

# The Authority and Power of Citizens

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*Abstract:* *Blood Oil* addresses one of the most important challenges of our unfair global order: to ensure that individuals have control over the natural resources of their countries. To achieve this aim Wenar develops a normative account that is grounded on the idea of popular sovereignty over natural resources and a set of policies (Clean Trade Act) that requires to commercially disengage from those countries that do not meet this principle. In my analysis I will present this perspective and points out its main merits. Though I will agree that popular sovereignty can address this injustice I will challenge the way in which Wenar interprets and justifies this principle.

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