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An incisive look at three regimes that sheds light on their common ideological core.

Behind a democratic façade, the Iranian, Russian, and Turkish regimes betray signs of a dire shared direction: worshipping a strongman who claims he is infallibly tasked with a historical mission, purifying a nation too long humiliated, taking revenge against the corrupting West, building a parallel government, developing security measures to respond to cannily maintained paranoia about domestic and international enemies...

This book takes an eye-opening deep dive into the logic of radicalization in authoritarian regimes, comparing Iran, Russia, and Turkey in the early 21st century in a way that provides a powerful warning to contemporary democracies unsure of themselves and shaken to their cores.
