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Far-Right Newspeak and the Future of Liberal Democracy A. James McAdams, Samuel Piccolo, 2024-04-23 This book is the first systematic multicountry exploration of far right Newspeak. The contributors analyze the ways in which contemporary far right politicians, intellectuals, and pundits use and abuse traditional liberal concepts and ideas to justify positions that threaten democratic institutions and liberal principles. They explore cases of both far right and right wing thought in eastern and western Europe, the United States, and Canada. Subjects include well known figures such as Marine Le Pen, Tucker Carlson, Peter Thiel, Nick Griffin, Thierry Baudet, Jordan Peterson, Russell Brand, and Viktor Orbán, and lesser known names such as the Czech politician Tomio Okamura and the Internet personality Raw Egg Nationalist. The contributors examine these figures' claims about hot button issues including immigration, Islam, race, Covid-19 policies, feminism, monetary policy, and free speech. The book demonstrates that mainstream politicians and intellectuals are at risk of losing control over the definitions of the very concepts including equal rights, racial and ethnic diversity, and political tolerance that undergird their vision of liberal democracy. It will be of interest to scholars, journalists, policymakers, political scientists, historians, political theorists, sociologists, and general audiences concerned about the sophisticated efforts of far right and right wing politicians and pundits to undermine the foundations of liberal democracy.

Liberalism and Capitalism: Volume 28, Part 2 Ellen Frankel Paul, Fred Dycus Miller, Jeffrey Paul, 2011-08-08 Political philosophers, theorists, and historians address what are the core values of liberalism and how can they best be promoted.

Classical Liberalism and International Relations Theory Edwin van de Haar, 2009-08-31 This book calls for a reappraisal of liberalism in IR theory. Based on the first comprehensive analysis of the ideas by David Hume, Ludwig von Mises, and Friedrich Hayek, and a new perspective on Adam Smith and international relations, the analysis shows that classical liberalism differs substantially from other forms of liberalism.

The American Liberal Tradition Reconsidered Mark Hulliung, 2010 Eight prominent scholars consider whether Louis Hartz's interpretation of liberalism in his classic 1955 book should be repudiated or updated, and whether a study of America as a liberal society is still a rewarding undertaking.

Pre-Liberal Political Philosophy Daniel A. Dombrowski, 2022-06-20 John Rawls is the most influential 20th century political philosopher, but critics have complained about the ahistorical character of his approach. The purpose of this book is to argue that these critics are at best only half correct. Pre-Liberal Political Philosophy concentrates on four pre-liberal thinkers who are major figures in the history of philosophy and who are surprisingly formative in the development of Rawls's mature political philosophy: Plato, Aristotle, Augustine, and Aquinas. Several illuminating connections are drawn between Rawls's political liberalism and Plato's contrasting appeal to the noble lie in politics, between Rawls's overall method of reflective equilibrium and Aristotle's

dialectic between Rawls's opposition to merit in the distribution of wealth and Augustine's similar anti-Pelagian stance and between Rawls's view of a just society as a common good of common goods and the natural law dimension of Aquinas's philosophy. In general, the distance between Rawlsian abstraction and his historical embeddedness is lessened considerably.

Liberal Moments Ewa Atanassow, Alan S. Kahan, 2017-09-07 This book is available as open access through the Bloomsbury Open Access programme and is available on www.bloomsburycollections.com. Liberalism today has perhaps more supporters and adversaries than any other political movement. This volume traces liberalism's global ascent through essays about some of the thinkers and actors who participated in its rise and spread. The essays included here present for the first time in one place the geographic and ideological diversity of liberal thought and practice as it developed since the eighteenth century. By exploring thinkers as diverse as Montesquieu, Abraham Lincoln, Jacob Burckhardt, Khayr al-Din, Hu Shih, John Rawls, and Czeslaw Milosz, this volume contributes toward a better understanding of liberalism's past and present. Each chapter opens with a critical passage from the author under consideration and explores the author's significance for liberalism. By facilitating a direct encounter with influential authors and texts, the volume serves as an introduction both to the multiple dimensions of liberalism and to reading texts in political thought. By engaging with particular liberal moments, the essays allow readers to create and explore conversations among liberalisms across time and space. It thus encourages a broader and more nuanced understanding of the nature and history of liberalism. Stimulating, accessible, and interdisciplinary, *Liberal Moments* will appeal to students and scholars in the history of political thought, intellectual history, and beyond.

Reclaiming Liberty M. Bentwich, 2012-10-10 Based on a reconstruction of earlier liberal conceptions of liberty, the political theories of John Locke, J. S. Mill, this book stresses the empowering nature of liberal freedom and explains why such a concept of liberty better addresses two key contemporary challenges in liberal theory and praxis: wealth redistribution and multiculturalism.

Everyone Orthodox to Themselves John Colman, 2023-07-08 Religious liberty is one of the hallmarks of American democracy, but the principal architects of this liberty believed that it was only compatible with a certain form of Christianity, namely a liberal, rational Christianity. Conservative and postliberal champions of the freedom of religion often ignore this point, sometimes even arguing that orthodox Christianity was or should be at the root of democratic liberty. *Everyone Orthodox to Themselves* John Colman's close study of the religious views and political theologies of John Locke, Benjamin Franklin, James Madison, and Thomas Jefferson shows otherwise. Colman demonstrates that Locke and his three American students specifically took aim at the idea of orthodoxy, which they argued continuously tempted its believers to try to impose an artificial uniformity upon the religious diversity that naturally exists in society and thought it necessary to advance a more rational, nondogmatic Christianity given the threat they saw religious orthodoxy posed to a free liberal society. While recent arguments have endorsed the idea that there is a crisis of liberalism that can only be met by the revival of more orthodox forms of religious devotion, Colman argues that, according to some of the most prominent American

Founders and their philosophic predecessors such as orthodoxy is incompatible with religious freedom and the right to free inquiry. Everyone Orthodox to Themselves demonstrates that only a nondogmatic rationalist Christianity could be made a friend rather than an adversary to the inalienable right of religious liberty. Colman's work reveals how the reform of Christianity and with it the inculcation of a particular theological disposition is necessary to secure religious liberty and the right of free inquiry. The book also establishes the importance of Locke's Reasonableness.

The Wiley Blackwell Companion to Religion and Politics in the U.S. Barbara A. McGraw, 2016-05-31. The Wiley Blackwell Companion to Religion and Politics in the U.S. provides a broad inclusive and rich range of chapters in the study of religion and politics. Arranged in their historical context, chapters address themes of history, law, social and religious movements, policy and political theory. Broadens the parameters of this timely subject and includes the latest work in the field. Draws together newly commissioned essays by distinguished authors that are cogent for scholars while also being in a style that is accessible to students. Provides a balanced and inclusive approach to religion and politics in the U.S. Engages diverse perspectives from various discourses about religion and politics across the political and disciplinary spectra while placing them in their larger historical context.

The Fallacies of States' Rights Sotirios A. Barber, 2013-01-14. Barber shows how arguments for states' rights from John C. Calhoun to the present offend common sense logic and bedrock constitutional principles. The Constitution is a charter of positive benefits, not a contract among separate sovereigns whose function is to protect people from the central government when there are greater dangers to confront.

Illiberal Justice David Lewis Schaefer, 2007. Schaefer challenges John Rawls's practically sacrosanct status among scholars of political theory, law, and ethics by demonstrating how Rawls's teachings deviate from the core tradition of American constitutional liberalism toward libertarianism. Provided by publisher.

The Pretenses of Loyalty John Perry, 2011-07-06. In the face of ongoing religious conflicts and unending culture wars, what are we to make of liberalism's promise that it alone can arbitrate between church and state? In this wide-ranging study, John Perry examines the roots of our thinking on religion and politics, placing the early modern founders of liberalism in conversation with today's theologians and political philosophers. From the story of Antigone to debates about homosexuality and bans on religious attire, it is clear that liberalism's promise to solve all theological and political conflict is a false hope. The philosophy connecting John Locke to John Rawls seeks a world free of tragic dilemmas where there can be no Antigones. Perry rejects this as an illusion. Disputes like the culture wars cannot be adequately comprehended as border encroachments presided over by an impartial judge. Instead, theological and political conflict must be considered a contest of loyalties within each citizen and believer. Drawing on critics of Rawls ranging from Michael Sandel to Stanley Hauerwas, Perry identifies what he calls a turn to loyalty by those who recognize the inadequacy of our usual thinking on the public place of religion. *The Pretenses of Loyalty* offers groundbreaking analysis of the overlooked early work of Locke, where liberalism's founder himself opposed toleration. Perry discovers that Locke made a turn to loyalty analogous to that of today's communitarian critics.

Liberal toleration is thus more sophisticated more theologically subtle and ultimately more problematic than has been supposed It demands not only governmental neutrality as Rawls believed but also a reworked political theology Yet this must remain under suspicion for Christians because it places religion in the service of the state Perry concludes by suggesting where we might turn next looking beyond our usual boundaries to possibilities obscured by the liberalism we have inherited

Rediscovering Political Friendship Paul W. Ludwig, 2020-01-09 Applies Aristotle's argument that citizenship is like friendship to the liberal and democratic societies of the present day

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