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***Why does the U.S. Senate
Allow Filibustering?***

Abstract: one of the core questions of politics is how political rights can coexist with majority rule. Parliamentary obstruction is an interesting case of an endogenous but persistent minority right. Over the last century, the right to filibuster in the U.S. Senate has not just survived, it has grown into a more powerful veto than ever. In this talk, I will explain why senators have not eliminated this right, and identify the likely conditions for reform.

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