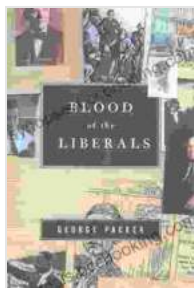


Blood of the Liberals: How the American Left Lost Its Mind

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The Rise of Identity Politics

One of the most significant changes in American politics in recent decades has been the rise of identity politics. Identity politics is the idea that people

should be defined by their race, gender, sexual orientation, or other group affiliations, and that these affiliations should be the basis for political action.

Packer argues that the rise of identity politics has led to the left becoming increasingly fragmented and isolated. He writes that "the left has become a coalition of interest groups, each with its own demands and priorities. This has made it difficult for the left to build a broad-based movement that can appeal to a majority of Americans."

The Decline of the Working Class

Another major factor in the left's decline has been the decline of the working class. In the past, the working class was a key constituency for the left. However, in recent decades, the working class has been shrinking in size and power.

Packer argues that the decline of the working class has left the left without a clear base of support. He writes that "the left has become a party of the educated and affluent. This has made it difficult for the left to connect with the concerns of ordinary Americans."

The Future of American Democracy

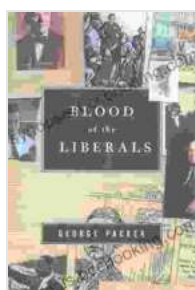
Packer's book is a sobering warning about the future of American democracy. He argues that the left's decline has created a vacuum that has been filled by the right. He writes that "the right has been able to exploit the left's failures to its own advantage. The right has been able to appeal to the fears and anxieties of ordinary Americans, and it has been able to offer them simple solutions to complex problems."

Packer concludes his book by calling for a new left that is based on the concerns of ordinary Americans. He writes that "the left needs to find a way to speak to the needs of the working class. The left needs to find a way to address the concerns of people who feel left behind by the economy. The left needs to find a way to offer people a vision of a better future."

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If the left can do these things, then it will have a chance to rebuild itself and to play a vital role in the future of American democracy.



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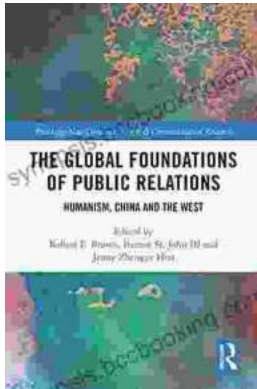
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