

## Author Bio (2023)

John J. Davenport is a Professor of Philosophy at Fordham University focusing on political philosophy, including political theory, global justice issues, human rights, democratic theory, constitutional problems and related topics. He has done numerous TV and radio interviews, as well as op-eds, on political topics in these areas over the last decade.

His most recent book, *The Democracy Amendments* (Anthem, May 2023), explains 25 constitutional amendments to reform the US federal government, reverse the forces driving partisan extremism, make Congress more responsive to the center, boost turnout and restore voter confidence, end corruption and gridlock, and strengthen the overall stability of the federal system on which the nation depends. The book also discusses the advantages of holding a new constitutional convention to propose amendments, and how such a convention could work.

John's previous book, *A League of Democracies* (Routledge 2019), explores the idea of a global alliance of democratic nations as a better way to counter rising threats from Russia and China, connect NATO allies with southeast Asian democracies, and secure a large range of political, economic, and environmental public goods. These include preventing mass atrocities, supporting transitions to democracy, deterring military coups, stopping economic pressure by despotic regimes, protecting sensitive ecosystems, supporting a fair global immigration regime, and stabilizing the rules-based international order.

In addition to academic articles, John's recent [opinion pieces](#) cover a wide range of policy topics, including

- an article in *Salon* on [the new arms race involved in US gun violence, and spiraling security costs](#);
- an essay in *America* on [ways to improve registration, voting, and ballot counting](#) to reassure Americans of integrity in the system;
- a *History News* op. ed. on [the need for constitutional reform to fix primary elections, third party spoilers, gerrymandering, campaign finance, and the filibuster](#);
- an article in *The Conversation* on how a [more globalized version of NATO could defend democracy and counter Putin](#),
- a *Salon* article on [how an Alliance of Democracies can help to stop pandemics](#);
- an essay in *America Magazine* on [Just War Theory and Ukraine](#);
- two articles on reasons to give [Puerto Rico statehood](#),
- and an article in *Defense Post* on [the EU's lackluster efforts](#) to support Ukraine.

John's past academic work has focused on conceptions of public goods, distributive justice norms, ethical theory and virtues, topics in moral psychology (autonomy, free will, narrative and personal identity), existential philosophy (e.g. Kierkegaard), and topics in philosophy of religion.

