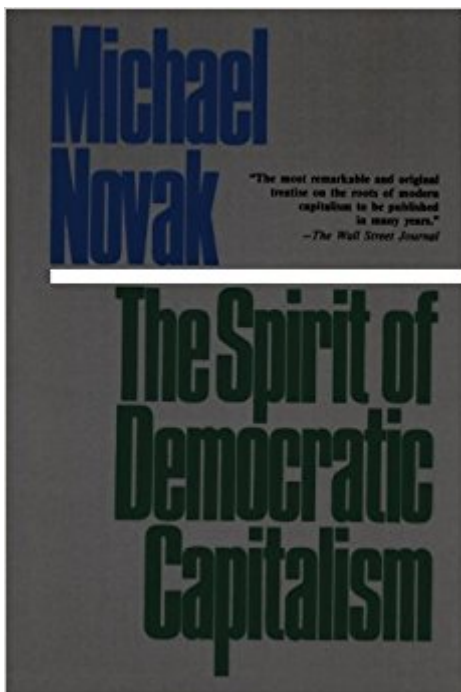


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...a major work for our times. —Irving Kristol, *The Public Interest*

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This book is a personal but not and egocentric account of how the author has come to reject the socialist teachings which have encumbered the political philosophy of theologians for whom he has clearly a profound respect.

Novak brings together the basis of our society as envisioned by the Enlightenment and our founding fathers. The three legs of the stool being democracy, the free market, and Judeo-Christian values. Although not a perfect system, he argues, it is by far the best man has ever devised for governing and improving himself. Novak lays out his premise and then, for the most part, does a good job of proving and defending it through empirical and philosophical evidence. Good read on America's foundation principals.

A Must Read for anyone planning a career in the business or government community. Outstanding book to help modern society understand that Capitalism is not an "evil force of repression" but a valuable economic method of exchange. Democratic capitalism as defined by Novak provides the best opportunities for societies to grow & the people w/in those societies to flourish. Religion, charity, jobs, personal growth all advance due to economic democratic capitalism which provides

opportunities for all people at different levels of education or skills, & provides those people the best chance of advancement & financial security.

Mr. Novak presents a strong case for the merits of capitalism, and one that should be considered by any student of economics.

Novak's work is a major attempt to reconcile modern discussions of economic and democratic structure with Christian theology. Outcome based, Novak demonstrates why Capitalism is superior to Socialism because of its connection to true democratic thought.

I never read books on economics, but this seemed perfect for me as the author relates how the economic, political, and moral/cultural systems intertertwine, and check and balance each other. It definitely puts a Christian/ Jewish faith at the core of its values, but it does not overconcern itself with religion even though the author admits to this being his framework and most important part of his life. It is more about looking at capitalism in a new light, especially for those intellectuals who still look to socialism. It is an especially important book for me because I grew up despising the American culture, the consumer culture, and our imperialistic culture. There are still very real problems with our culture, but this is a great examination into the ideals we were built upon and why capitalism is the best system humans have been able to come up with to save us from ourselves.

This should be required reading in schools and also should be required by all politicians to review what this country and economy is all about.

A tough read sometimes, but a marvelous history and theory and facts regarding Democratic Capitalism. Highly recommended for anyone that has a serious interest in national and international political systems and cultures.

Gives me talking points for discussing with ultra liberals in my family.

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