



# WHAT HAPPENED TO THE VITAL CENTER?

## PRESIDENTIALISM, THE POPULIST REVOLT, & THE FRACTURING OF AMERICA

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Presented by Sidney M. Milkis, the White Burkett Miller Professor in the Department of Politics and a Faculty Fellow at the Miller Center at the University of Virginia.

Most Americans see the divisiveness of contemporary politics as a problem. Taking the long view of American history, this lecture will explore how the decline in the influence of political parties has permitted the rise of populist movements and extreme polarization in our politics. It will suggest how political parties might be revitalized as a moderating influence in American democracy.