

Populism

In some countries, populists cherish the grandeur and dignity of the state.

In the US, they can hardly bring themselves to fund the Internal Revenue Service adequately.

Even Florida's governor Ron DeSantis — the able Trump, by repute — barred public and commercial premises from demanding proof of Covid-19 vaccination. You need not oppose him to see the difference with the conventional authoritarian impulse. Picture a dystopia extrapolated from US populism in 2021. It is not a super state you see. It is a failed one.

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