

# Populism

... this is a movement that lives on spectacle. This is why, among other reasons, it was always daft to compare the likes of Johnson and Trump with the strongmen of the 1930s.

What obsessed Mussolini and Franco was control of the governmental machine (with the view to, you know, doing things), not just the circus of politics.

Whatever an interwar dictator was upon attaining power, he wasn't the dog that caught the car. He had all too clear a plan for the vehicle.

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