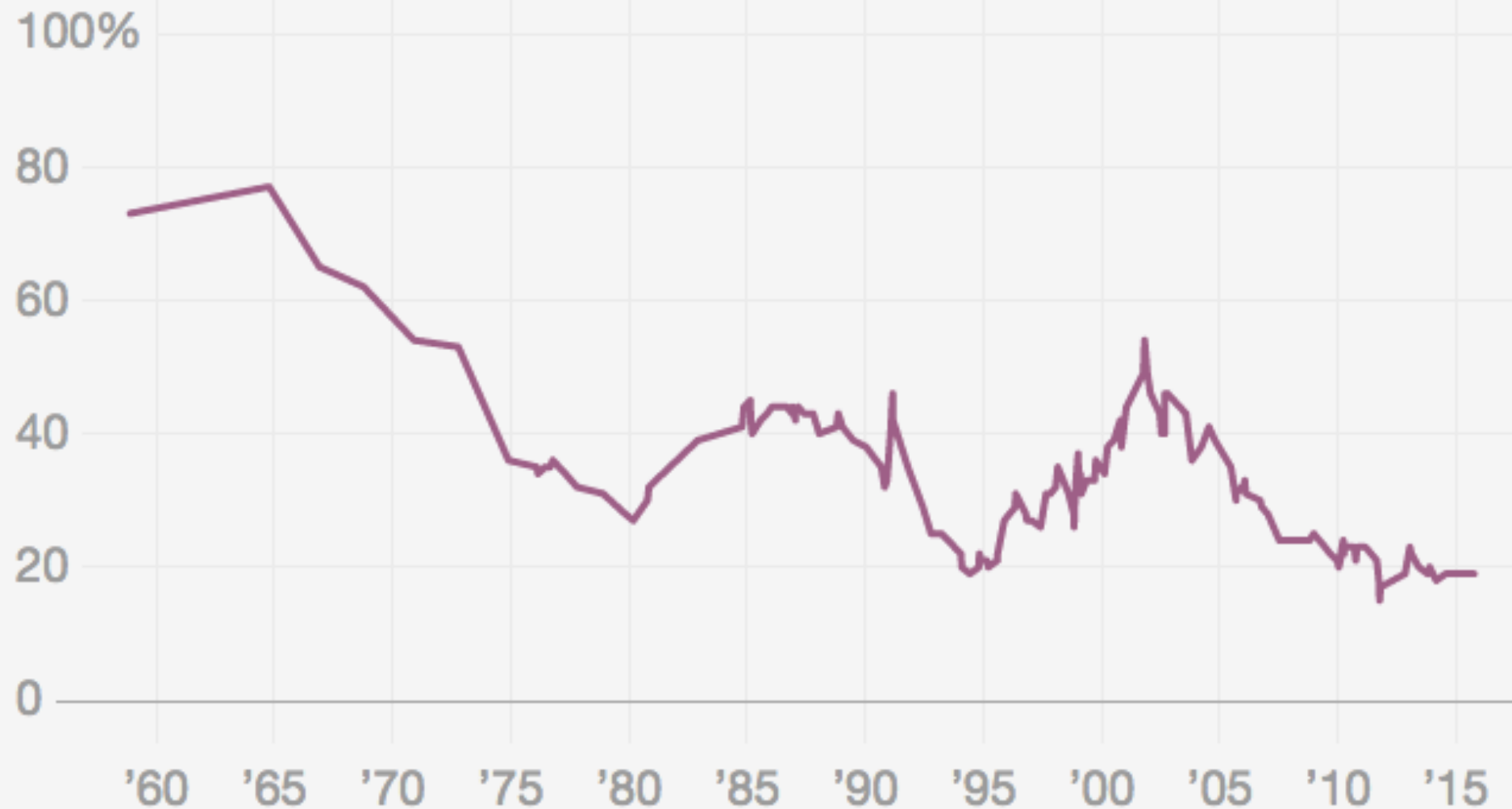
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➤ **Trust**

US public trust in government



With the result that the US no longer figures in this year's list of the (19) 'full democracies' *EIU*

NATIONAL BESTSELLER



TRUST

"FASCINATING...DAZZLING IN ITS INTELLIGENCE AND COMPLEXITY."
—Farrel Zakaria, *New York Times Book Review*

THE SOCIAL VIRTUES
AND THE CREATION
OF PROSPERITY

Francis Fukuyama

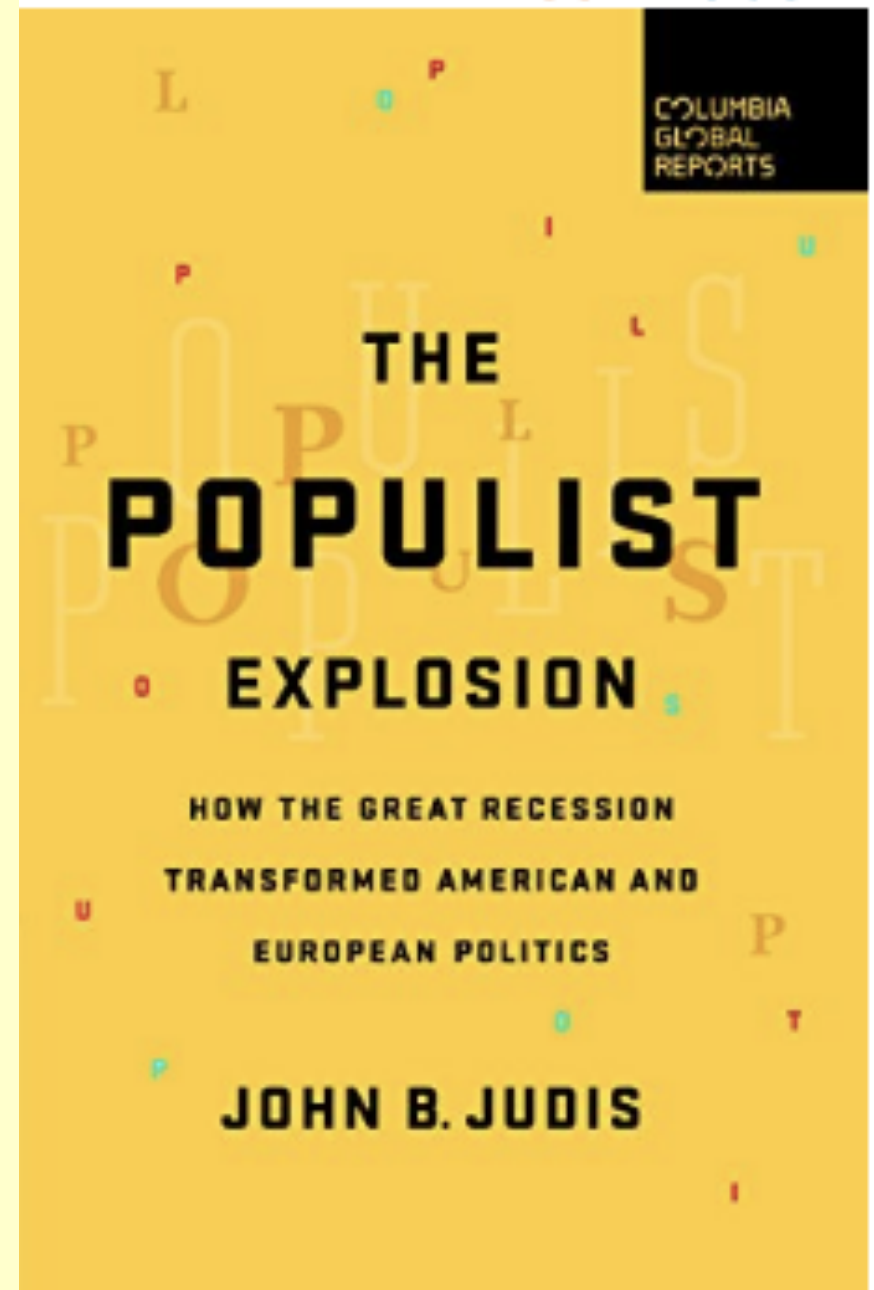
‘the economic, social and cultural success of nations relates directly the trust that their people have in each other and in their institutions’



‘strangers learned to trust one another when signing contracts, allowing them to do deals outside the circles of family, tribal or in-group kinship’

Populism

- Nostalgia for the past
- Post-truth rhetoric
- No trust in experts
- Desire to divide
- Hostility to elites



Leftwing Populism

antagonism
between the people
and an elite at the
heart of its politics.

Rightwing Populism

antagonism
against an elite
accused of
coddling a third
group
(immigrants, etc.)

The Left vs. Right Political Spectrum

Left Wing

Right Wing



Anarchism

Communism

Socialism

Liberalism

Conservatism

Monarchism

Nazism

Fascism





Trudeau welcomes first batch of Syrian refugees at Toronto airport 2015-12-11



Trump signs executive order banning Syrian refugees from US 2017-01-27

DISCOUNT





Sir Ivan Rogers

“I hope you will continue to challenge ill-founded arguments and muddled thinking and that you will never be afraid to speak the truth to those in power.”



Sir Ivan Rogers

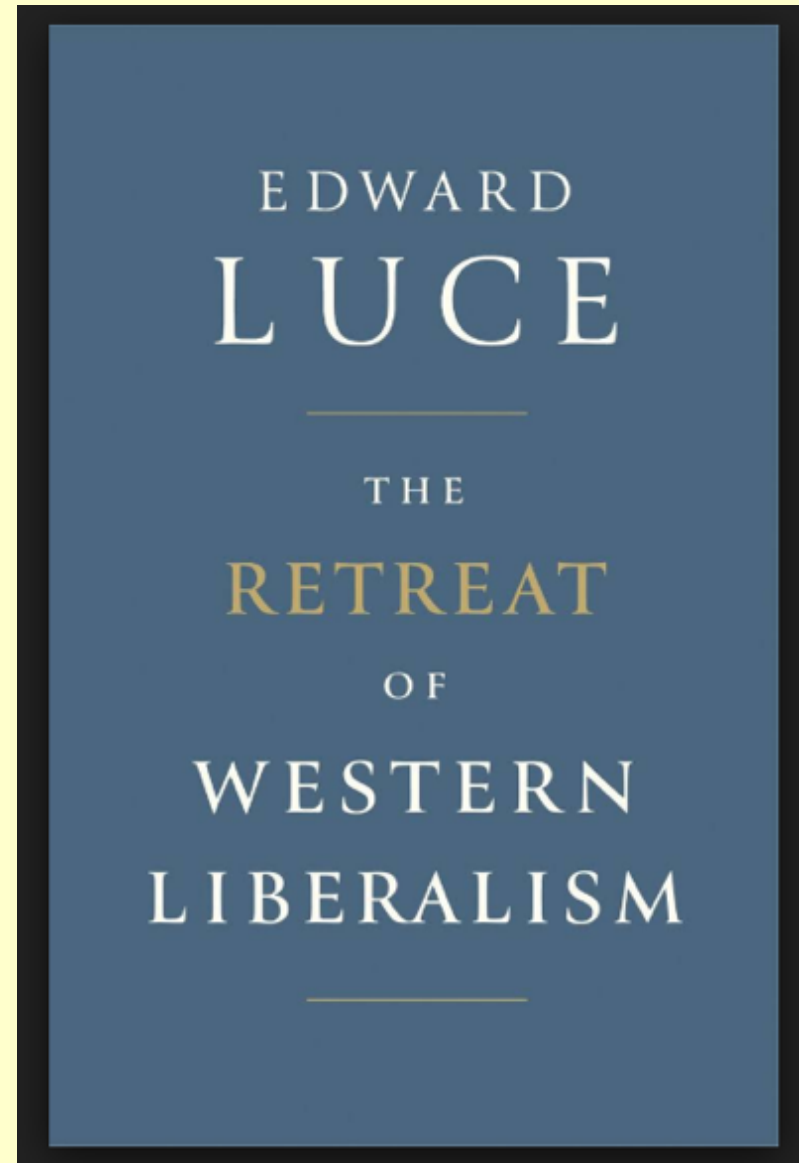
“...continue to be interested in the views of others, even where you disagree with them, and in understanding why others act and think in the way that they do”.

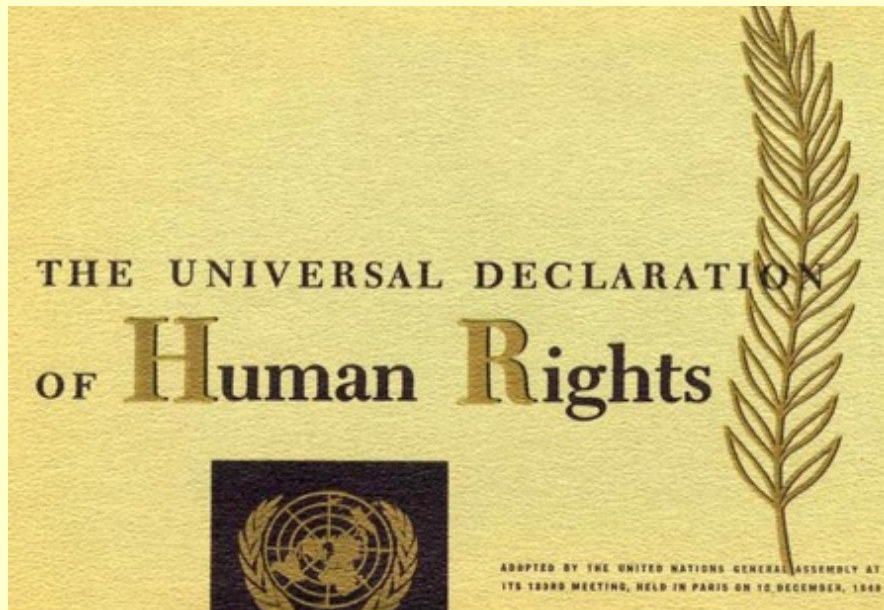
Paradoxical times



- Food
- Sanitation
- Life expectancy
- Poverty
- Violence
- The environment
- Literacy
- Freedom
- Equality
- The next generation

Paradoxical times





The World Bank





"The reality is that history stumbles and staggers on the road to freedom, a winding path that promises not merely a return to the nostalgic comforts of liberal democracy, but the prospect of something even better."



Thank you!

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