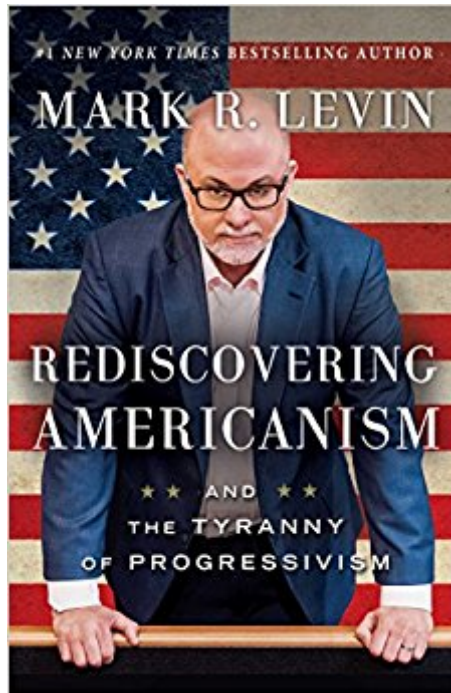




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Rediscovering Americanism: And The Tyranny Of Progressivism



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From #1 New York Times bestselling author and radio host Mark R. Levin comes a searing plea for a return to America's most sacred values. In *Rediscovering Americanism*, Mark R. Levin revisits the founders' warnings about the perils of overreach by the federal government and concludes that the men who created our country would be outraged and disappointed to see where we've ended up. Levin returns to the impassioned question he's explored in each of his bestselling books: How do we save our exceptional country? Because our values are in such a precarious state, he argues that a restoration to the essential truths on which our country was founded has never been more urgent. Understanding these principles, in Levin's words, can "serve as the antidote to tyrannical regimes and governments." • *Rediscovering Americanism* is not an exercise in nostalgia, but an appeal to his fellow citizens to reverse course. This essential book brings Levin's celebrated, sophisticated analysis to the troubling question of America's future, and reminds us what we must restore for the sake of our children and our children's children.

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Customer Reviews

Mark R. Levin, nationally syndicated talk-radio host, host of LevinTV, and chairman of Landmark Legal Foundation, is the author of *Liberty and Tyranny*, the thirty-eight-week New York Times bestseller that spent three months at #1 and sold more than one million copies; and the #1 New

York Times bestsellers *Plunder and Deceit*, *Ameritopia*, and *The Liberty Amendments*. His books *Men in Black* and *Rescuing Sprite* were also New York Times and national bestsellers. He was a top adviser to several members of President Ronald Reagan's cabinet, including serving as chief of staff to the Attorney General of the United States. He holds a B.A. from Temple University, where he graduated Phi Beta Kappa and Magna Cum Laude, and a J.D. from Temple University Law School. Follow Mark Levin on Twitter or visit MarkLevinShow.com.

This is best work from Mark Levin yet. I have all of Mark's books, but this one was the most insightful and captivating piece to date. I'm 29 years old and have been searching for the most reliable expert on the micro and macrocosm of societies and ideologies, for over ten years of my life. I've listened to Mark for the last five years and everything he delivers to his listeners and viewers has come to fruition and proven to be spot-on-accurate. I have yet to find a more knowledgeable individual of the US Constitution and the tools within it, and what it truly allows us as Americans. In a moment in time, when the left in this country (the MSM, educational institutions, entertainment industry) are hell bent on systemically dividing us and guiltting us into hating our own great nation to further force their authoritarian agenda, this book could not have come at a more critical moment. 5 Stars.

If you are even remotely interested in why America is the greatest country on earth and how the founders did their best to keep it that way, and why it seems that our greatness is slipping away this book will help point you in the right direction. By no means comprehensive, it will help you understand the basics and show you the way to do further research (if you choose) so that you do not need to merely take his word for it of how progressive-ism in the past 100+ years has slowly eroded away the foundations America was formed upon and how we might be able to save it yet.

"In fact, the theology of administrative science and historicism, after more than a century of progressive centralized governance in America, has demonstrated in infinite ways that it is not a science at all. The massive present-day administrative state is afflicted with extensive imperfections and dislocations. Its widespread shortcomings and deficiencies include massive amounts of waste, fraud and abuse; extensive managerial incompetence and delinquencies; overlapping programs and red tape; and failed promises and objectives—all which are documented in countless investigations, audits, reports and books (including my own book *Plunder and Deceit*). There is simply no validation of a vast,

complex modern society humanely and effectively managed by a centralized Leviathan reporting to a single chief executive, the President. They have deluded themselves into believing that they are always the smartest people in the room.

Progressives really do think that the American people are essentially incapable of managing their own lives. These elites exhibit immense disdain for such core American values as religious liberty, free market capitalism, individualism, free speech and private property rights. Furthermore, progressives loathe due process and the rule of law because in their world the ends always justify the means. They detest tradition and dogma of any kind and crave power. The Left destroys everything it touches. Over the past several decades progressives have gained control of large segments of the media, Hollywood, academia, the courts, foundations, church bureaucracies and the administrative state. In his latest book *Rediscovering Americanism and The Tyranny of Progressivism* Mark Levin explains how events over the past century have brought our nation to this sorry state of affairs and how the American people might gradually extricate themselves from the quagmire we now find ourselves in. He identifies who the key movers, shakers and thinkers have been on both sides of this monumental tug-of-war for the heart and soul of the country. He hones in on the writings of such prominent left-wing philosophers as Karl Marx, G.W.F. Hegel, Jean-Jacques Rousseau and Herbert Croly and points out the fatal flaws in their worldview. Needless to say, Levin believes that time is of the essence here and opines that the country needs to get its house in order in the very near future. He goes on to offer some definite ideas on how these anti-American utopian statists might ultimately be defeated. As has been the case with each of Mark Levin's five other titles over the past dozen years *Rediscovering Americanism and The Tyranny of Progressivism* is a thoughtful, meticulously researched and exceptionally well-written book. If you are one of those people who have not given these matters very much thought I would urge you to pick up a copy of "Rediscovering Americanism" and read it with an open mind. Conversely, if you are a person who is largely in agreement with the principles espoused by our Founding Fathers I would wholeheartedly encourage you to pick up a copy of *Rediscovering Americanism* as well. Mark Levin's compelling book will help to crystallize the arguments in your mind as your attempt to influence your friends, relatives, co-workers and neighbors. Kudos to Mark Levin for yet another extremely well thought-out and well-executed project. Very highly recommended!

Another great exposition of the evolution of progressive thought, statism, tyranny and liberty from one of our best contemporary writers on these subjects, Mark L. Levin. If you have been reading his

books, the references to Locke and other English philosophers that our founding fathers were reading and discussing will be familiar. In this book, Levin takes on one of the greatest challenges we face today--liberty or tyranny? Unfortunately, very few of our citizens today under 40 can even imagine a time when our liberty was threatened. Yet Levin, who served in the Reagan Administration's Department of Justice, remembers the Cold War very well, as do I. Liberty, Western Civilization, and America had only 3 decades earlier been under real threat. Taking the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of every school day really meant something. We have been under a 25 year attack to undermine the institutions of liberty and republican democracy. Levin sorts out these issues in a way that a reasonably educated reader can sort out and understand--this is his gift, and why his radio show is so popular. The last attempt to define Americanism in detail that I'm aware of was Herbert Hoover's 1922 treatise. Hoover stressed the importance of individual industry and effort, production, to the maintenance of both liberty, and the rugged individualism that he traced back to de Tocqueville's description of the American Character. However, I think Levin would agree that these attributes have been threatened greatly by mass immigration without the demand to assimilate--to learn English, and the American way of life embodied in our founding documents. The descent into tribalism, as practiced in the Middle East for millennia, is nearly palpable. Tribalism is what Lt. Col. T. E. Lawrence (Lawrence of Arabia) found as the major impediment to uniting the Arabs into one state--his early life dream (see the film, *Lawrence of Arabia*, 1962). It simply could not be done, as Western incursions into the Middle East in the late 20th and early 21st century have shown, again. The friend who armed you, enemy of your enemy, could easily become the enemy you are fighting with the weapons they provided to you, tomorrow. This is a lesson we should have learned long ago. The blessings of the founding of America--life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness (and Levin would add, property rights), are somewhat foreign to many new residents and citizens. They also cannot assimilate through watching films--democracy demands participation, conversation, and argument or we will lose our liberty to social progressivism. To understand more deeply the roots of progressivism and how it came to inflict its ideas on America, I recommend Edmund Morris' 3 volume set of works on the life of Theodore Roosevelt, who really introduced these ideas, as a Republican, into the body politic. Although he vowed not to run for a 2nd term (the first was a nearly full term occasioned by the assassination of Garfield), he did run in 1912, split the ticket three ways, allowing Wilson to take the presidency. Wilson allowed the introduction of the Federal Reserve and the IRS into the Administrative State, and we as Americans have toiled under what Wilson saw as the "ruin" of America by himself personally for a century now. Because Levin draws mostly on political and philosophical works undergirding the Civil Society, it is also necessary

to understand how someone with nearly unlimited means (Theodore Roosevelt-R) and his cousin (Franklin Delano Roosevelt-D) could, in the name of some nascent sense of economic and material egalitarianism, fail to notice that, as Reagan acolytes proposed and demonstrated, a rising tide does raise all boats. We failed to learn the lesson of Teddy's use of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act to "bust" the Northern Railroad Trust, which set all rates for train freight through a monopoly....there are large companies that must be "busted" now in the name of Americanism, plain and simple. The breakup of Ma Bell doesn't seem to have lowered telephone rates, but for about \$20 you can call long distance in the U.S. anytime in a month, and long distance in the 1960s was 25 cents for the first minute and 10 cents for each additional minute on my residential line, if I recall correctly, and higher on public phones, which don't seem to exist much in the U.S., although they are all over Europe. It will take a more cogent and experienced economic mind to see the solution to this--but as the Administrative state considers most Americans to be rather stupid and ignorant, I won't hold my breath for a near-term solution. My main criticism of the hardback, which I hope will be corrected when the paperback is issued, is that lack of an index--the references are good, but any such book requires an index to be maximally useful.

Mark Levin, in *Rediscovering Americanism*, lays out the progressive movement both historically and philosophically better than anyone that I have read. I learned a lot from this book, and appreciate all of the scholarly work that must of gone into it. I would highly recommend.

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