

# Proceduralismo, criteri epistemici e controllo popolare

VALERIA OTTONELLI

*Proceduralism, Epistemic Standards, and Popular Control*

*Abstract:* In order to shield democracy from the “disfigurements” of epistocracy and populism, Nadia Urbinati (*Democrazia sfigurata*, UBE, 2014) characterizes democratic government as a procedural diarchy founded on the principle of equal liberty, in which the role of epistemic criteria of correctness and of the principle of popular control is significantly downplayed. While fully endorsing her worries and her analysis of democracy’s disfigurements, I suggest that there is no need to curtail democracy’s ideal in such a way, and indeed epistemic criteria of correctness and popular control are called for by the very idea of political liberty.

*Keywords:* Epistocracy, Populism, Proceduralism, Political liberty.

*notizie di POLITEIA*, XXXI, 118, 2015. ISSN 1128-2401 pp. 67-71