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Editor's Message

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The authors, Matthew Knoester and Wangari P. Gichiru remind us that our teaching about democracy can be a narrow study when we do not address global perspectives, current struggles for democracy around the world, or the “competing definitions of democracy.” In the U.S. in particular, the changing landscape of our “democracy” deserves an in-depth critical analysis (e.g., the role of money in politics, the protection of minority rights, the media’s influence in politics, and how we teach about democratic participation, etc.).

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