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The Conservatarian Manifesto: Libertarians, Conservatives, And The Fight For The Right's Future



Synopsis

There is an underserved movement budding among young conservatives in which fiscal responsibility and controlled government spending remain crucial tenets, but issues like gay marriage and drug control are approached with a libertarian bent. The ideas of this growing wave need a public, nuanced voice. The implications for the Republican Party if this philosophy is more widely adopted may not only spur major change within the party but could also revitalize its chances of claiming more power in our government. Author Charles Cooke has coined the term conservatarian for this group, and *The Conservatarian Manifesto* is his explanation of what defines this new breed of Republican, what they believe on every hot-button issue of our day, and how they can effect change within the GOP. This audiobook is a blueprint of action and ideology for the growing population of socially liberal, fiscally conservative young members of the political right.

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Customer Reviews

I need to first admit being a fan of Charles C.W. Cooke's articles in *The National Review*. I was slightly disappointed by this book. I am intrigued by the fusion of Libertarianism and Conservatism. I was looking more for blueprint on how this fusion could succeed politically. But it was mostly a compilation of policy papers.

As a Conservative/Libertarian myself it would be hard for me not to enjoy this book. I disagree with

some small details which is to be expected when the author is willing to venture outside of platitudes and generalities but overall I concur with his conclusions. For me then this was like being forced to eat dessert; not very difficult. What is perhaps most interesting about this book is that even those who disagree, those who might find it more like eating brussel sprouts to sit through a Conservatirian manifesto will be pleasantly surprised. Even a self described Progressive will find Cooke's writing to be pleasant and non combative and therefore an interesting way to investigate an alternative political philosophy. Those looking to find blistering attacks on liberals or progressivism will be disappointed, this book is very much a self evaluation of the Conservative movement. For those on the Right already The Conservatirian Manifesto is an attractive synthesis of stock Conservative positions with long held libertarian beliefs and it deserves our attention. Whatever your position on any of a range of issues from gun control, to gay marriage to abortion Mr. Cooke address each and does so while remaining consistent with his overall political philosophy. In other words what he thinks about gun control can easily be inferred from what he says about abortion or federalism. This coherence tells us we are dealing with a work of philosophy and not at a list of Mr. Cooke's personal preferences. Easily the best manifesto that money can buy.

I agree with most of his points, but not all. I think it could serve as a basic framework to bring libertarians and conservatives together. If we do not, we will both wither and fall to corrupt big government

I was disappointed in this book. I consider myself a "Libertarian Conservative" and felt, based on the title, that this could be some sort of a guidebook for my political philosophy. Instead, I found this to be a fairly standard political tract that I more or less agreed with, but which added nothing to my understanding or provided any insight. It pretty much looked like a series of everyday wishy-washy National Review columns.

Great Read!

A very insightful look at the US through the eyes of a conservative Brit that is working to become a US citizen.

It all makes sense, seen through the clarifications offered in the book

Thoroughly enjoyed this book. Concise and poignant!

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