

America, We Have the Country We Want: Understanding Our Political Divide



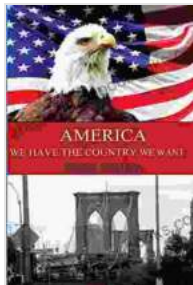
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In his new book, *America, We Have the Country We Want: Understanding Our Political Divide*, acclaimed political scientist Dr. Steven Levitsky explores the deep partisan divide that is tearing our nation apart. Levitsky argues that the United States is no longer a democracy, but a 'hyperpartisanocracy,' where the two major parties are so polarized that they are incapable of governing effectively.

Levitsky's book is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the current state of American politics and how we can move forward. Levitsky draws on decades of research to show how the United States has become increasingly polarized over the past few decades. He argues that this polarization is not simply the result of different political views, but of a fundamental change in the way that we think about politics.

In the past, Americans saw politics as a way to solve problems. Today, politics is seen as a way to win power. This shift in mindset has led to a breakdown in trust between the two major parties. Republicans and Democrats no longer see each other as legitimate political opponents. Instead, they see each other as enemies.

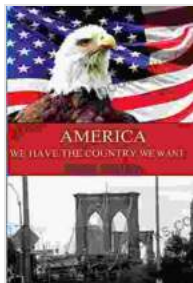
This polarization has made it impossible for the two parties to work together to solve the problems facing our country. The result is a gridlocked government that is unable to address the needs of the American people.

Levitsky argues that we need to find a way to bridge the partisan divide if we want to save our democracy. He offers a number of suggestions for how we can do this, including:

- **Reduce the influence of money in politics.** Money has a corrupting influence on politics. It allows wealthy individuals and corporations to buy influence over our elected officials.
- **Promote independent media.** The media plays a vital role in informing the public about politics. However, the media is increasingly polarized, which makes it difficult for people to get a balanced view of the issues.
- **Educate citizens about politics.** We need to do a better job of educating citizens about how our government works and the importance of civic participation.
- **Encourage civility in political discourse.** We need to find a way to talk about politics without resorting to name-calling and personal attacks.

Levitsky's book is a wake-up call for all Americans. He shows us that the current state of American politics is unsustainable. If we do not find a way to bridge the partisan divide, we will continue to be gridlocked and unable to address the problems facing our country.

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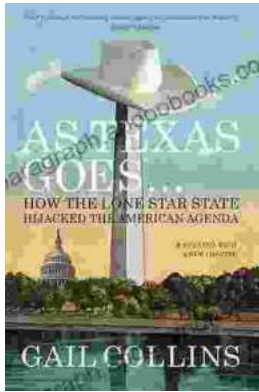
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