

## Letters

## Letters to the editor

**What would Mill say?**

It is a pleasure to read your series on liberal thought ("[Against the tyranny of the majority](#)", August 4th). But if John Stuart Mill would have viewed Donald Trump's presidency as the inevitable outcome of the clueless majority's choice, he would have been wrong. Hillary Clinton, not Mr Trump, won the popular vote by a majority of 3m. The electoral college elected President Trump. If anything, Mr Trump's presidency demonstrates the frustration, not the tyranny, of the majority.

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In attributing blame for the wave of anti-liberal sentiment that followed the 2008 financial crisis ("[The brains trust](#)", August 4th) you pointed to the concentration of power among a ruling liberal elite, which bred intellectual arrogance: "the liberals in charge before the financial crisis were convinced that they had all the answers. In protecting what they had, they stopped thinking." Around that time, *The Economist* ran an advertising campaign featuring a quote from Larry Ellison: "I used to think. Now, I just read *The Economist*."

Perhaps some of the blame lies closer to home.

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