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Plato and “Political” Philosophy

—Inside and Outside the Democratic “Cave”—

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Plato's Socrates engages in private conversations with Athenian citizens in the agora, which is nothing but his philosophy. By beginning to care for the soul, each citizen may shake Athenian politics gradually. Paradoxically, Socrates' philosophy in the private realm turns out to be a political activity of “radical democracy.” In the *Politeia* Plato aims to build the ideal *polis*, criticizing democracy. By publishing his dialogues, he attempts to appeal to each person's soul and inspire them to rethink how to be happy in a democracy, coordinating the public and private sides of life. Both Socrates and Plato focus on the possibility of harmonizing the public and the private.