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while Anglo-American countries have stuck with relative majority or majority voting rules. Using a comparative historical approach, *Wrestling with Democracy* examines why voting systems have (or have not) changed in western industrialized countries over the past century.
