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Ontological foundations of Sheldon Wolin's participatory democracy in the construction of American exceptionalism

This article highlights the ontological foundation of the model of American exceptionalism through the prism of Sheldon Wolin's theory of participatory democracy. Democracy has a key element in the construction of American exceptionalism. Participatory democracy has become a major export product, for modern America. American exceptionalism based on different models of the export and internal democracy. Although, this article is paid enough attention to the assumption of the interdependence of participatory democracy and the concept of American exceptionalism.

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