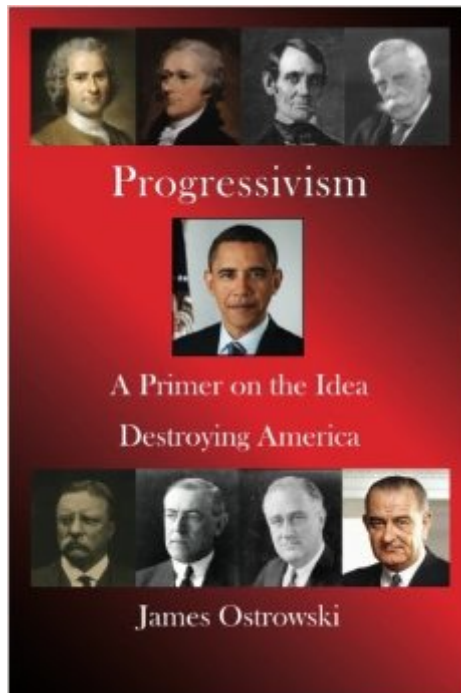


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Progressivism: A Primer On The Idea Destroying America



Synopsis

America is dying from an idea she only dimly understands, so-called "progressivism." So, Jim Ostrowski, drawing on 45 years in politics, law and the Liberty Movement, deconstructs and demolishes the idea that has dominated American life for longer than any of us has been alive. He lays the hidden premises of progressivism bare for all to see and then shows how they have led to the destructive policies that are dragging America down. Ostrowski exposes the mental force field progressives carry around that protects them from having to answer for their multitude of policy failures. He also deconstructs progressivism's chief opponent for the last fifty years, conservatism and its marquis strategy, constitutionalism. These approaches have failed and crowded out progressivism's only viable adversary, true liberalism: the proposition that human beings have the natural right to do as they wish with what they own. The book not only diagnoses what is wrong with America but proposes numerous and detailed strategies and tactics for what individual Americans can do right now to battle progressivism. LibertyMovement.org will be the vehicle for promoting and coordinating those efforts.

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The maddening thing about James Ostrowski's *Progressivism: A Primer on the Idea Destroying America* is that it argues primarily from the negative viewpoint against Progressivism. Tactics such as repetition, referring to the U.S. as the "PSA" (Progressive States of America), and the habitual use of italics, gives the impression that Ostrowski is browbeating us a la radio

shock jock Mark Levin. The result is a book that will be cheered by some in the choir and summarily rejected by the very people Ostrowski says he wants to reach. Yet there is some quality thought here, and a different approach could have made this book much more. Ostrowski defines Progressivism as the belief that the best society can only be created through government interventions that change human interactions away from those that a free society would select on its own. He astutely identifies pragmatism â€” basically the idea that â€” what might makes right and is entitled to do soâ€” • and utopianism â€” the belief that man can and should bring about an ideal state of affairs on earth â€” as the unrealistic philosophical underpinnings of Progressive politics. A historical retrospective of U.S. Progressive policies and their impacts on America and the world, are found throughout the book. Those who identify themselves as â€” Libertarianâ€”™ will find that all the usual suspects have been rounded up. Ostrowski makes his case that whether direct or indirect, violent force backs up every Progressive policy. Ostrowski says that the â€” social contractâ€” • with its corresponding notion of â€” consent of the governedâ€” • as expressed through the democratic process, has become meaningless. We must, for example, pay taxes though we may not agree with the amount or purposes of the levy. Failure to comply invites official force.

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