

Polarizing Parties: Ideological Elites and Citizen Activists From the Tea Party

In the aftermath of the 2016 presidential election, America finds itself more politically divided than ever before. One of the most significant factors contributing to this polarization is the rise of ideological elites and citizen activists.



Upending American Politics: Polarizing Parties, Ideological Elites, and Citizen Activists from the Tea Party to the Anti-Trump Resistance by Caroline Tervo

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Ideological elites are highly educated, politically active individuals who are passionate about their beliefs. They are often found in positions of power, such as politicians, journalists, and academics. Citizen activists are ordinary citizens who become involved in politics to advance their own beliefs. They are often motivated by a sense of injustice or anger, and they are willing to use unconventional tactics to make their voices heard.

The Tea Party is one of the most prominent examples of citizen activism in recent years. The Tea Party is a conservative movement that emerged in 2009 in response to the election of Barack Obama and the passage of the Affordable Care Act.

The Tea Party is a diverse movement, but its members are united by a shared belief in limited government, individual liberty, and free markets. The Tea Party has had a significant impact on the Republican Party, and it has helped to move the party to the right on a number of issues.

The rise of ideological elites and citizen activists has had a profound impact on American politics. It has led to increasing polarization and gridlock, and it has made it more difficult for the government to address the nation's most pressing problems.

In *Polarizing Parties*, political scientists Nolan McCarty, Keith T. Poole, and Howard Rosenthal examine the rise of ideological elites and citizen activists and their impact on American politics. The book draws on a wealth of data to show how ideological elites and citizen activists have contributed to the polarization of the American electorate and the gridlock in Washington, D.C.

Polarizing Parties is a timely and important book that provides a much-needed analysis of the state of American politics. The book is essential reading for anyone who wants to understand the forces that are driving the polarization of the American electorate and the gridlock in Washington, D.C.

Praise for *Polarizing Parties*

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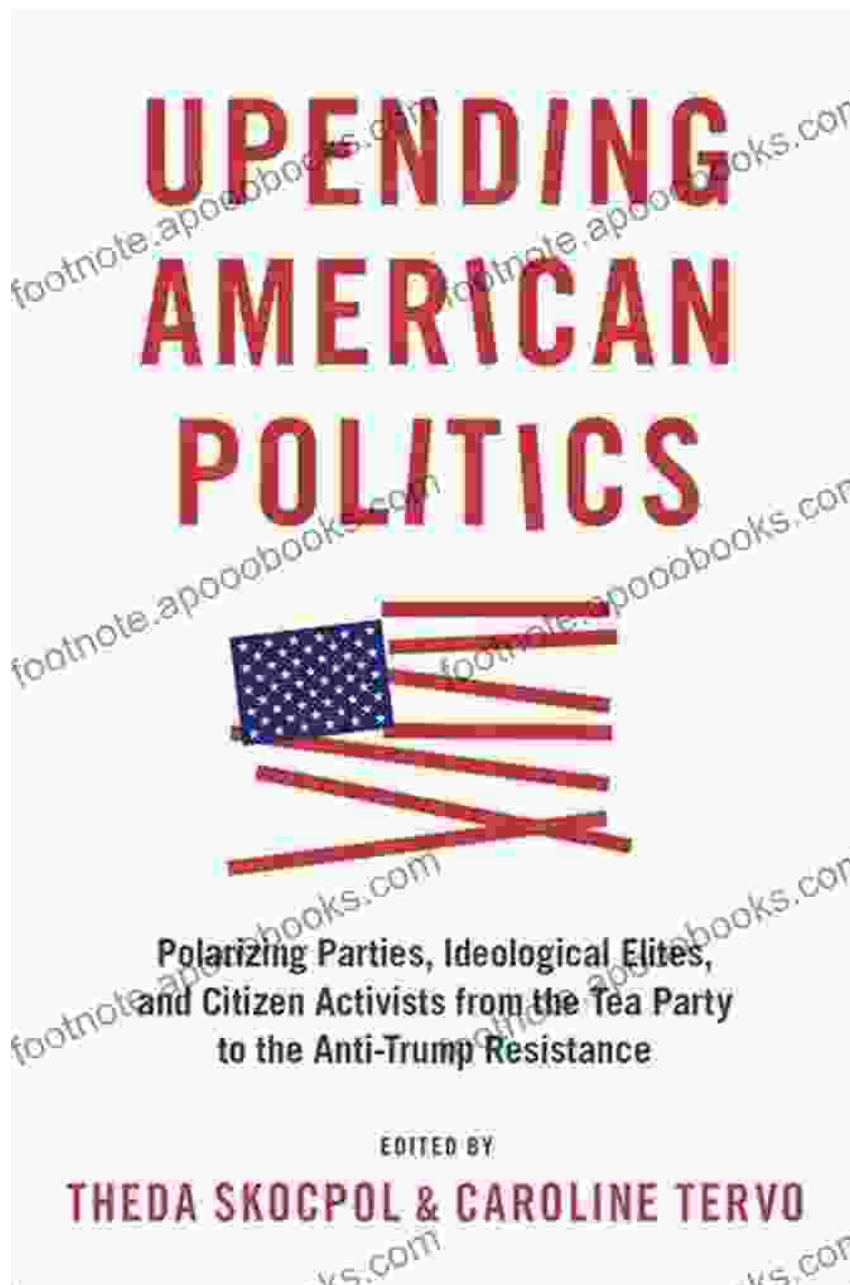
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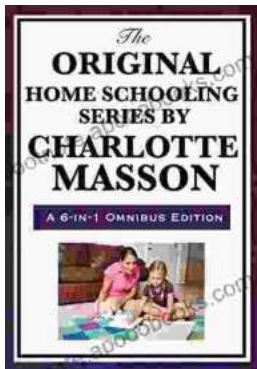
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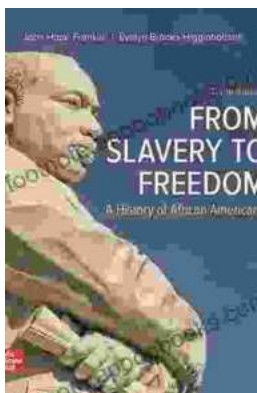
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