

# The Ballpark podcast Episode 2.1: Populism and the new political spectrum

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While populism isn't a new phenomenon in the United States, it has produced a new political spectrum in American politics and elections. In this episode, we explore why populism is so influential in US politics right now, what impact it is having on the political landscape, and where the government or politicians should go from here.

This episode features Eric Kaufmann, Professor of Politics at Birkbeck College, University of London and Brian Klaas, Fellow in Comparative Politics at the LSE's Department of Government.

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## Further reading:

- [Why Trump's Wall is not racist, the Muslim ban is, and why the difference matters](#) – Eric Kaufmann – 30 January 2017, LSE USAPP blog
- [Book Review: The Despot's Accomplice: How The West is Aiding and Abetting the Decline of Democracy by Brian Klaas](#) – 28 March 2017, LSE Review of Books

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