

CHAPTER 2 ORIGINS OF AMERICAN GOVERNMENT

CHAPTER 2 ORIGINS OF AMERICAN GOVERNMENT EXPLORES THE FOUNDATIONAL INFLUENCES AND HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENTS THAT SHAPED THE POLITICAL SYSTEM OF THE UNITED STATES. THIS CHAPTER DELVES INTO THE KEY IDEAS, EVENTS, AND DOCUMENTS THAT CONTRIBUTED TO THE EMERGENCE OF AMERICAN GOVERNMENT, TRACING ITS ROOTS FROM EARLY ENGLISH TRADITIONS THROUGH COLONIAL EXPERIENCES AND REVOLUTIONARY CHANGES. UNDERSTANDING THESE ORIGINS IS ESSENTIAL FOR GRASPING HOW AMERICAN POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS AND PRINCIPLES EVOLVED. KEY TOPICS INCLUDE THE IMPACT OF ENGLISH POLITICAL HERITAGE, COLONIAL GOVERNMENTS, THE ENLIGHTENMENT'S INFLUENCE, AND THE CRITICAL ROLE OF EARLY DOCUMENTS LIKE THE MAGNA CARTA AND THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE. THIS ARTICLE PROVIDES A COMPREHENSIVE OVERVIEW OF THESE THEMES, HELPING READERS APPRECIATE THE COMPLEX ORIGINS OF AMERICAN GOVERNANCE. THE FOLLOWING TABLE OF CONTENTS OUTLINES THE MAIN SECTIONS COVERED IN THIS DISCUSSION.

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ENGLISH POLITICAL HERITAGE

THE ORIGINS OF AMERICAN GOVERNMENT ARE DEEPLY ROOTED IN ENGLISH POLITICAL TRADITIONS THAT DATE BACK CENTURIES. ENGLISH GOVERNANCE INTRODUCED CONCEPTS SUCH AS LIMITED GOVERNMENT, REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLIES, AND THE RULE OF LAW, WHICH LATER INFLUENCED COLONIAL POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT IN AMERICA. THE MAGNA CARTA, SIGNED IN 1215, WAS A PIVOTAL DOCUMENT THAT LIMITED THE POWER OF THE ENGLISH MONARCH AND ESTABLISHED LEGAL PROTECTIONS FOR SUBJECTS, LAYING GROUNDWORK FOR CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT.

MAGNA CARTA AND ITS LEGACY

THE MAGNA CARTA IS OFTEN CITED AS ONE OF THE EARLIEST INFLUENCES ON AMERICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT. IT INTRODUCED THE IDEA THAT EVEN RULERS MUST ABIDE BY THE LAW AND THAT INDIVIDUALS POSSESS CERTAIN RIGHTS THAT CANNOT BE ARBITRARILY TAKEN AWAY. THIS PRINCIPLE OF LIMITED GOVERNMENT AND PROTECTION OF PERSONAL LIBERTIES RESONATED WITH AMERICAN COLONISTS SEEKING TO PROTECT THEIR OWN FREEDOMS FROM BRITISH AUTHORITY.

THE ENGLISH BILL OF RIGHTS

ENACTED IN 1689, THE ENGLISH BILL OF RIGHTS FURTHER RESTRICTED ROYAL POWER AND AFFIRMED PARLIAMENTARY SOVEREIGNTY. IT GUARANTEED FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS SUCH AS FREE ELECTIONS, FREEDOM FROM CRUEL AND UNUSUAL PUNISHMENT, AND THE RIGHT TO PETITION THE GOVERNMENT. THESE PROTECTIONS SERVED AS A MODEL FOR AMERICAN COLONISTS ADVOCATING FOR THEIR OWN RIGHTS AND LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATION.

COMMON LAW AND REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT

ENGLISH COMMON LAW, DERIVED FROM JUDICIAL DECISIONS AND CUSTOMS, ESTABLISHED LEGAL PRECEDENTS THAT EMPHASIZED FAIRNESS AND JUSTICE. ADDITIONALLY, ENGLAND'S SYSTEM OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT, EMBODIED IN PARLIAMENT, INSPIRED COLONIAL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLIES. THESE ASSEMBLIES BECAME A CRITICAL PLATFORM FOR SELF-GOVERNANCE IN THE

AMERICAN COLONIES, INFLUENCING THEIR POLITICAL STRUCTURES.

COLONIAL GOVERNMENTS AND PRACTICES

BEFORE INDEPENDENCE, THE AMERICAN COLONIES DEVELOPED DIVERSE FORMS OF GOVERNMENT THAT REFLECTED BOTH ENGLISH TRADITIONS AND LOCAL ADAPTATIONS. COLONIAL GOVERNMENTS TYPICALLY INCLUDED GOVERNORS, LEGISLATURES, AND COURTS, BALANCING ROYAL AUTHORITY WITH COLONIAL SELF-RULE. THESE EXPERIENCES LAID THE FOUNDATION FOR AMERICAN POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS POST-INDEPENDENCE.

TYPES OF COLONIAL GOVERNMENTS

COLONIES OPERATED UNDER DIFFERENT GOVERNMENTAL FRAMEWORKS, INCLUDING ROYAL, PROPRIETARY, AND CHARTER COLONIES. ROYAL COLONIES WERE DIRECTLY CONTROLLED BY THE BRITISH CROWN, PROPRIETARY COLONIES WERE GRANTED TO INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS, AND CHARTER COLONIES OPERATED UNDER CHARTERS GRANTING SIGNIFICANT SELF-GOVERNANCE. EACH TYPE INFLUENCED THE DEGREE OF AUTONOMY AND POLITICAL CULTURE WITHIN THE COLONIES.

THE ROLE OF COLONIAL ASSEMBLIES

COLONIAL ASSEMBLIES WERE ELECTED BODIES THAT REPRESENTED THE COLONISTS AND WIELDED CONSIDERABLE POWER OVER LOCAL AFFAIRS, PARTICULARLY TAXATION AND LEGISLATION. THESE ASSEMBLIES FOSTERED POLITICAL PARTICIPATION AND DEBATE, SHAPING EARLY DEMOCRATIC PRACTICES. THEIR EXISTENCE CHALLENGED THE ABSOLUTE AUTHORITY OF ROYAL GOVERNORS AND SET PRECEDENTS FOR LEGISLATIVE SUPREMACY.

TOWN MEETINGS AND LOCAL GOVERNANCE

IN MANY NEW ENGLAND COLONIES, TOWN MEETINGS SERVED AS DIRECT DEMOCRATIC FORUMS WHERE CITIZENS COULD DISCUSS AND DECIDE COMMUNITY MATTERS. THIS FORM OF GRASSROOTS GOVERNANCE ENCOURAGED CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND INFLUENCED AMERICAN IDEAS ABOUT POPULAR SOVEREIGNTY AND LOCAL CONTROL.

THE ENLIGHTENMENT AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

THE ENLIGHTENMENT WAS A PHILOSOPHICAL MOVEMENT EMPHASIZING REASON, INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS, AND THE SOCIAL CONTRACT, PROFOUNDLY IMPACTING THE ORIGINS OF AMERICAN GOVERNMENT. ENLIGHTENMENT THINKERS QUESTIONED TRADITIONAL AUTHORITY AND PROPOSED NEW IDEAS ABOUT GOVERNMENT LEGITIMACY AND THE RIGHTS OF CITIZENS.

JOHN LOCKE AND NATURAL RIGHTS

JOHN LOCKE'S THEORIES ON NATURAL RIGHTS AND GOVERNMENT BY CONSENT WERE PARTICULARLY INFLUENTIAL. LOCKE ARGUED THAT INDIVIDUALS POSSESS INHERENT RIGHTS TO LIFE, LIBERTY, AND PROPERTY, AND THAT GOVERNMENTS EXIST TO PROTECT THESE RIGHTS. IF A GOVERNMENT FAILS IN THIS DUTY, CITIZENS HAVE THE RIGHT TO ALTER OR ABOLISH IT. THESE PRINCIPLES BECAME CENTRAL TO AMERICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT.

MONTESQUIEU AND SEPARATION OF POWERS

MONTESQUIEU ADVOCATED FOR DIVIDING GOVERNMENT POWER AMONG SEPARATE BRANCHES TO PREVENT TYRANNY AND SAFEGUARD LIBERTY. HIS IDEAS ON THE SEPARATION OF POWERS INSPIRED THE AMERICAN SYSTEM OF CHECKS AND BALANCES EMBEDDED IN THE CONSTITUTION, ENSURING NO SINGLE BRANCH COULD DOMINATE.

ROUSSEAU AND POPULAR SOVEREIGNTY

JEAN-JACQUES ROUSSEAU INTRODUCED THE CONCEPT OF POPULAR SOVEREIGNTY, ASSERTING THAT LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT DERIVES ITS AUTHORITY FROM THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE. THIS IDEA INFLUENCED THE AMERICAN COLONISTS' EMPHASIS ON SELF-RULE AND DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE.

KEY DOCUMENTS INFLUENCING AMERICAN GOVERNMENT

SEVERAL HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS PLAYED CRITICAL ROLES IN SHAPING THE PRINCIPLES AND STRUCTURE OF AMERICAN GOVERNMENT. THESE DOCUMENTS ARTICULATED IDEAS ABOUT RIGHTS, GOVERNANCE, AND THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN RULERS AND THE RULED.

THE MAYFLOW COMPACT

SIGNED IN 1620 BY PILGRIMS ABOARD THE MAYFLOW, THE MAYFLOW COMPACT WAS AN EARLY SOCIAL CONTRACT ESTABLISHING SELF-GOVERNMENT BASED ON MAJORITY RULE. IT SET A PRECEDENT FOR COLONIAL COOPERATION AND PARTICIPATORY GOVERNMENT.

THE FUNDAMENTAL ORDERS OF CONNECTICUT

ADOPTED IN 1639, THE FUNDAMENTAL ORDERS ARE CONSIDERED ONE OF THE FIRST WRITTEN CONSTITUTIONS. THEY OUTLINED A FRAMEWORK FOR REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT AND THE ELECTION OF OFFICIALS, INFLUENCING LATER CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

DRAFTED IN 1776, THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE FORMALLY ANNOUNCED THE COLONIES' BREAK FROM BRITISH RULE. IT ARTICULATED ENLIGHTENMENT PRINCIPLES OF NATURAL RIGHTS AND GOVERNMENT BY CONSENT, SERVING AS A FOUNDATIONAL STATEMENT OF AMERICAN POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY.

- MAGNA CARTA (1215)
- ENGLISH BILL OF RIGHTS (1689)
- MAYFLOW COMPACT (1620)
- FUNDAMENTAL ORDERS OF CONNECTICUT (1639)
- DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE (1776)

THE ROAD TO INDEPENDENCE AND FORMATION OF GOVERNMENT

THE ORIGINS OF AMERICAN GOVERNMENT CULMINATED IN THE REVOLUTIONARY PERIOD, MARKED BY INCREASING COLONIAL RESISTANCE TO BRITISH POLICIES AND THE EVENTUAL ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT NATION. THIS ERA WITNESSED THE TRANSITION FROM COLONIAL GOVERNANCE TO THE CREATION OF NEW POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS.

COLONIAL GRIEVANCES AND BRITISH POLICIES

TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION, RESTRICTIVE TRADE LAWS, AND MILITARY PRESENCE FUELED COLONIAL DISSATISFACTION. KEY EVENTS SUCH AS THE STAMP ACT, BOSTON TEA PARTY, AND INTOLERABLE ACTS GALVANIZED COLONIAL UNITY AND RESISTANCE AGAINST BRITISH AUTHORITY.

THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS

THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS SERVED AS THE UNIFIED COLONIAL GOVERNMENT DURING THE REVOLUTION. IT COORDINATED THE WAR EFFORT, MANAGED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, AND EVENTUALLY DRAFTED FOUNDATIONAL DOCUMENTS GUIDING THE NEW NATION'S GOVERNANCE.

THE ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION

ADOPTED IN 1781, THE ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION ESTABLISHED THE FIRST NATIONAL GOVERNMENT FRAMEWORK. WHILE IT PROVIDED A LOOSE UNION AMONG STATES, ITS WEAKNESSES, SUCH AS LIMITED FEDERAL POWER, HIGHLIGHTED THE NEED FOR A STRONGER CONSTITUTIONAL SYSTEM.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION AND NEW CONSTITUTION

IN 1787, DELEGATES CONVENED TO ADDRESS THE SHORTCOMINGS OF THE ARTICLES, RESULTING IN THE DRAFTING OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION. THIS NEW FRAMEWORK INCORPORATED PRINCIPLES OF FEDERALISM, SEPARATION OF POWERS, AND INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS, REFLECTING LESSONS LEARNED FROM COLONIAL AND ENLIGHTENMENT INFLUENCES.

1. STAMP ACT AND COLONIAL PROTEST
2. FIRST AND SECOND CONTINENTAL CONGRESS
3. ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION
4. CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION AND RATIFICATION

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT ARE THE KEY IDEAS ABOUT GOVERNMENT THAT INFLUENCED THE ORIGINS OF AMERICAN GOVERNMENT?

THE KEY IDEAS INCLUDE THE CONCEPTS OF LIMITED GOVERNMENT, REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT, AND INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS, INFLUENCED BY ENGLISH POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY SUCH AS THE MAGNA CARTA, THE ENGLISH BILL OF RIGHTS, AND THE WRITINGS OF JOHN LOCKE.

HOW DID THE MAGNA CARTA CONTRIBUTE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF AMERICAN GOVERNMENT?

THE MAGNA CARTA ESTABLISHED THE PRINCIPLE THAT THE KING'S POWER WAS NOT ABSOLUTE AND GUARANTEED CERTAIN RIGHTS TO NOBLES, LAYING THE GROUNDWORK FOR THE IDEA OF LIMITED GOVERNMENT AND RULE OF LAW IN AMERICAN GOVERNMENT.

WHAT ROLE DID THE ENGLISH BILL OF RIGHTS PLAY IN SHAPING AMERICAN POLITICAL PRINCIPLES?

THE ENGLISH BILL OF RIGHTS LIMITED THE POWERS OF THE MONARCHY, ENSURED PARLIAMENTARY SUPREMACY, AND PROTECTED INDIVIDUAL LIBERTIES, INFLUENCING AMERICAN IDEAS ABOUT CHECKS AND BALANCES AND THE PROTECTION OF RIGHTS.

WHY IS THE CONCEPT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT IMPORTANT IN THE ORIGINS OF AMERICAN GOVERNMENT?

REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT ENSURES THAT CITIZENS HAVE A VOICE THROUGH ELECTED OFFICIALS, WHICH WAS A KEY PRINCIPLE ADOPTED BY THE AMERICAN COLONIES TO AVOID AUTHORITARIAN RULE AND PROMOTE DEMOCRATIC PARTICIPATION.

HOW DID COLONIAL GOVERNMENTS CONTRIBUTE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF AMERICAN GOVERNMENT?

COLONIAL GOVERNMENTS EXPERIMENTED WITH SELF-RULE THROUGH ELECTED ASSEMBLIES AND TOWN MEETINGS, FOSTERING POLITICAL EXPERIENCE AND TRADITIONS OF LOCAL GOVERNANCE THAT INFLUENCED THE STRUCTURE OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.

WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE MAYFLOW COMPACT IN THE ORIGINS OF AMERICAN GOVERNMENT?

THE MAYFLOW COMPACT WAS AN EARLY SOCIAL CONTRACT IN WHICH SETTLERS AGREED TO SELF-GOVERNANCE AND MAJORITY RULE, ESTABLISHING A PRECEDENT FOR DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT BASED ON CONSENT OF THE GOVERNED.

HOW DID THE WRITINGS OF JOHN LOCKE INFLUENCE THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AND GOVERNMENT FORMATION?

JOHN LOCKE'S THEORIES ON NATURAL RIGHTS, SOCIAL CONTRACT, AND THE RIGHT TO OVERTHROW UNJUST GOVERNMENTS INSPIRED AMERICAN COLONISTS TO DEMAND INDEPENDENCE AND CREATE A GOVERNMENT PROTECTING LIFE, LIBERTY, AND PROPERTY.

WHAT ROLE DID THE CONCEPT OF LIMITED GOVERNMENT PLAY IN THE ORIGINS OF AMERICAN GOVERNMENT?

LIMITED GOVERNMENT MEANS THAT GOVERNMENTAL POWER IS RESTRICTED BY LAW OR CONSTITUTION TO PROTECT INDIVIDUAL FREEDOMS, A PRINCIPLE ADOPTED BY AMERICAN FOUNDERS TO PREVENT TYRANNY.

HOW DID THE COLONIAL EXPERIENCE WITH BRITISH RULE SHAPE AMERICAN ATTITUDES TOWARD GOVERNMENT?

COLONISTS EXPERIENCED TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION AND ARBITRARY RULE BY THE BRITISH CROWN, LEADING THEM TO VALUE SELF-GOVERNMENT, REPRESENTATION, AND CHECKS ON GOVERNMENT POWER.

WHAT DOCUMENTS OR EVENTS MARKED THE TRANSITION FROM COLONIAL GOVERNANCE TO AMERICAN GOVERNMENT?

KEY DOCUMENTS INCLUDE THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE AND STATE CONSTITUTIONS, WHILE EVENTS LIKE THE FIRST AND SECOND CONTINENTAL CONGRESSES MARKED STEPS TOWARD UNIFIED AMERICAN GOVERNANCE.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

1. *THE FOUNDING FATHERS AND THE ORIGINS OF AMERICAN GOVERNMENT*

THIS BOOK EXPLORES THE LIVES, PHILOSOPHIES, AND POLITICAL IDEAS OF THE FOUNDING FATHERS WHO SHAPED THE EARLY AMERICAN GOVERNMENT. IT DELVES INTO THE HISTORICAL CONTEXT OF THE 18TH CENTURY AND HOW THESE LEADERS CRAFTED THE CONSTITUTION. READERS GAIN INSIGHT INTO THE DEBATES AND COMPROMISES THAT INFLUENCED THE NATION'S FOUNDATION.

2. *COLONIAL AMERICA AND THE ROOTS OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY*

FOCUSING ON THE COLONIAL PERIOD, THIS BOOK EXAMINES HOW EARLY AMERICAN SETTLERS ESTABLISHED GOVERNANCE SYSTEMS THAT LAID THE GROUNDWORK FOR DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES. IT DISCUSSES COLONIAL CHARTERS, TOWN MEETINGS, AND THE INFLUENCE OF BRITISH POLITICAL TRADITIONS. THE BOOK ALSO HIGHLIGHTS THE GROWING DESIRE FOR SELF-RULE THAT EVENTUALLY LED TO INDEPENDENCE.

3. *THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION: BIRTH OF A NATION*

THIS DETAILED ACCOUNT COVERS THE EVENTS AND PERSONALITIES INVOLVED IN THE 1787 CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION. IT ANALYZES THE CHALLENGES FACED BY DELEGATES AS THEY CREATED A NEW FRAMEWORK FOR GOVERNMENT. THE BOOK PROVIDES A COMPREHENSIVE LOOK AT THE DEBATES OVER FEDERALISM, REPRESENTATION, AND THE BALANCE OF POWERS.

4. *MAGNA CARTA TO THE BILL OF RIGHTS: FOUNDATIONS OF AMERICAN LIBERTY*

TRACING THE EVOLUTION OF LEGAL AND POLITICAL IDEAS, THIS BOOK CONNECTS HISTORIC DOCUMENTS LIKE THE MAGNA CARTA TO THE AMERICAN BILL OF RIGHTS. IT EXPLAINS HOW THESE TEXTS INFLUENCED AMERICAN CONCEPTS OF INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS AND LIMITATIONS ON GOVERNMENT POWER. THE NARRATIVE HELPS READERS UNDERSTAND THE LEGAL HERITAGE BEHIND AMERICAN FREEDOMS.

5. *FEDERALISM AND THE FORMATION OF THE AMERICAN POLITICAL SYSTEM*

THIS WORK EXAMINES THE DEVELOPMENT OF FEDERALISM AS A CORE COMPONENT OF AMERICAN GOVERNMENT. IT DISCUSSES THE DIVISION OF POWERS BETWEEN NATIONAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS AND THE TENSIONS THAT AROSE FROM THIS ARRANGEMENT. READERS LEARN ABOUT THE FEDERALIST AND ANTI-FEDERALIST DEBATES AND THEIR LASTING IMPACT.

6. *FROM ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION TO CONSTITUTION: AMERICA'S GOVERNMENTAL EVOLUTION*

THE BOOK CHRONICLES THE TRANSITION FROM THE WEAK ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION TO THE STRONGER CONSTITUTION. IT HIGHLIGHTS THE SHORTCOMINGS OF THE ORIGINAL SYSTEM AND THE NEED FOR CHANGE. THROUGH VIVID DESCRIPTIONS, THE AUTHOR PORTRAYS THE POLITICAL STRUGGLES AND COMPROMISES THAT SHAPED THE NEW GOVERNMENT.

7. *ENLIGHTENMENT IDEAS AND THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION*

THIS BOOK EXPLORES HOW ENLIGHTENMENT PHILOSOPHIES INFLUENCED AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY THOUGHT AND THE CREATION OF GOVERNMENT. IT FOCUSES ON THINKERS LIKE LOCKE, MONTESQUIEU, AND ROUSSEAU AND THEIR IMPACT ON LIBERTY, JUSTICE, AND GOVERNANCE. THE WORK CONNECTS INTELLECTUAL HISTORY WITH THE PRACTICAL FOUNDING OF THE UNITED STATES.

8. *THE ROLE OF STATE GOVERNMENTS IN SHAPING THE AMERICAN REPUBLIC*

HIGHLIGHTING THE IMPORTANCE OF STATE-LEVEL GOVERNANCE, THIS BOOK DISCUSSES HOW STATES DEVELOPED CONSTITUTIONS AND POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS BEFORE AND AFTER INDEPENDENCE. IT REVEALS THE DIVERSITY OF APPROACHES AND HOW STATES SERVED AS TESTING GROUNDS FOR DEMOCRATIC IDEAS. THE BOOK ALSO CONSIDERS THE BALANCE BETWEEN STATE AND FEDERAL AUTHORITIES.

9. *REPUBLICANISM AND THE AMERICAN POLITICAL TRADITION*

THIS TITLE DELVES INTO THE CONCEPT OF REPUBLICANISM AND ITS CENTRAL PLACE IN EARLY AMERICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT. IT EXAMINES THE VALUES OF CIVIC VIRTUE, REPRESENTATION, AND THE COMMON GOOD AS EMBRACED BY THE FOUNDERS. THE BOOK PROVIDES A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF HOW REPUBLICAN IDEALS INFLUENCED THE STRUCTURE AND PURPOSE OF AMERICAN GOVERNMENT.

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