



Republics

perspectives on self-government

instructor: Douglas Kenning

further discussion:

books

Tim O'Reilly, *WTF: What's the Future and why it's up to us* (2017)
Naomi Klein, especially *The Shock Doctrine* and *No is not Enough* (2017)
Neil Postman, *Amusing Ourselves to Death*

TED talks:

Rory Stewart, member of British Parliament

https://www.ted.com/talks/rory_stewart_how_to_rebuild_democracy

Lawrence Lessig, legal activist, strikes exactly at one of the great dangers to any republic, and in 2013 points to corruption at the heart of the electoral process, in both parties, which we saw play out in 2016.

https://www.ted.com/talks/lawrence_lessig_we_the_people_and_the_republic_we_must_reclaim

Bob Inglis, former Republican congressman from South Carolina, reminds us where the center in American politics is and how to get back there.

https://www.ted.com/talks/bob_inglis_american_bipartisan_politics_can_be_saved_heres_how

G.T. Bynum, another Republican, mayor of Tulsa, speaks of how members of all parties can sit down with an ethos of doing what works toward shared goals.

https://www.ted.com/talks/g_t_bynum_a_republican_mayor_s_plan_to_replace_partisanship_with_policy#t-816103

Code for America: What if all government services were this good?

<https://www.codeforamerica.org>

Jen Pahlka, head of Code for America:

https://www.ted.com/talks/jennifer_pahlka_coding_a_better_government#t-711736

what failure looks like

William Perry, former US Secretary of Defense, on collapse of society in a crisis
(which applies to acts of “terrorism” & effects of climate change)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SUuOskX3z7U>