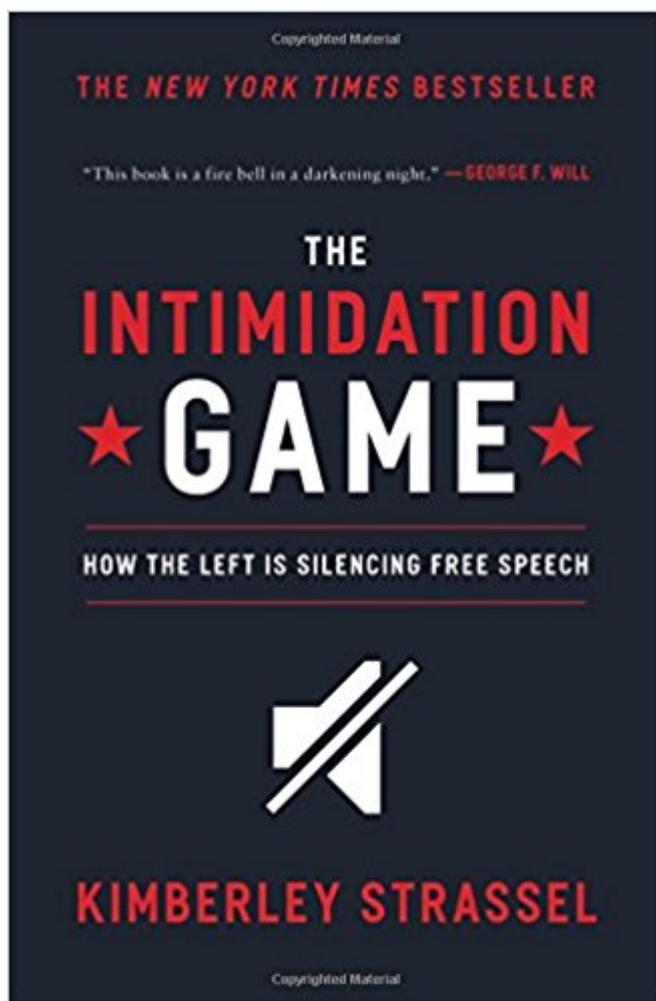


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The Intimidation Game: How The Left Is Silencing Free Speech



Synopsis

From Kim Strassel—one of the preeminent political columnists writing today and member of the Wall Street Journal editorial board—comes an insightful, alarming look at how the Left, once the champion of civil liberties, is today orchestrating a coordinated campaign to bully Americans out of free speech. For nearly 40 years, Washington and much of the American public have held up disclosure and campaign finance laws as ideals, and the path to cleaner and freer elections. This book will show, through first-hand accounts, how both have been hijacked by the Left as weapons against free speech and free association, becoming the most powerful tools of those intent on silencing their political opposition. **THE INTIMIDATION GAME** provides a chilling exposé of political scare tactics and overreach, including: How Citizens United set off a wave of liberal harassment against conservative politicians; The targeting of Tea Party groups by the IRS; How Wisconsin prosecutors, state AGs, and a Democratic Congress shut down political activists and businesses; The politicization by the Obama administration of a host of government agencies including the FEC, FCC and the SEC. Timed to arrive at the height of the 2016 presidential season, **THE INTIMIDATION GAME** will shine a much-needed light on how liberal governance and the Democratic machine bullies the political process.

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"Progressives' objective is to extend government's regulatory reach ever-deeper into society's dynamics. Strassel reveals how fast and how far this project has been expanded to include an

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Kimberley Strassel is a member of the Wall Street Journal editorial board, based in Washington. Since 2007 she has written the "Potomac Watch" column and has worked for the Wall Street Journal in Brussels, London, and New York. An Oregon native, Ms. Strassel is a graduate of Princeton University and lives in Virginia with her three children.

Kimberley Strassel is not your ordinary author and I found this book, *The Intimidation Game*, to be anything but ordinary. I'm sure she understands the risks she's taking by delivering this message and to me, that makes her a modern day hero because she believes in her cause: protecting freedom of speech. I really admire her courage as an author to educate those who have ears to hear, and to face the potential dangers of being silenced and intimidated herself. This book is full of other modern day heroes like Frank Vandersloot, a man who was targeted because he exercised his freedom to support the political candidate of his choice. Kimberley is warning us all, will we hear and take action or will we fall prey to the intimidation game?

Not since Woodward and Bernstein's "All the President's Men" has there been a journalist willing to do the deep digging to uncover the abuse of power by an out of control American government. If you are an activist you must read this book to discover the playbook of the progressive ruling elite. If you are an interested citizen/voter you should read this book so you know the extent to which a very coordinated progressive cabal is willing to go to silence Americans. Kimberley Strassel interviewed American citizens who were actually harmed by the overreach of government agencies and an Administration that has been calling the shots for almost 8 years. The thread of how conservative Americans were singled out for IRS audits and raids on their homes and police action is stunning. The fact that few other media outlets covered these stories is even more stunning. Thank goodness this travesty bothered Ms. Strassel enough for her to undertake this very unpopular stand by

investigating this criminal behavior by government employees and their political Svengalis. People need to understand what happened, who is involved and how the progressives continue to harass innocent Americans for no other reason but that they have a differing set of values and principles. Such an excellent book! Thank you Kimberley Strassel for writing it!

Freedom of speech has made America unique among most nations of the world. Whenever it is threatened, as it has been during the recent past, the oppressors need to be identified and called out, which is what this book does brilliantly. Kimberly Strassel is a terrific writer with interesting stories that connect the dots to explain why suddenly so many Americans feel intimidated and reluctant to engage in the political process -- because doing so could put them on a target list.

This book gave me a clearer view of how "campaign spending reform" is used in American politics. There is much to learn about why the Supreme Court ruled as they did in Citizens United and what the reaction was by opponents of that ruling. This book has given me much-needed perspective.

A civics lesson for every American. There is a reason why the founding fathers of the U.S. designed our republic to have expressly defined and limited powers at the federal level, and this book clearly demonstrates the dangers of an ever growing, ever invasive, all encompassing, bloated federal leviathan. The abuses of federal power are plenty to spread around to all branches, departments, and parties, but the left especially seems taken to the tactics exemplified in this writing. After all, the most striking difference I see between the left and right is not that only one wishes to expand the role of the federal government, but rather, primarily one is willing to allow the ends to justify the means. I am almost ashamed of what has become of our country and am discouraged at the thought of how to influence a return to a constitutionally governed republic whose government has little more than a primary duty to protect and defend its citizen's unalienable rights. After all, look at the choice before us in the upcoming presidential election: narcissistic know-it-all man-child with an inferiority complex (we currently have one of those) and scandal ridden pathological lying elitist Clinton (previously had one of those).

Proper disclosure: I have been reading Kim Stassel's weekly column in the Wall Street Journal for at least a decade now, and the woman is a force of nature. She is the epitome of what a journalist/columnist should be. And she does it all with a natural modesty and professionalism that none have matched and many could emulate. To the book itself: Many believe that the intimidation

and suppression of political speech during the Obama years begin and end with the IRS targeting of conservative non-profits. That is but the tip of the iceberg, and this book shows the enormity of the rest of the iceberg that most people don't see. I am a Jew and I despise alarmist and misguided comparisons of different forms of oppression to Nazism. Yet what Strassel has revealed in this book is nothing short of a political party which, with its many acolytes among the media and activist elements, function as nothing short of a secret police reminiscent of the Gestapo, if not in their brutality, then definitely in their tactics. If you've never contributed to a non-profit involved in political speech, you've been lucky not to be on this administration's radar, and you will not believe this is the America you live in. The book could have greatly benefited from an index. Since there is none, my copy is heavily loaded with yellow highlights and personal notes.

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