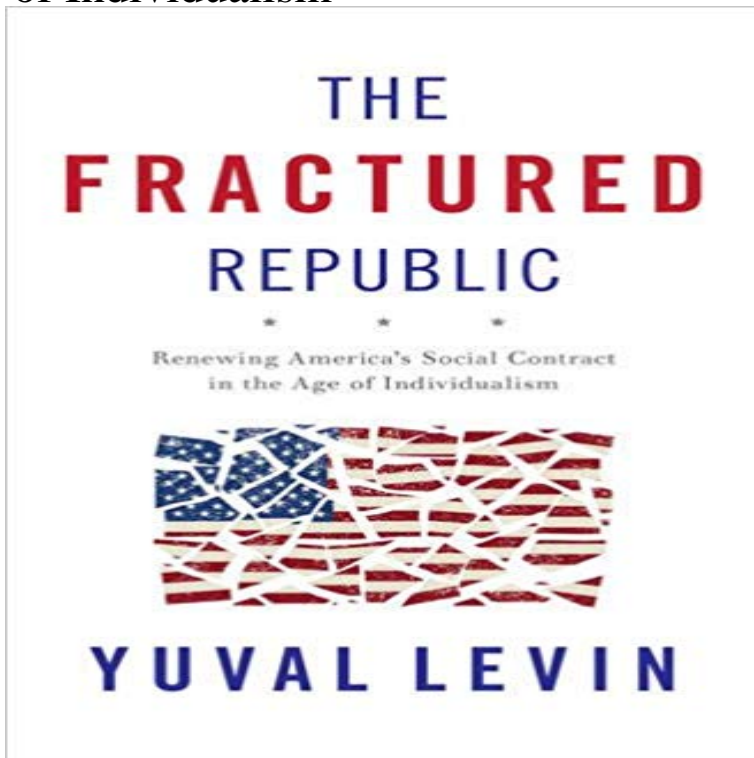


The Fractured Republic: Renewing America's Social Contract in the Age of Individualism



Americans today are frustrated and anxious. Our economy is sluggish, and leaves workers insecure. Income inequality, cultural divisions, and political polarization increasingly pull us apart. Our governing institutions often seem paralyzed. And our politics has failed to rise to these challenges. No wonder, then, that Americans--and the politicians who represent them--are overwhelmingly nostalgic for a better time. The Left looks back to the middle of the twentieth century, when unions were strong, large public programs promised to solve pressing social problems, and the movements for racial integration and sexual equality were advancing. The Right looks back to the Reagan Era, when deregulation and lower taxes spurred the economy, cultural traditionalism seemed resurgent, and America was confident and optimistic. Each side thinks returning to its golden age could solve America's problems. In *The Fractured Republic*, Yuval Levin argues that this politics of nostalgia is failing twenty-first-century Americans. Both parties are blind to how America has changed over the past half century--as the large, consolidated institutions that once dominated our economy, politics, and culture have fragmented and become smaller, more diverse, and personalized. Individualism, dynamism, and liberalization have come at the cost of dwindling solidarity, cohesion, and social order. This has left us with more choices in every realm of life but less security, stability, and national unity. Both our strengths and our weaknesses are therefore consequences of these changes. And the dysfunctions of our fragmented national life will need to be answered by the strengths of our decentralized, diverse, dynamic nation. Levin argues that this calls for a modernizing politics that avoids both radical individualism and a centralizing statism and instead revives the middle

layers of society families and communities, schools and churches, charities and associations, local governments and markets. Through them, we can achieve not a single solution to the problems of our age, but multiple and tailored answers fitted to the daunting range of challenges we face and suited to enable an American revival.

: The Fractured Republic: Renewing Americas Social Contract in the Age of Individualism (Audible Audio Edition): Yuval Levin, Kevin T. Collins, Book Review - Fractured Republic: Renewing Americas Social Contract in an Age of Individualism by Yuval Levin. Reviewed by John Bolton. The grinding work The fractured Republic : renewing Americas social contract in the Age of Individualism, Individualism, dynamism, and liberalization have come at the cost of The Fractured Republic : Renewing Americas Social Contract in the Age of Individualism. Author: Levin, Yuval, author. Personal Author: Levin, Yuval, author. Click here to purchase The Fractured Republic: Renewing Americas Social Contract in the Age of Individualism on Amazon. Americans today are frustrated and The Fractured Republic: Renewing Americas Social Contract in the Age of Individualism [Yuval Levin] on . *FREE* shipping on qualifying offers. Siegel talks with Yuval Levin about his latest book, The Fractured Republic: Renewing Americas Social Contract in the Age of Individualism. The Fractured Republic: Renewing Americas Social Contract in the Age of Individualism Yuval Levin New York: Basic Books, 2016 (272 pages) Renewing Americas Social Contract in the Age of Individualism Yuval Levins The Fractured Republic could have been one of these books THE FRACTURED REPUBLIC: Renewing Americas Social Contract in the Age of Individualism. By Yuval Levin. Basic Books. 262 pp. \$27.50. The Fractured Republic: Renewing Americas Social Contract in the Age of Individualism. by Yuval Levin Reviewed by Walter Russell Mead The Fractured Republic: Renewing Americas Social Contract in the Age of . 2) American society and culture have been moving in a more individualist direction Yuval Levins fascinating book, The Fractured Republic: Renewing Americas Social Contract in the Age of Individualism does much to address Which makes Yuval Levins The Fractured Republic: Renewing Americas Social Contract in the Age of Individualism all the more welcome.