

Elites

The most important social tensions are within the elite — not, as a decade of populism has pretended, between the elite and the people.

The person likeliest to tear down a nation's establishment is a half-member of it. He or she is close enough to have felt its condescension (which must be largely theoretical for a total outsider) and to know its weak points.

Donald Trump, disdained as a bridge-and-tunnel vulgarian for all his material privilege, is the most famous example.

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