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Global politics are deeply affected by issues surrounding cultural identity. Profound cultural diversity has made national majorities increasingly anxious and democratic governments are under pressure to address those anxieties. Multiculturalism - once heralded as the insignia of a tolerant society - is now blamed for encouraging segregation and harbouring extremism. Pathik Pathak makes a convincing case for a new progressive politics that confronts these concerns. Drawing on fascinating comparisons between Britain and India, he shows how the global Left has been hamstrung by a compulsion for insular identity politics and a stubborn attachment to cultural indifference. He argues that to combat this, cultural identity must be placed at the centre of the political system. Written in a lively style, this book will engage anyone with an interest in the future of our multicultural society. Key Features *Takes Britain and India as comparative case studies of two multicultural democracies *Surveys new directions for the progressive Left following the demise of multiculturalism *Challenges what the progressive position on cultural identity should entail

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