THE SOCIETY OF LOVE AND ITS ENEMIES

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Using Karl Popper’s *The Open Society and Its Enemies* as a departure point, R. R. Reno argues that the political consensus guiding the West since 1945—emphasizing openness and lowering the stakes in public debates—has become dysfunctional. Our postwar consensus, built to stave off the threat of totalitarianism, now undermines solidarity and atomizes Western culture. Reno posits a solution: what we need in the twenty-first century is a politics of shared loves.

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