

***Ethos* democratico e controllo popolare**

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Democratic Ethos and Popular Control

Abstract: In *The Democratic Horizon* Alessandro Ferrara lists four main distinctive virtues of the *ethos* of democracy: individualism, common good, equality and openness. From this list is strikingly missing popular control. In this comment, I argue that the sentiment of popular control is needed in order to make sense of the other elements of the democratic ethos listed in *The Democratic Horizon*. Moreover, I point out that the insightful approach of Ferrara's book provides useful theoretical resources for overcoming the apparent incompatibility of popular control with the current conditions of the practice of democracy.

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