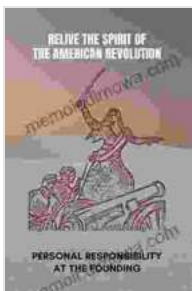


Personal Responsibility at the Founding: A Fresh Look at America's History

Personal Responsibility at the Founding is a groundbreaking new book that challenges the conventional wisdom about America's founding fathers. Author Robert C. Ricketts argues that the Founders were not simply driven by a desire for liberty, but also by a deep sense of personal responsibility.



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Ricketts's book is a timely reminder of the importance of personal responsibility. In an age of increasing government dependency, it is more

important than ever to remember that individuals have a responsibility to take care of themselves and their families. Ricketts's book is a valuable resource for anyone who wants to learn more about the Founders' vision for America.

The Founders' Belief in Personal Responsibility

The Founders believed that individuals have a duty to themselves, to their families, and to their communities. They believed that government should play a limited role in people's lives, and that individuals should be free to make their own choices and pursue their own happiness.

This belief in personal responsibility was reflected in the Founders' writings and speeches. For example, in his farewell address, George Washington warned against the dangers of government dependency. He said, "The government of the United States is the strongest government in the world. But it is only as strong as the virtue of its citizens."

Thomas Jefferson also believed that individuals have a duty to themselves and to their communities. He said, "The best government is that which governs least."

The Founders' belief in personal responsibility was also reflected in the laws that they passed. For example, the Constitution limits the powers of the federal government and guarantees individual rights. The Bill of Rights protects freedom of speech, religion, and the press. These laws were designed to ensure that individuals would be free to make their own choices and pursue their own happiness.

The Decline of Personal Responsibility

In recent years, there has been a decline in personal responsibility in America. This decline is due to a number of factors, including the rise of government dependency, the decline of the family, and the increasing materialism of our society.

The rise of government dependency has led to a decrease in personal responsibility. When people rely on the government for their basic needs, they are less likely to take responsibility for their own lives. They are also more likely to believe that they are entitled to government assistance, even if they are able to support themselves.

The decline of the family has also contributed to the decline of personal responsibility. In the past, families were the primary source of support for individuals. Families provided children with a sense of belonging and purpose. They also taught children the importance of hard work and self-reliance. However, in recent years, the family has been weakened by a number of factors, including divorce, single parenthood, and the increasing number of working mothers.

The increasing materialism of our society has also contributed to the decline of personal responsibility. In a materialistic society, people are more likely to focus on acquiring material possessions than on developing their character or their relationships with others. This focus on materialism can lead to a sense of emptiness and dissatisfaction.

The Importance of Personal Responsibility

Personal responsibility is essential for a free and prosperous society. When individuals take responsibility for their own lives, they are more likely to be

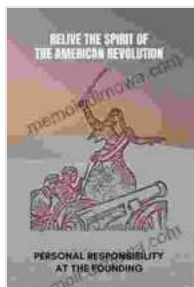
successful and to contribute to their communities. They are also more likely to be happy and fulfilled.

There are a number of ways to promote personal responsibility. Parents can teach their children the importance of hard work, self-reliance, and integrity. Schools can teach students about the Founders' vision for America and the importance of civic virtue. Churches and other community organizations can provide support and guidance to individuals who are struggling to take responsibility for their lives.

Personal responsibility is a challenge, but it is a challenge that we must meet. If we want to create a free and prosperous society, we must all take responsibility for our own lives and for the well-being of our communities.

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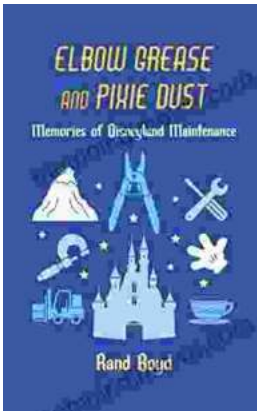
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