

# Populism

Of course,  
it is parochially Anglo-American of me to  
talk of disciplined populism as a novelty.  
Hungary has known it under Viktor Orbán  
and Poland under the Law and Justice Party.

Xi Jinping has been practising it  
on an awesome scale for a decade.

The oldest democracies  
have been able to nurse the hope that,  
if you are a populist, you must also be  
too venal and inept to last in office  
and so the system is self-righting.  
Liberals elsewhere have learnt the hard  
way that this is too neat, too Whiggish.

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