

# Democrazia, spirito partigiano e *agency* politica

Commenti al volume di Enrico Biale, *Interessi democratici e ragioni partigiane*

## La democrazia deliberativa può essere “partigiana”?

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### *Can Deliberative Democracy Be Partisan?*

**Abstract:** This article presents Enrico Biale's book (*Interessi democratici e ragioni partigiane*) and his idea of a “political conception of democracy”. After having analysed the main theses of the book, the article discusses the criticism that the author addresses to the “deliberative ideal”, assuming that a such ideal implies a reductive vision of the political agency of the citizens and that it turns out to be too “demanding”. The counter-objection to this criticism is that it takes on an “idealized” and partial view of the deliberative ideal (as it was present in some of its first theoretical elaborations), but does not fully consider the most recent theoretical developments of the deliberative field, which are fully considering the issues of partisanship and conflict.

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