

Populism

Before it is anything else — divisive, inept, sometimes perceptive and necessary — populism is exhausting.

It generates too much noise and scandal in government for all but the most news-hungry citizens to bear for long.

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It would be nice to think that Americans were making a Jeffersonian statement about the importance of civic standards when they evicted [Trump] from the White House in 2020.

"Enough, already," was more like it.

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