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“Goodbye Tocqueville? Christianity and Democracy in Trump’s America”

Alexis de Tocqueville famously argued that the relationship of Christianity and democracy was complementary in the United States, in contrast to the situation in his native France. In his lecture, Gorski looks at how American Christianity has changed in the intervening centuries and reflects on whether these changes may be endangering American democracy.

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