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“Benjamin writes in rapturous prose.” —The Wilson Quarterly

Rich Benjamin keenly and deftly observes modern society, culture, and politics. His cultural and political analysis appear regularly in public debate.

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