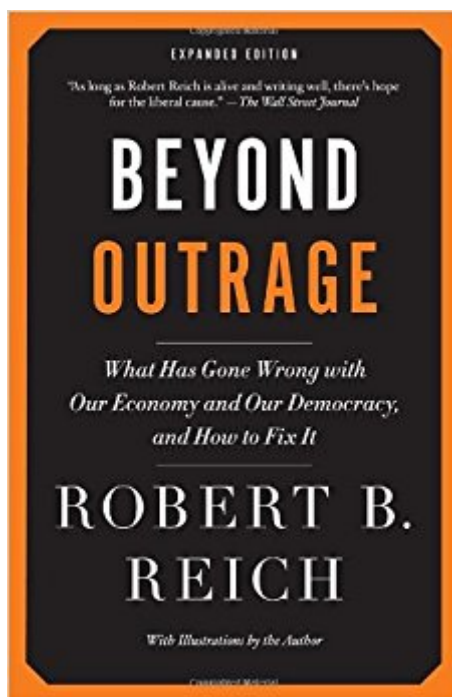


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Beyond Outrage: Expanded Edition: What Has Gone Wrong With Our Economy And Our Democracy, And How To Fix It



Synopsis

America's economy and democracy are working for the benefit of an ever-fewer privileged and powerful people. But rather than just complain about it or give up on the system, we must join together and make it work for all of us. In this timely book, Robert B. Reich argues that nothing good happens in Washington unless citizens are energized and organized to make sure Washington acts in the public good. The first step is to see the big picture. *Beyond Outrage* connects the dots, showing why the increasing share of income and wealth going to the top has hobbled jobs and growth for everyone else, undermining our democracy; caused Americans to become increasingly cynical about public life; and turned many Americans against one another. He also explains why the proposals of the "regressive right" are dead wrong and provides a clear roadmap of what must be done instead. Here's a plan for action for everyone who cares about the future of America.

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The problem with our economy is that it currently works for the few "corporate and Wall Street elites" at the expense of the rest of us, former labor secretary Reich argues. Elites not only receive higher compensation but enjoy greater job security. "Regressives" "politicians who have been co-opted by big money" have turned the question of American morality upside down. These regressive forces push a divide-and-conquer strategy, primarily by raising alarms over deficit spending and asserting a need to cut public programs that benefit the middle class and the poor. Reich notes the blame heaped on public employees for state budget crises in comparison to that

accorded either Wall Street practices that led to the recession or the Supreme Court's Citizens United decision that removed limitations on corporate contributions to political campaigns. Reich recommends that politicians and the public get out of their ideological bubbles and face the need to raise tax rates on the wealthy, reduce military spending, and restrict the size of banks to reduce the risk to taxpayers in case of failure. --Vernon Ford

Robert B. Reich is Chancellor's Professor of Public Policy at the Richard and Rhoda Goldman School of Public Policy at the University of California, Berkeley. He has served in three national administrations, most recently as secretary of labor under President Bill Clinton, and he served as an adviser to President-elect Barack Obama. He has written twelve books, including *The Work of Nations* (which has been translated into twenty-two languages), *Supercapitalism*, and the best sellers *The Next American Frontier*, *The Future of Success*, *Locked in the Cabinet*, and, most recently, *Aftershock: The Next Economy and America's Future*. His articles have appeared in *The New Yorker*, *The Atlantic*, *The New York Times*, the *Financial Times*, *The Washington Post*, and *The Wall Street Journal*. He is co-founding editor of *The American Prospect* magazine and chairman of Common Cause. His bi-weekly commentaries on public radio's *Marketplace* are heard by nearly five million people. In 2003, Reich was awarded the prestigious Václav Havel Foundation Prize for pioneering work in economic and social thought. In 2008, *Time* magazine named him one of the ten most successful cabinet secretaries of the twentieth century, and *The Wall Street Journal* named him one of the nation's ten most influential business thought-leaders.

This is a must read for all citizens of the United States. I recently became aware of the truth of what is going on in this country and it is eye opening. I appreciate the author writing these books to share the truth about our country's politics.

After reading this book I feel like Rip Van Winkle - waking up after a twenty year sleep - and finding out to my surprise how drastically things have changed. Hard to believe I did not see this situation developing. This author's book should be on the must read list of every American. The statistics on things like how much of the economy is controlled by the top 1/2 of 1 percent are so alarming and so unbelievable - I will need to verify before accepting it as truth. My big fear is that I will find it to be absolutely true. I hope we can effect change quickly enough through our political institutions and NOT get into a situation where there is a revolution.

Typical Reich -- on target on the important issues of our times that too often are hidden among the vast political non-issues and nonsense that dominates the dialog coming out of Washington. A must read if the future of our nation really means anything to you. To ignore the issues raised in this book is to consign your children and grandchildren to grave economic consequences!

Robert Reich explains what has happened with our economy in a format that is easy for the average citizen to comprehend. (No Masters Degree required). Most readers will be able to correlate the information given to what has occurred in their personal financial lives and what is occurring now in politics. It is easy to connect the dots after reading this book and gives you the ability to better interpret the ramifications of bills presented in Congress, as well as the media's spin on them. Mr. Reich offers solutions to correct the current state of the economy and income inequality. I agree with the majority of his solutions, but not all. I highly recommend watching "Inequality For All" prior to reading this book.

Very interesting book. However, there seems to be nothing new regarding Mr.Reich's opinion as to how we got to this point of income inequality and how we can correct it. That being said it was a good read.

Great review of what is happening socially, politically and economically in the U. S. of A

Robert Reich is so good at explaining the obvious. Enjoyed this book very much. It was very informative and an easy read.

I agree with Robert about most things. BUT it was Bill Clinton who repealed Glass-steagle. Democrats do not act different than Republicans. I think Robert has too much faith in the current government structure. Democracy requires informed voters, the actions of the supreme court must be one that protects liberty and freedom, and that includes an economic component. With Citizens United they redefined who the people are...and with a single decisive blow destroyed our country. It will never be the same....I no longer believe any action on my part will do any good...I intend to vote for a third party ...the green party out of protest.

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