

**Advance Praise
for Power Politics: Trump and the Assault on American Democracy**

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“If there is one thing we’ve all had to (re)learn over the last decade, it’s that our Republic is surprisingly fragile. What Darrell West does in this book is different from many others on this topic. Instead of hand-wringing about a person or a single issue that is the lead cause of our current troubled democracy, he looks at some of the root causes of the corrosiveness and, yes, rot in some of our key institutions that help sustain the democracy. Like any problem that needs to be tackled, there isn’t one thing that needs fixing, there is a lot and Darrell West identifies the many areas that need and deserve reform.” *Chuck Todd, host of NBC’s “Meet the Press”*

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“Darrell West has capitalized on his own background as a child of the Bible Belt, 26 years teaching political science at Brown University and 14 years as Director of Governance Studies at the Brookings Institution to produce an insightful analysis of the contemporary political ecosystem. *Power Politics* is an exceptional, nuanced and innovative exploration of how we are stuck in one of the most dangerous moments in the nation’s history.” *Thomas Edsall, New York Times columnist*