

Populism

How can nativist populists be beaten?
Before anyone dismisses the label as
meaningless, let's define it.

Populists divide the world into a "pure people"
and a "corrupt elite", says Cas Mudde.
Nativists add the notion that "the people"
are the majority ethnic group:
Hindus in India, whites in the US.

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Anti-populists need to tell a new version of
the people-versus-elite story, but casting
themselves as the heroes. For American Demo-
crats opposing Trump, that story should be:
everyone in this country is born equal; we
all belong here and we support democracy.

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The strongest political value available
to anti-populists is decency.

Simon Kuper, Financial Times, April 11, 2024