Democratic Prospects: Community Responses to Crisis

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Politics, Philosophy, and Economics
What is a crisis?

- Definition of a crisis
- The shape of a society
- Representation
- Decision-making processes
Thinkers and Terms

Nancy Fraser - *Rethinking the Public Sphere: A contribution to the critique of actually existing democracy.*

Murray Bookchin - *Social Ecology*, marked by *participation* and *differentiation*; Libertarian Municipalism

Eric Klinenberg - *Social Infrastructure*

Nassim Nicholas Taleb - *Antifragility*

Wendy Brown - *Neoliberalism*
Directions and Research

How to reconcile popular sovereignty with moments of crisis, decisiveness with democracy?

Methodology:
Comparative Literature,
Textual Analysis,
Case Studies
Proposed Solutions

- Mutual Aid Societies
- Strengthen Communities through Direct Participation
- Reduce Alienation by making the abstract concrete
- Reinvigorate Political Life