

## On democracy

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I was reading an essay by Marilynne Robinson this morning - of whose works I otherwise know nothing - when I came across this wonderful line:

*Democracy , in its essence and genius, is imaginative love for and identification with a community with which, much of the time and in many ways, one may be in profound disagreement.*

I thought that absolutely brilliant - and a summary of what is precisely under threat from the hegemony of neoliberalism.

The quote comes from page 28 of her collection of essays entitled 'When I Was a Child I Read Books'.