

# The Politics of Common Sense



## The Politics of Common Sense: State, Society and Culture in Pakistan by Mark James Russell

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**The Politics of Common Sense** is a book by Michael Sandel, a professor of government at Harvard University. The book is a critique of the current state of American politics, which Sandel argues has become increasingly polarized and ideological.

Sandel argues that this polarization has led to a decline in civility and a loss of common ground among Americans. He says that we have become so divided by our political beliefs that we are no longer able to have productive conversations with people who disagree with us.

Sandel argues that the solution to this polarization is to return to a more common-sense approach to politics. He says that we need to stop thinking in terms of left and right and start thinking about what is best for the country as a whole.

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## **The Problem with Polarization**

Polarization is a state of extreme division in which people hold opposing views and are unable to find common ground. In the United States, political polarization has been on the rise for decades. This is due in part to the increasing influence of social media, which has created echo chambers where people are only exposed to information that confirms their existing beliefs.

Polarization has had a number of negative consequences for American politics. It has made it more difficult for politicians to compromise and find common ground, and has led to a decline in civility and public discourse.

## **The Rise of Ideological Extremism**

One of the most worrying trends in American politics is the rise of ideological extremism. This is the tendency for people to hold extreme views on political issues, and to reject any compromise or moderation.

Ideological extremism is often driven by fear and anger. People who feel threatened by social or economic change may be more likely to adopt extreme views as a way of protecting themselves.

The rise of ideological extremism has made it more difficult to have productive conversations about political issues. People who hold extreme views are often unwilling to listen to opposing viewpoints, and may even resort to violence or intimidation to silence their opponents.

## **The Decline of Civil Discourse**

Civil discourse is the ability to have respectful and productive conversations about political issues, even with people who disagree with us. In the United States, civil discourse has been on the decline for decades.

There are a number of factors that have contributed to the decline of civil discourse. One factor is the rise of social media, which has made it easier for people to spread misinformation and attack their opponents.

Another factor is the increasing polarization of American politics. As people have become more divided by their political beliefs, it has become more difficult for them to have respectful conversations with people who disagree with them.

The decline of civil discourse has had a number of negative consequences for American politics. It has made it more difficult for politicians to compromise and find common ground, and has led to a loss of public trust in government.

## **The Loss of Common Ground**

Common ground is the shared values and beliefs that unite people. In the United States, there has been a loss of common ground in recent years. This is due in part to the increasing diversity of the American population, as well as the rise of ideological extremism.

The loss of common ground has made it more difficult for Americans to come together and solve our problems. We are more likely to see each other as enemies than as fellow citizens, and we are less likely to be willing to compromise or cooperate.

### **A Return to Common Sense**

The solution to the problems facing American politics is to return to a more common-sense approach. We need to stop thinking in terms of left and right and start thinking about what is best for the country as a whole.

We need to be more willing to listen to opposing viewpoints, and to compromise and find common ground. We need to be more respectful and civil in our political discourse, and we need to focus on the things that unite us rather than the things that divide us.

A return to common sense will not be easy, but it is essential for the future of American democracy.

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and start thinking about what is best for the country as a whole.

Sandel's book is a must-read for anyone interested in understanding the current state of American politics. It is a thoughtful and provocative work that offers a clear and concise path forward.



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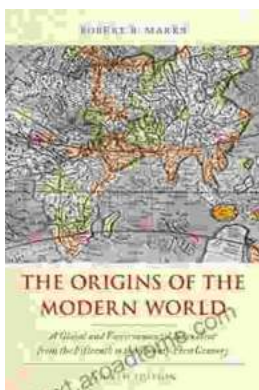
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