A Few Suggestions for Books on Democracy

Michelle Alexander, The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness

Danielle Allen, Our Declaration: A Reading of the Declaration of Independence in Defense of Equality

Carol Anderson, One Person, No Vote: How Voter Suppression Is Destroying Our Democracy

Anne Applebaum, Twilight of Democracy

Hannah Arendt, The Origins of Totalitarianism

James Baldwin, Notes of a Native Son

Ruth Ben-Ghiat, Strong Men: Mussolini to the Present

Dee Brown, Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee


Ta-Nehisi Coates, Between the World and Me

Ta-Nehisi Coates, We Were Eight Years in Power

Matthew Continetti, The Right: The Hundred-Year War for American Conservatism

Alexis de Tocqueville, Democracy in America

John Dewey, Democracy and Education

Frederick Douglass, The Autobiography of Frederick Douglass

Barbara Ehrenreich, Nickle and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America

Mark Esper, A Sacred Oath: Memoirs of A Secretary of Defense During Extraordinary Times

Thomas Frank, What’s The Matter with Kansas?

Masha Gessen, Surviving Autocracy

Henry Giroux, Pedagogy of Resistance

Richard Hofstadter, The Paranoid Style in American Politics
Nancy Isenberg, White Trash: The 400 Year Old History of Class in America

Nikole Hannah Jones, The 1619 Project

Immanuel Kant, What is Enlightenment?

Martin Luther King, Jr., Where Do We Go From Here? Chaos or Community

Martin Luther King, Jr. Why We Can’t Wait

Kevin Kumashiro, Surrendered

Paul Krugman, The Conscience of a Liberal

Nicholas Lemann, American Democracy: 21 Historical Answers to 5 Urgent Questions

Steven Levitsky, How Democracies Die

Emily Mann, Gloria (play)

Thomas E. Mann, It’s Even Worse Than It Looks: How the American Constitutional System Collided with the New Politics of Extremism

George Orwell, Politics and the English Language

Roxanne Dunbar Ortiz: Not a Nation of Immigrants

Barbara Ransby, Making All Black Lives Matter

Ben Rhodes, After the Fall: Being American in the World We’ve Made

Muriel Rukeyser, The Life of Poetry

David Shipler, The Working Poor: Invisible in America

Timothy Snyder, On Tyranny

Timothy Snyder, The Road to Unfreedom: Russia, Europe, America

Gloria Steinem, My Life on The Road

Stuart Stevens, It's All Been a Lie: How the Republican Party Became Donald Trump

Cornel West, Democracy Matters

Isabel Wilkerson, Caste