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Danielle Jansen, a sociologist with a PhD, was active in politics until last August, serving first as a Member of Parliament and later as Minister of Health, Welfare and Sport. Her appointment followed a long academic career, placing her work at the intersection of science and public governance. With a background in research and recent political experience, she brings an analytical, evidence-informed approach to complex societal issues. Her expertise includes prevention, public health, and reducing socioeconomic health inequalities, with a strong focus on translating scientific insights into policy and practice. Over the past year, she has also deepened her engagement with questions surrounding the democratic rule of law in the Netherlands and Europe, exploring how constitutional safeguards and democratic institutions shape societal challenges.