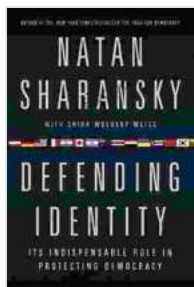


# Defending Identity: Its Indispensable Role in Protecting Democracy

By Francis Fukuyama

In his new book, *Defending Identity: Its Indispensable Role in Protecting Democracy*, Francis Fukuyama argues that identity politics is a threat to democracy. He shows how identity politics undermines social cohesion, polarizes society, and makes it difficult to address common problems. Fukuyama offers a powerful and persuasive case for why we must defend our shared identity as citizens if we want to preserve our democracy.



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## The Rise of Identity Politics

Identity politics is a form of politics that emphasizes the interests of a particular group based on their race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or other shared characteristic. Identity politics has become increasingly prevalent in recent years, as groups have sought to assert their rights and

challenge discrimination. However, Fukuyama argues that identity politics has gone too far, and that it is now undermining the very foundations of democracy.

## **The Dangers of Identity Politics**

Fukuyama identifies several key dangers of identity politics. First, he argues that identity politics undermines social cohesion. When people are focused on their own group identity, they are less likely to see themselves as part of a larger community. This can lead to increased tension and conflict between different groups.

Second, Fukuyama argues that identity politics polarizes society. When people are constantly being told that they are victims of discrimination, they are more likely to see the world in terms of us versus them. This can make it difficult to have constructive dialogue and find common ground.

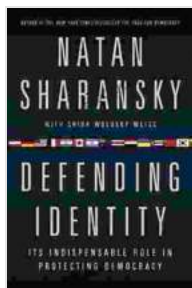
Third, Fukuyama argues that identity politics makes it difficult to address common problems. When people are focused on their own group identity, they are less likely to be interested in working together to solve problems that affect everyone. This can lead to gridlock and stagnation in government.

## **Defending Our Shared Identity**

Fukuyama argues that we must defend our shared identity as citizens if we want to preserve our democracy. He believes that we need to find ways to transcend our differences and focus on our common values. We need to build a society where everyone feels like they belong, regardless of their race, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation.

Fukuyama offers a number of specific proposals for how we can defend our shared identity. He calls for a renewed emphasis on civic education, which can help people to understand their rights and responsibilities as citizens. He also calls for the promotion of social programs that bring people together from different backgrounds. Finally, he calls for a more inclusive political system that gives everyone a voice in the decision-making process.

*Defending Identity* is a timely and important book. Fukuyama offers a powerful and persuasive case for why we must defend our shared identity as citizens if we want to preserve our democracy. He provides a clear-eyed analysis of the dangers of identity politics, and he offers a number of specific proposals for how we can overcome these dangers. *Defending Identity* is a must-read for anyone who is concerned about the future of democracy.



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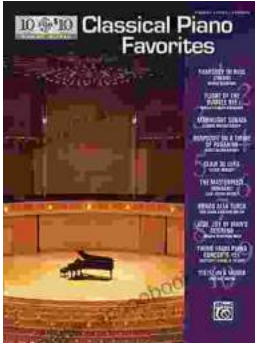
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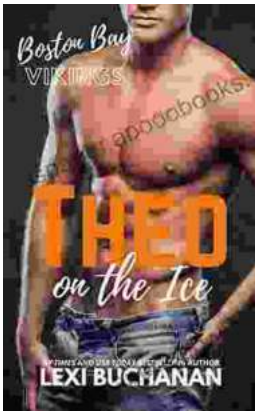
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