Political and Legal Aspects of Militant Democracy

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Abstract: The author presents political and legal aspects of the concept of militant democracy which assumes to outline the defense of democracy against the ideological enemies in the political and legal level. The effectiveness of defensive measures against ideological opponents of democracy lies mainly in the law. The contribution characterizes the origin and development of the concept of militant democracy to the present. It also shows its implication in Germany and in the Czech Republic. Last but not least, a critique of the militant democracy concept is described.

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