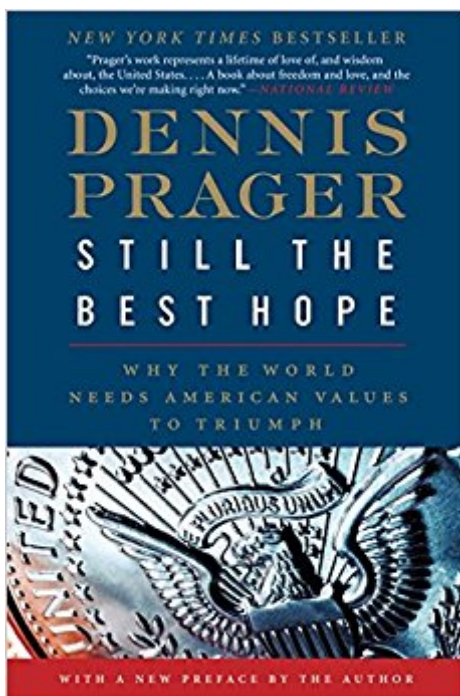


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Still The Best Hope: Why The World Needs American Values To Triumph



Synopsis

Conservative radio host and syndicated columnist Dennis Prager provides a bold, sweeping look at the future of civilization with *Still the Best Hope*, and offers a strong, cogent argument for why basic American values must triumph in a dangerously uncertain world. Humanity stands at a crossroads, and the only alternatives to the "American Trinity" of liberty, natural rights, and the melting-pot ideal of national unity are Islamic totalitarianism, European democratic socialism, capitalist dictatorship, or global chaos if we should fail. *America is Still the Best Hope*, as this eminently sensible, profoundly inspiring volume so powerfully proves.

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"This is a very wise book by a very wise America. It is probing, lively, comprehensive, and, rarest of all, it is filled with original insights and arguments. Dennis Prager changes intelligent people's minds."--Bill Bennett, Former US Secretary of Education, Bestselling Author, and Nationally Syndicated Radio Talk Show Host

"Occasionally, a person with rare vision can foresee the future through a deep understanding of the present. Using reason and facts, without rancor, Prager invites his readers to reason. If the world does not embrace American values, as brilliantly explained in this book, we are indeed doomed."--David Mamet, Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for *Glengarry Glen Ross*

As a member of Congress for more than thirty years, I have met, listened to, and read the greatest living American thinkers. Dennis Prager is one of these. If enough Americans read [this

book], America will remain what Abraham Lincoln said it was: the last best hope of earth."--David Dreier, US Congressman (CA) and Chairman of the House Rules Committee"Dennis Prager's book is sharp, succinct, and comprehensive. It admirably covers the global ground. I hope it is widely read, and I'm pretty sure it will be."--Paul Johnson, British Historian and Author of Modern Times

Dennis Prager contends that humanity confronts a monumental choice. The whole world must choose between American values and two oppositional alternatives: fundamentalist Islam and European-style democratic socialism. In this visionary book, Prager makes the case for the American values system as the most viable program ever devised to produce a good society. Still the Best Hope deals with three major themes, each vital to America's future. The first is perhaps the most persuasive explanation for why Leftism has been and will always be a moral failure, despite its appeal to many people of goodwill. The second explains why fundamentalist Islam also cannot make a good societyâ though Prager holds out hope for an open and tolerant Islam. The third is a persuasive defense of what Prager calls the "American Trinity": liberty, values rooted in the Creator, and the melting-pot ideal. Prager shows why these values can and must be adopted by every nation and culture in the world, why Americans must relearn and recommit to these values, and why the United States must vigorously export them.

Truly a vital book for our times, and a book that is absolutely mandatory for anyone who has only recently awakened to the harsh realities of the REAL world. In this extremely detailed and thoroughly researched tome, Mr. Prager defines the three prominent philosophies that divide our world into ideological factions: leftism, islam, and the American Trinity (Liberty, In God we trust, and E Pluribus Unum). The fates of many nations will be defined by the choices of their people. We find ourselves in a particularly volatile and increasingly unstable world, and no one is going to make the transition unscathed. Europe and the middle-east have clearly chosen what paths they want to follow, ...and will pay the consequences. America is experiencing an ideological rift even more divisive than that of the 1850s. The alternate ideology poses an existential threat to the nation's very existence, its already pushing Europe toward the abyss, probably irretrievably so. Europe, despite pretensions to "enlightenment", has actually learned nothing in the past seventy years or so, and will repeat the errors of their grandparents' generation, the seeds have been sown. It will be much bloodier the third time around... There was a time in my early youth, when I believed much of the drivel which is "liberalism/leftism/progressivism". Real-world experience and thorough research enlightened me. Exposure to public school and "popular-culture" initially filled my thought with many things that are

NOT really so. Being a book-worm saved me. Reading the biographies of the prominent personalities adored and worshipped by leftists enabled me to realize that none of these exalted characters were even the slightest bit admirable. Most of them were full-blown hypocrites, criminals, and frauds. Of all the poseurs and losers I encountered wearing T-shirts bearing the likeness of Che Guevara, ...NOT ONE of the them actually KNEW anything about him (beyond the minimal mandatory hype). They sang platitudes to this vile being, and dutifully "drank the coolaid". The thought of actually going to the library and researching him was out of the question for his disciples. I attended miscellaneous leftist organizations and events, ...just to see what they were REALLY about. I came to realize that I did not like the sort of people drawn to such groups, and came to detest more and more of their toxic propaganda and deceptive rantings. One popular piece of propaganda: "islam is the religion of peace". I have BEEN to islamic countries, I've interacted with the populace very closely. Actual muslims will TELL you that this is one of the most laughable and ridiculous misperceptions that Westerners are propagating about their culture! They will even point out to you the various surahs in which mohomaed implores his followers to wage WAR on non-muslims (ESPECIALLY Jews). The REALITY versus the propaganda, and ALL the FACTS to back it up, are well supplied in Mr. Prager's book. America: It IS the LAST BEST hope in the world. All the anti-American lies are debunked within. Supposedly, America is "an inheritantly racist nation". Really? WHY are there MORE people than ever, from every possible racial group, ...clamoring to become citizens of America? Far more Africans have WILLFULLY immigrated to America, ...than the numbers of those Africans brought here as slaves. By the way, an enormous number of slaves who were originally sent to America, ...were European people. ANYONE can become an American. A citizen of such nations as the United States, Canada, or Australia can move back to the land of his or her ancestral origin, however many generations removed. You will never truly be Irish, Russian, Japanese, Indian, etc., ...no matter how fluently you speak the language of the old country. You did not grow up in that culture IN that culture's geographic boundaries. On the other hand, anyone from the most exotic and remote corner of the globe, ...can become a full-fledged American. Its acceptance of an ideology, an ideology which certain elements inside America have been trying to extinguish at all costs. In truth, nothing of the content in this book surprised me, I've encountered it all before. I read this book, and I see all the truth and facts that I discovered independantly over several years of reading and personal experience. This book is a priceless gem of logical argument, factual reporting, and rational thought. Thank you Mr. Prager for this most excellent book!

Brilliant as always. Prager shines the bright light of truth on the intentions of the liberal left in bold black and white. My copy is liberally laced with yellow highlighter. He got more than his share of the smarts.

Conservative Republicans are often portrayed as naive, uninformed, and unintellectual. It would be great for anyone who believes these things (as I once did) to read this book. It presents clear, intelligent arguments for conservative ideas. It also shows how truly skewed to the left what we hear about news events is. I think it is great to have different points of view, but unfortunately not many people really even know what conservative ideas are. At one point while reading this book, I laughed out loud: Mr. Prager mentions how the European Union declared international travel to be a human right. I found this hilarious. How can anyone consider vacationing to be a human right? The footnote to this sentence goes on to say that the EU planned to have a tax to help pay for seniors, disabled people, kids between 18-25, and families facing 'difficult social, financial, or personal circumstances' to go on vacations. I told a friend about this, and she said, "But I think it's great! Vacationing really does change your world view." Of course I agree with her, but that does not make it a human right that the government should pay for! (And I don't exactly think the EU can afford it.) Anecdotes like this clarify the difference between left and right world views. This book is full of clarifying ideas like this.

"THE TERRITORY AHEAD OF THE REST": Dennis Prager's STILL THE BEST HOPE contains a comprehensive description of "opponents" of America as a clear, much needed account of mistaken objections and dangerous challenges today. Prager's descriptions of Leftism parallels what he explains daily on his radio show. His new book is well worth the time to read carefully and contemplate more deeply. Yet, the first two Parts, though accurate, are too long. The Leftist would never read such a long account of their beliefs. Accordingly, I would recommend starting this book with Part III: America and its Unique Values which is an advocacy of the concept of America, a topic which stands on its own. And, so it must, and does. Prager establishes his fundamental purpose: to seek "a way to end most evil" (p. 1) Also, he succinctly recognizes that the USA "is not merely a geographical location"; rather, it is the "idea of America" that is the key to any successful advocacy of America (p.311). He frequently identifies the basic problem that, as recognized by the Founding Fathers, "People are not basically good." (p.322) At this point, I suggest that Prager is following the most important homespun, classic definition of America - the last lines of Mark Twain's Huckleberry Finn, "...if I'd `a knowed what a trouble it was to make a book, I wouldn't `a tackled it, and I ain't

a-going to no more. But I recon I got to light out for THE TERRITORY AHEAD OF THE REST[i.e. America], because Aunt Sally [i.e, the opponents.] she's going to adopt me and sivilize me, and I can't stand it. I been there before." [i.e, past and present failed ideologies.]Additions could be made to Part III of Prager's book on other aspects of the American idea. For example, the phrases on the USA Great Seal (also on one dollar bills), "Anuit Coeptis" and "Novus Ordo Seclorum" (with the eye of the Creator) should definitely be added to Prager's "Trinity". Much more also needs to be said about the Declaration of Independence, and its "Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness", especially on how a citizen should act in the proper "pursuit of Happiness". Most importantly, there needs to be a detailed discussion of how both that 1776 Declaration and the 1787 Constitution were a reflection of the importance of establishing a proper secular rule of law in the affairs of mankind, based on the foundation of a Creator's law. Americans respect the rule of law. These concepts should be added to further explain "the territory ahead of the rest", America. In summary, this fine book is an excellent starting point to further explore genius of USA values. Some further questions to be addressed include: How can the idea of America restrain evil? How can the USA Constitution principles help today to control human conduct which is not basically good? How can freedom to pursue religious beliefs today facilitate human potential to become good - and to choose good government? As only humans commit evil, how can government today confront the human tendency to "exploit perceived advantage to the maximum, regardless of the constraints of morality, ethics, religion and secular law"? We can urge Dennis Prager, a sincere and thoughtful advocate, to continue this topic with a focus on Mark Twain's the "territory ahead of the rest".... "the passage towards America", and an exploration of how today to save still the best hope of the America Idea, its principles, for those who live in the USA as well as those who will never set foot in the geographical USA.

As usual Dennis shows a great deal of wisdom with this book. Dennis is interested in clarity not winning an argument. This book clarifies the issues even if you don't agree with him.

Excellent book, very timely with what is happening to our country right now.

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