Protecting Our Democracy

Understanding American Political Talk in the Age of "Infotainment"

A Talk and Discussion Led by Linguist Kathryn Ruud

What happened to our political

dialogue?

How do we return to civility?

Ruud probed the manipulative language of Fascists in interwar Germany and Communists in East Germany. Why did we stop listening to each other?

How do we make political talk less polarizing and more helpful?

She explains the tactics used by both extremes in the U.S. and offers personal strategies to counter them.

She uses her insight to analyze today's polarized political discourse in America.

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