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Dear Alumni College Friends,

I am delighted to reach out to you as a group for the first time. Welcome to Dictators and Democrats!

During our time together, I hope to draw on actual leadership cases, past and present, and from around the world. Our main task will be to "place" the cases on a dictatorship-democracy spectrum, keeping in mind why such an exercise is important intellectually and for practical reasons.

We have some exciting conversations ahead of us, and a good way to get our minds going is with a film called *The Wave* (*Die Welle*, 2008). Please note that there are a number of films called *The Wave*, so please watch the German (English subtitled) film from 2008. You can purchase the DVD on Amazon for \$19.99 or you can rent it for \$2.99.

I look forward to explaining to you how I have designed our learning experience when we first meet in-person. You should know that my teaching style is non-prescriptive, which means that I intend to let our conversations inform the experience.

For now, I hope you enjoy the film I have suggested and, of course, your summer.

Yours in anticipation,

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