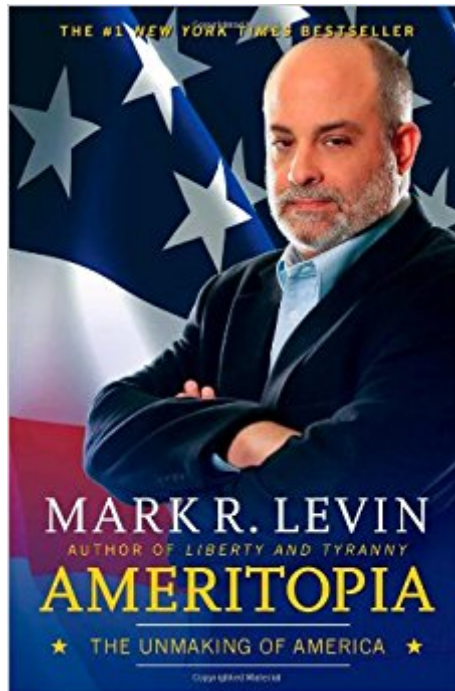




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In his acclaimed #1 New York Times bestseller, Mark R. Levin explores the psychology, motivations, and history of the utopian movement, its architects—the Founding Fathers, and its modern-day disciples—and how the individual and American society are being devoured by it. Levin asks, what is this utopian force that both allures a free people and destroys them? Levin digs deep into the past and draws astoundingly relevant parallels to contemporary America from Plato's Republic, Thomas More's Utopia, Thomas Hobbes's Leviathan, and Karl Marx's Communist Manifesto, as well as from the critical works of John Locke, Charles Montesquieu, Alexis de Tocqueville, and other philosophical pioneers who brilliantly diagnosed the nature of man and government. As Levin meticulously pursues his subject, the reader joins him in an enlightening and compelling journey. And in the end, Levin's message is clear: the American republic is in great peril. The people must now choose between utopianism or liberty. President Ronald Reagan warned, "freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction." • Levin agrees, and with *Ameritopia*, delivers another modern political classic, an indispensable guide for America in our time and in the future.

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"The companion book to "Liberty and Tyranny." . . . Levin's analysis is deadly to liberalism. . . . "Ameritopia" is historical X-ray vision in book form." --Jeffrey Lord, "The American Spectator" "A must-read for Americans of all political persuasions. . . . An honest discussion of the dangers

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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.

Levin has weaved a thought process through the ages of philosophers' writings and demonstrated how these have influenced the various political forces that exist today. He shows how the progressives have been systematically embedding their philosophy in the nation's leadership in ways that move control of activities to a centralized government and continually denegrating individual independence and self reliance. This book is a must read and can provide insights into the issues facing America today. It requires thoughtful reading as it reviews philosophical thought that shaped civilization. Levin clearly shows the impact of government over-reaching and impacting each citizen's life with a plethora of regulations that significantly inhibit individual freedoms and those very things that made the USA an exceptional nation. He shows how the tyrannical activity can creep into a society and destroy it from within. The logic and arguments are exceptional and should be must reading by all thoughtful people.

In "Ameritopia," Mr. Levin outlines the existential threat to our Constitution and our republican form of government. He says in the book "...the heart of the problem is, in fact, utopianism,...which is the ideological and doctrinal foundation for statism." Levin respects his readers and has a great way with words that will keep you wide awake and thinking as you read the book. In the book Mr. Levin notes:

"Although the mastermind's incompetence and vision plague the society, responsibility must be diverted elsewhere--to those assigned to carry them out, or to the people's lack of sacrifice, or to the enemies of the state who have conspired to thwart the Utopian cause--for the mastermind is inextricably linked to the fantasy. If he is fallible then who is to usher in paradise?" If you read this book, you will get involved in a combination philosophy and history course led by Professor Levin and you will learn about the literature (Plato's Republic, Thomas Moore's Utopia, Thomas Hobbes' Leviathan, Karl Marx's Communist Manifesto, John Locke, Charles de Montesquieu, Alexis de Tocqueville and others), giving the reader the background support and discussion for the aforementioned quote. You will also get Mr. Levin's analysis and comparison of the philosophical reasoning behind republican vs. utopian forms of government, and you will get Mr. Levin's additional comments, analysis and opinion relative to the above. When Mr. Levin quotes, explains and summarizes De Tocqueville's thoughts in Chapter 10, he gives warnings that the American Republic is currently experiencing a "soft tyranny" brought about by an overbearing and controlling administrative state. With attribution to De Tocqueville, Levin notes that the degradation of our liberties is being brought about by a "miscomprehension of equality, resulting in the descent into centralized tyranny." In addition, Mr. Levin, in summarizing and further explaining De Tocqueville notes: "Rather than embracing equality as a condition of natural law and inalienable rights, which underlie a free and diverse society, equality may be misapplied politically in the form of radical egalitarianism and to promote equal social and economic outcomes." As President Calvin Coolidge once said: "To live under the American Constitution is the greatest political privilege that was ever accorded to the human race." Coolidge also said: "We review the past not in order that we may return to it but that we may find in what direction, straight and clear, it points into the future." In addition to his keen intellect and writing ability, what is also great about Mark Levin is that he loves his country and is like-minded with Coolidge on these issues. What I love about Mr. Levin and President Coolidge is that they, like President Reagan are very significant and substantial men. Meticulous and methodical in their approach, what they write is substantive and is supported whenever possible by source documents and supporting literature. Like President Coolidge, Levin doesn't sugar coat anything; he talks to you as a father would talk to his son or daughter, he always tells you the truth, and he never lets you down.

Great points, difficult book. I agree with most of the points. I'm a conservative who believes the country is in real trouble because of the 'utopian' attitude and the 'let the government take care of me trend.' The problem is this book is SO slow and difficult to read. I like the general idea of

introducing all these past philosophers and their ideas and discussing how these things relate to America, how it all plays out in history, etc. but, Levin fills WAY too much of the book with direct quotes, some quite lengthy, from original works that are very difficult to follow. I'm an intelligent, well-educated person, but I am not used to reading these styles/types of writings, and the archaic language can be hard to follow. It's sort of like reading the Bible or a foreign document. I gave up trying to read this at bedtime, which is my usual 'big' reading time, because it kept putting me to sleep. I had to read only when I could find time to have coffee and really focus intently on the text. It's too bad he didn't make this more accessible to everyone--the points are valid and very important, but lost in the book.

Amazing - hits right at the truth - how can a country with so much going for it be so divided, so misguided as goes continuing the saga of a nation gifted with freedom, talents, and resources - and Mr. Levin does a terrific job of not separating or advocating a party but simply shows how man in perhaps his drive to do right, to be caring, gets it wrong and that indeed power, the desire for prestige, and of course money stirs this great country toward a cliff but hope is not lost as Americans are individuals first, and most want the succeeding generation, perhaps their own kids to have it better. Pride in being an America - versus wanting to change for change sake versus improve is what Mr. Levin advocates and this book paints the picture of what is happening as the majority allows others, many with agenda's to create muck out of good. A book you want to share with friends who care enough to value being blessed to live in this country.

Levin gives much insight into the problems America faces. It is informative, and a good book to study. I enjoyed it.

Highly Recommended: An excellent discussion of democracy, tyranny, and the assault and dismantling of our U.S. Constitution, our *unalienable* God-given rights and the resultant decay of America and the American republic. Like Mr. Levin's *Liberty and Tyranny* and *Rediscovering America*, both of which I had previously read, *Ameritopia* is an extraordinarily well-written and researched document of immeasurable value to the American people and their nation. Indeed, it is another wake-up call to all freedom loving peoples. *Liberty* lost is seldom regained.

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