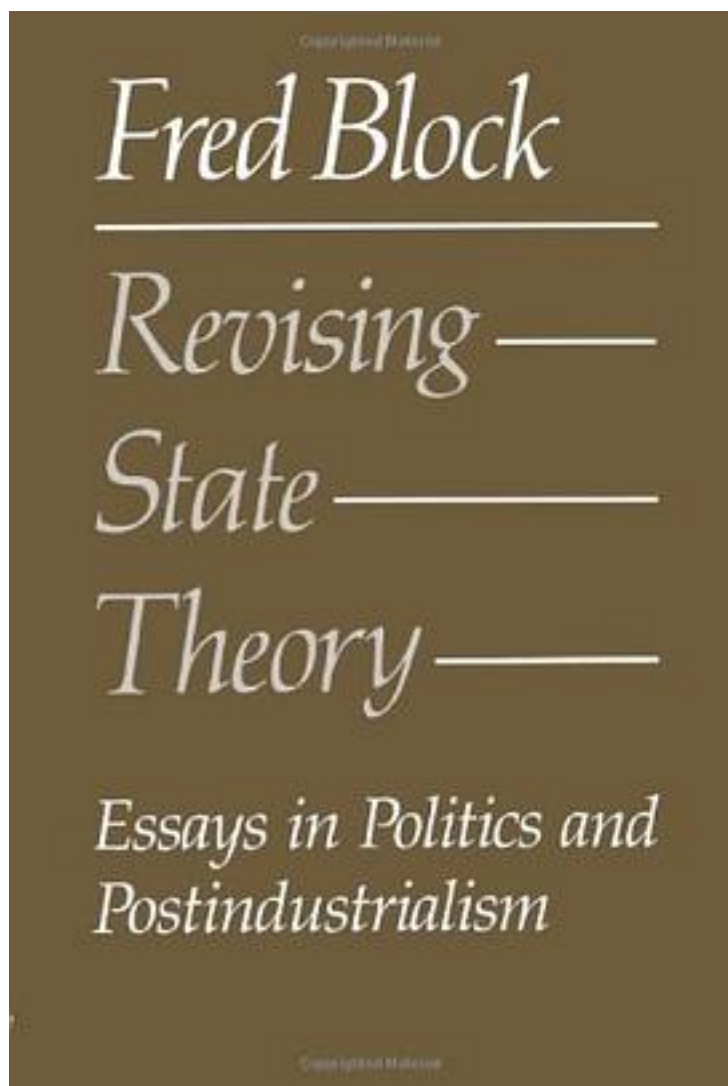


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This volume makes available in one place a complete statement of Fred Block's perspective for students and participants in the ongoing debate on state theory. His substantial Introduction serves as an intellectual autobiography in which he assesses the field-including the theories of Domhoff, Poulantzas, and Skocpoland situates his own work within it. Block also discusses his relationship to different strands of Marxism. In his analysis of the relationship between business and the state, Block argues that while business interests have far more influence over state policy than other constituencies, state actors still have substantial autonomy in formulating policies. In particular, the business community's internal divisions and difficulties in assessing its own interests limit its capacity to control events. Block insists that when business influence is greatest, as during the Reagan years, state policies will be least successful in solving the society's problems. Fred Block is Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Pennsylvania and co-author (with Richard A. Cloward, Barbara Ehrenreich, and Frances Fox Piven) of "The Mean Season: The Attack on the Welfare State".

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评论

八十年代的历史和学术界背景非常复杂，里根政府的减税、大企业优先和自由市场政策被称为非常含混的“新自由主义”，美国社会学/社会理论同欧洲理论激烈辩论又融和，马克思主义思潮持续分裂和分化。布氏试图在继承马克思主义传统（尤其是其对于国家及国家—社会关系学说）的基础上解释和预测这一时期的社会经济规律，主要针对大企业和财团控制国家经济命脉时代国家角色的重要性。大部分文章现在看来已经过时、或预测出现了较大误差、或对于经典理论的阐释和修改并不让人满意，在文献回顾中或许只占一个小缝隙的位置，唯有讨论马克思国家理论一篇较有质量。

看了第三、五章。承接1970年的普兰查斯-米利班辩论，在正统马克思主义内部给国家精英作为独立阶级盖了章。Block的贡献是把国家精英和统治阶级的关系作为一个变量而不是常量。印象最深的一句话：“社会形态会决定国家权力行使的若干方式，而阶级关系制约国家权力的程度又反过来使社会形态发生变化。”然而写在1970年代末80年代初的两篇文章，对新自由主义在全球范围内的兴起估计不足，对国家精英与资产阶级的关系辩证发展、不断激化的预测与实际情况相去甚远。可见彼对精英群体的构成及其关系的分析依然失之过简。

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