

Wisconsin Academy: Balancing Individual Interests and the Common Good

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Americans today find themselves in the grip of a global pandemic and climate crisis as well as racial and economic inequality—big problems that can only be addressed through government leadership and citizen participation. There is an inherent tension in the U.S. Constitution between “the general welfare” and “the blessings of liberty.” In the face of these seemingly opposite propositions, how can American democracy support solutions for such big problems? How have other democratic governments addressed this fundamental conflict?

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