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Society is not a market of values and opinions.

"Peripheral" France? That was them. That, prescient movement, the Yellow Vests? Them too. Commentary and analyses have proliferated, centered on France's "archipelagic splintering" (Fourquet) into polled and studied "clusters" while the violence that these new struggles over class and a place in society is swept under the rug. In a country that no longer recognizes itself, where no one knows their neighbor, Christophe Guilluy does justice to France's silent majority: neither racist nor entitled, they wish to rediscover meaning in their lives and no longer be seen simply as "redneck" consumers by elites busy amassing wealth with growing globalization.

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