EMBATTLED MAJORITY: RELIGION AND ITS DESPISERS IN AMERICA

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Abstract
In the period since September 11, 2001, American politics has been shaped increasingly by the resurgence of older forms of demonization and conspiracy thinking. More commonly, public life often turns on different groups of Americans proclaiming they are the majority while also professing to be persecuted or embattled. This talk argues that American obsession with flamboyant public religion actively undermines necessary reassessments of fundamental features of democratic life. By exploring the conceptual and historical roots of this condition, we might learn how not to be distracted by the seductions of Embattlement.

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