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The *Loyola University Chicago Law Journal* organizes a Symposium each spring to stimulate awareness and dialogue about burgeoning legal issues. The *Law Journal* hosted its Symposium, “Democracy in America: The Promise and the Perils,” on April 5, 2019, and looked at some of the many challenges facing the United States. Esteemed panelists from across the spectrum of academia gathered to consider four main questions. First, how does decreasing civic literacy affect the current political and social climate? Second, how can the federal government ensure free and fair elections given the Constitution’s brevity on the subject? Third, how can we restore the balance of executive and legislative power after five decades of legislative delegation and executive overreach? Fourth, given Congress’s history of surrendering military power to the president, how do we reestablish checks on the executive use of war powers?

The first seven articles and essays were written by panelists or moderators from the Symposium. They discuss various topics, from domestic civic literacy and education, to free and fair elections, to checks on congressional delegations of power, to the use of war powers abroad. These articles advance the discussion surrounding major questions about the future of democracy in America. This issue concludes with a student article, which asserts the Supreme Court in *South Dakota v. Wayfair* properly overturned the physical presence rule, updating its stance on out-of-state taxation through interpretation of the dormant Commerce Clause.

The *Law Journal* graciously thanks each of the panelists for their participation in the Symposium and for their contributions to these fruitful and important conversations. Finally, the *Law Journal* thanks everyone who made the Symposium a tremendous success, including the administration at Loyola, and especially Professors Barry Sullivan, John Dehn, Anita Weinberg, and Alexander Tsesis for their work in assembling and moderating our dynamic panels.

I would like to express my own appreciation to the other executive board members and staff members of the *Law Journal* for their hard work on this issue and throughout Volume 51.

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