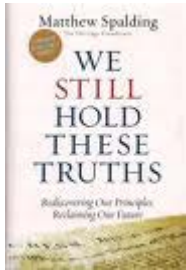


WCRW Summer Reading List

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Constitution

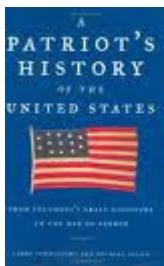
Spalding, Matthew. *We Still Hold These Truths*, 2009.



Featuring a foreword by bestselling author and popular talk radio host William J. Bennett, *We Still Hold These Truths* is an inspiring and enlightening look at ten core principles that define our national creed—and that we must reclaim in order to put our country back on track.

History

Schweikart, Larry, and Allen, Michael Patrick. *A Patriot's History of the United States*, 2007.



The story of America's past has been hijacked by liberal historians who describe a country built on racism, sexism, and greed. For the past forty years, these so-called "intellectuals" have defended their position by claiming to speak for the disenfranchised masses while undermining the truly great achievements of America's patriots, founders, and heroes.

As a result, students of American history learn more about slavery than about the Constitution; more about the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II than about D-Day or Iwo Jima; more on the dangers we faced from Joseph McCarthy than those we faced from Josef Stalin. Too many are left with a picture that completely diminishes our nation's true greatness and honor.

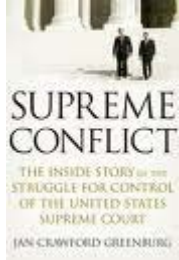
A Patriot's History of the United States corrects those doctrinaire biases and reexamines America's discovery, founding, and development with an appreciation for the elements of public virtue, personal liberty, and private property that make this nation uniquely successful. This honest review of American history explains, for example:

- That the same founders who owned slaves instituted numerous ways to ensure slavery could not survive.
- That while many historians have misinterpreted "separation of church and state" to mean freedom from worship, our founders clearly understood it meant freedom to worship.
- That time and time again, America's leaders have willingly shared power with those who had none, such as disenfranchised women.
- That even when the United States uses military power for dubious reasons, the ultimate result is political liberation and a higher standard of living.

No other nation can claim such a legacy. This book offers a long-overdue acknowledgment of America's true and proud history.

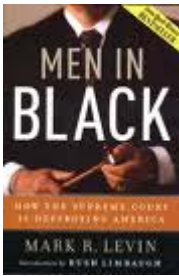
Judicial System

*Greenburg Jan Crawford, *Supreme Conflict*, 2008



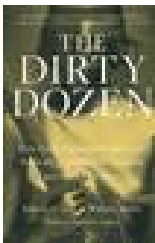
With its closed chambers and formal language, the Supreme Court tends to deflect drama away from its vastly powerful proceedings. But its mysteries hold plenty of intrigue for anyone with the access to uncover them. In *Supreme Conflict*, Jan Crawford Greenburg has that access, and then some. With high-placed sourcing that would make Bob Woodward proud, she tells the story of the Court's recent decades and of the often-thwarted attempts by three conservative presidents to remake the Court in their image. Among the revelations are the surprising influence of the most-maligned justice, Clarence Thomas, and the political impact of personal relations among these nine very human colleagues-for-life. Written for everyday readers rather than legal scholars, her account sidesteps theoretical subtleties for a compelling story of the personalities who breathe life into our laws. --Tom Nissley

Levin, Mark. *Men in Black*, 2005



The bestselling Men in Black--first time in paperback! Lawyer and hugely popular radio talk show host Mark Levin throws the book at out-of-control liberal judges who ignore the Constitution, dismantle the rights of American citizens, and make up their own coercive law from the bench.

Levy, Robert & Mellor, William, *The Dirty Dozen*, 2010



Cato Institute senior fellow Levy and lawyer Mellor, in this excellent examination of twelve far-reaching Supreme Court cases and their consequences, force readers to question the direction in which the judiciary has led our country over the past century-and possibly their own attitudes toward the federal government. The authors deftly navigate the complicated proceedings without slipping into lawyer-speak, while unapologetically leaning on their libertarian sentiments to color their commentary and analysis. Though the writers defend well their claim that the dozen cases under discussion-with a number of "dishonorable mentions" and an appendix each for *Roe v. Wade* and *Bush v. Gore*-have expanded the federal government and eroded civil liberties, one can't help but feel a creeping sense of arrogance when Levy and Mellor assert repeatedly that they know how the Constitution's authors would view the document were they alive today. Still, the authors' canny investigation into the Supreme Court should call into doubt some of the staid political viewpoints readers may have taken too long for granted.
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Liberal Media

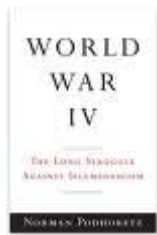
Bozell, Brent. *Weapons of Mass Distortion*. 2005.



The meltdown of the liberal media has finally begun. Find out where we're headed and what it all means, from leading media watchdog L. Brent Bozell III. In the explosive book *Weapons of Mass Distortion*, Bozell presents the definitive account of how the liberal media are finally losing their stranglehold on the news industry because of their stubborn refusal to abandon—or even acknowledge—their bias. And in a brand-new chapter for the paperback, he reveals how we're now in the midst of a revolutionary transformation: the liberal media meltdown—the very meltdown that Bozell describes in this book.

Middle East

Podhoretz, Norman. *World War IV: The Long Struggle Against Islamofascism*, 2007



For almost half a century—as a magazine editor and as the author of numerous bestselling books and hundreds of articles—Norman Podhoretz has helped drive the central political and intellectual debates in this country. Now, in this beautifully written and powerfully argued book, he takes on the most controversial issue of our time—the war against the global network of terrorists that attacked us on 9/11.

In *World War IV*, Podhoretz makes the first serious effort to set 9/11 itself, the battles that have followed it in Afghanistan and Iraq, and the war of ideas that it has provoked at home into a broad historical context. Through a brilliant telling of this epic story, Podhoretz shows that the global war against Islamofascism is as vital and necessary as the two world wars and the cold war (“World War III”) by which it was preceded. He also lays out a compelling case in defense of the Bush Doctrine, contending that its new military strategy of preemption and its new political strategy of democratization represent the only viable way to fight and win the special kind of war into which we were suddenly plunged.

Political Doctrines

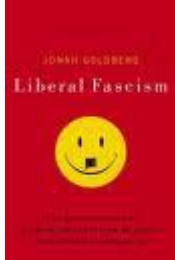
Corsi, Jerome R., *America For Sale: Fighting the New World Order, Surviving a Global Depression, and Preserving USA Sovereignty*, 2009



Between President George H. W. Bush's “new world order” and the unprecedented governmental growth and massive redistribution of wealth under President Barack Obama, the United States risks losing the greatest middle class ever created in the history of the world. In his groundbreaking new book, Dr. Jerome R. Corsi blows the whistle on a movement to undercut the fundamental principles of limited government that our Founding Fathers fought for and died for trying to establish. As policy-makers manipulate the economic panic of our times to advance a globalist agenda that threatens American sovereignty, we must protect our independent and self-governing

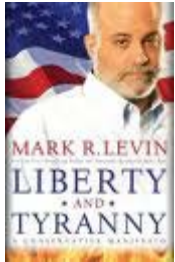
nation and preserve the decades of economic power and military strength we have enjoyed since the end of World War II.

* Goldberg, Jonah, *Liberal Fascism*, 2008



In this provocative and well-researched book, Goldberg probes modern liberalism's spooky origins in early 20th-century fascist politics. With chapter titles such as Adolf Hitler: Man of the Left and Brave New Village: Hillary Clinton and the Meaning of Liberal Fascism—Goldberg argues that fascism has always been a phenomenon of the left. – Editorial review by Publishers Weekly

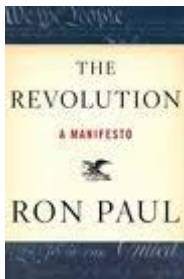
*Levin, Mark. *Liberty and Tyranny*, 2009.



When nationally syndicated radio host Mark R. Levin's *Liberty and Tyranny* appeared in the early months of the Obama presidency, Americans responded by making his clarion call for a new era in conservatism a #1 *New York Times* bestseller for an astounding twelve weeks. As provocative, well-reasoned, robust, and informed as his on-air commentary, with his love of our country and the legacy of our Founding Fathers reflected on every page, Levin's galvanizing narrative provides a philosophical, historical, and practical framework for revitalizing the conservative vision and ensuring the preservation of American society.

In the face of the modern liberal assault on Constitution-based values, an attack that has resulted in a federal government that is a massive, unaccountable conglomerate, the time for reinforcing the intellectual and practical case for conservatism is now. In a series of powerful essays, Levin lays out how conservatives can counter the tyrannical liberal corrosion that has filtered into every timely issue affecting our daily lives, from the economy to health care, global warming to immigration, and more.

Paul, Ron. *The Revolution: A Manifesto*, 2009.

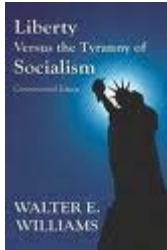


This much is true: you have been lied to, robbed and used by your own government--the people you elected into office and the people you should be able to trust...

In a nation thirsty for change, *The Revolution* is Ron Paul's call to arms. Moving from topic to topic at a quick pace, whittling everything down to its bare essentials, Paul tackles everything facing us today: the false choices in American politics, foreign policy as it was laid out by the founding fathers, how we can achieve economic freedom, how we should view abortion, civil liberties and personal responsibility, and what role the government is supposed to play in our

lives. As Barry Goldwater defined conservatism in the 60's, Ron Paul redefines it for the 21st century with *The Revolution*.

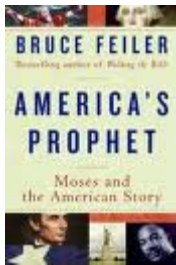
Williams, Walter E. *Liberty Versus the Tyranny of Socialism*, 2008.



In this selected collection of his syndicated newspaper columns, Walter E. Williams once again takes on the left wing's most sacred cows with provocative insights and brutal honesty. He offers his sometimes controversial views on education, health, the environment, government, law and society, race, and a range of other topics, always with an uncompromising reverence for personal liberty and the principles laid out in our Declaration of Independence and Constitution.

Religious Studies

Feiler, Bruce. *America's Prophet*. 2009.



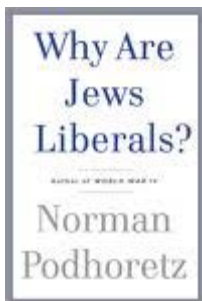
The exodus story is America's story. Moses is our real founding father.

In this groundbreaking book, New York Times bestselling author Bruce Feiler travels through touchstones in American history and traces the biblical prophet's influence from the Mayflower through today. Feiler visits the island where the pilgrims spent their first Sabbath, climbs the bell tower where the Liberty Bell was inscribed with a quote from Moses, retraces the Underground Railroad where "Go Down, Moses" was the national anthem of slaves, and dons the robe Charlton Heston wore in *The Ten Commandments*.

One part adventure story, one part literary detective story, one part exploration of faith in contemporary life, *America's Prophet* takes readers from Gettysburg to Selma, the Silver Screen to the Oval Office, to understand how Moses shaped the nation's character. *America's Prophet* is a thrilling original work of history that will forever change how we view America, our faith and our future.

Public Policy

Podhoretz, Norman. *Why Are Jews Liberal?* 2009.



Norman Podhoretz says he has never in his entire life been asked any question on any subject as often as "Why are so many Jews liberals?"-or in its more specifically political form, "Why do most Jews always vote for the Democrats?" Podhoretz proposes to solve this puzzle. He first offers a fascinating account of anti-Semitism in the West to show why, for most of that time, Jews quite sensibly concluded that they had much more to fear from the right than the left. But since the Six Day War of 1967, he argues, this position has no longer made sense, and yet most Jews go on supporting the Democratic Party and the liberal agenda. Reviewing the history of Jewish political attitudes and thoroughly examining the available evidence, he then demonstrates that all the usual explanations-such as a passion for justice allegedly deriving from the prophets

of the Hebrew Bible-are either inadequate or flat-out false. Finally he proposes his own answer to the great puzzle of why most Jews remain as committed to liberalism as ever.

There is no more vigorous thinker or skilled polemicist in American intellectual life than Norman Podhoretz. In *Why Are Jews Liberals?* he sums up his thinking on the political inclinations of his fellow Jews-in the process confounding conventional wisdom and changing the way we view American politics.