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This book attempts to account for the resurgence of the radical Right in France since the establishment of democracy in the country at the end of the nineteenth century. Taking to task historical treatments of the radical Right for their failure to specify the conditions and dynamics attending its emergence, and faulting the historical myopia of contemporary electoral and party-centric accounts of the Front National, it tries to explain the radical Right's continuing appeal by relating the sociostructural outcomes of the processes of industrialization and democratization in France to the persistence of economically and politically illiberal groups within French society. The book argues that, as a result of the country's protracted and uneven experience of industrialization and urbanization, significant pre- or antimodern social classes, which remained functionally ill-adapted and culturally ill-disposed to industrial capitalism and liberal democracy, subsisted late into its development.

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