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Elective Affinities: The Rise of American and Russian Illiberalism

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Recent years have witnessed a growing affinity between increasingly radicalized right-wing movements in the United States and Russia. In the book *Illiberal Vanguard: Populist Elitism in the United States and Russia*, Alexandar Mihailovic untangles this confluence, considering ethnonationalist movements in both countries and their parallel approaches to gender, race, and performative identity. He raises questions such as: How and why are radical right-wing movements developing along such similar trajectories in two nominally oppositional countries? How do religious sectarianism, the construction of whiteness, and institutionalized homophobia support each other in this transnational, informal but powerful allegiance?

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