



**UvA-DARE (Digital Academic Repository)**

**A populist Zeitgeist? The impact of populism on parties, media and the public in Western Europe**

Rooduijn, M.

[Link to publication](#)

*Citation for published version (APA):*

Rooduijn, M. (2013). A populist Zeitgeist? The impact of populism on parties, media and the public in Western Europe.

**General rights**

It is not permitted to download or to forward/distribute the text or part of it without the consent of the author(s) and/or copyright holder(s), other than for strictly personal, individual use, unless the work is under an open content license (like Creative Commons).

**Disclaimer/Complaints regulations**

If you believe that digital publication of certain material infringes any of your rights or (privacy) interests, please let the Library know, stating your reasons. In case of a legitimate complaint, the Library will make the material inaccessible and/or remove it from the website. Please Ask the Library: <http://uba.uva.nl/en/contact>, or a letter to: Library of the University of Amsterdam, Secretariat, Singel 425, 1012 WP Amsterdam, The Netherlands. You will be contacted as soon as possible.

# A Populist Zeitgeist?

The Impact of Populism on Parties, Media and the Public in Western Europe

## A Populist Zeitgeist?

The impact of Populism on Parties, Media and the Public in Western Europe

Various scholars have claimed that populism has become mainstream in Western Europe, and that we are therefore witnessing a populist 'Zeitgeist' in this part of the world. This dissertation puts this claim to the test. Have political parties, media and citizens indeed become increasingly populist and dissatisfied with politics? The findings are mixed. Although media have become increasingly populist and the message of populist parties has fueled political dissatisfaction among voters, mainstream parties have not become more populist over the years. Moreover, populist parties themselves have even become less populist after their initial successes. This indicates that, despite the large impact of populist parties on Western European societies, populism is not pervasive to the extent that we can speak of an all-encompassing populist Zeitgeist.

Matthijs Rooduijn is a postdoctoral researcher and lecturer in the Department of Political Science at the University of Amsterdam

A Populist Zeitgeist?

Matthijs Rooduijn

Matthijs Rooduijn

