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Restoring Democracy in an Age of Populists and Pestilence

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On the heels of the success of Claws of the Panda – exploring the relationship between Canada and China – veteran journalist Jonathan Manthorpe’s fourth book delves into an equally important and timely subject: the corruption of democratic ideals and institutions, of what went wrong, and what we can do to get back on track.

In a time when trust in our institutions is falling, and a pandemic forecasts an economic and social fallout for which many are unprepared, Restoring Democracy in an Age of Populists and Pestilence defends and charts a plan to overcome the prospect of democratic decay.

Manthorpe first outlines what is eroding modern democracies in North America and Europe. External influences such as Russia and the Chinese Communist Party and internal pressures – income disparity chief among them – threaten the survival of many democratic systems.

But democracy is more resilient than it might appear. There is nothing inevitable about the victory of despots and demagogues. In this fast gallop over heavy ground, Restoring Democracy provides not only cogent analysis, but concrete ways each of us can act to restore democracy.

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