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## **“The Ethics of Expulsion”**

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The objective of this paper is offer an account of what deportation should look like in a liberal democratic state. As much as possible, I argue, it should be democratized, by which I mean the practice of deportation must be subject to three essential democratic principles: transparency, accountability, and perhaps most controversially public justification. Together, these principles will serve to protect liberal democracy’s ability to deport at least some individuals, in some cases, without subjecting them to arbitrariness. In particular, I shall argue that where deportation subjects those who are its targets to arbitrariness it must be rejected, even where we believe that liberal states are entitled to control those who reside on its territory. The upshot of remaining committed to the democratic principles I delineate is that there will necessarily be cases where liberal democracies are unable to deport those who might otherwise appear to be legitimate targets of deportation.

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***All are welcome!***