



“BREAKING POINT: STEVEN LEVITSKY ON DEMOCRACY’S STRUGGLE”

Internationally renowned author and political scientist to address threats to our democracy

WEST BARNSTABLE, MA – The Cape Cod Speaker Series, Inc. (CCSS) is pleased to announce its second program. On Thursday, October 17, 2024, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at Cape Cod Community College’s Tilden Arts Center, Harvard professor and New York Times best-selling author Steven Levitsky, a leading expert on democracy and authoritarianism, will tackle an urgent question of our time – ***Why is democracy faltering here, but not in other wealthy, diverse nations? And how can we safeguard it?***

As the United States navigates a transition toward a multiracial democracy—a rare feat in history—this shift has triggered a backlash threatening the core of our political system. In his talk, Levitsky will highlight essential challenges facing our country and call for bold political reform.

Levitsky’s research focuses on democratization and authoritarianism, political parties, weak and informal institutions, and the crisis of democracy in the United States. He is co-author (with Daniel Ziblatt) of the award-winning ***How Democracies Die*** and ***Tyranny of the Minority: Why American Democracy Reached the Breaking Point***.

Audience members are invited to ask questions during the event’s second half. To purchase tickets, please visit the [Cape Cod Speaker Series](https://capecodspeakers.org) (capecodspeakers.org). Discounted tickets are available for students, college and high school faculty, and administration.

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