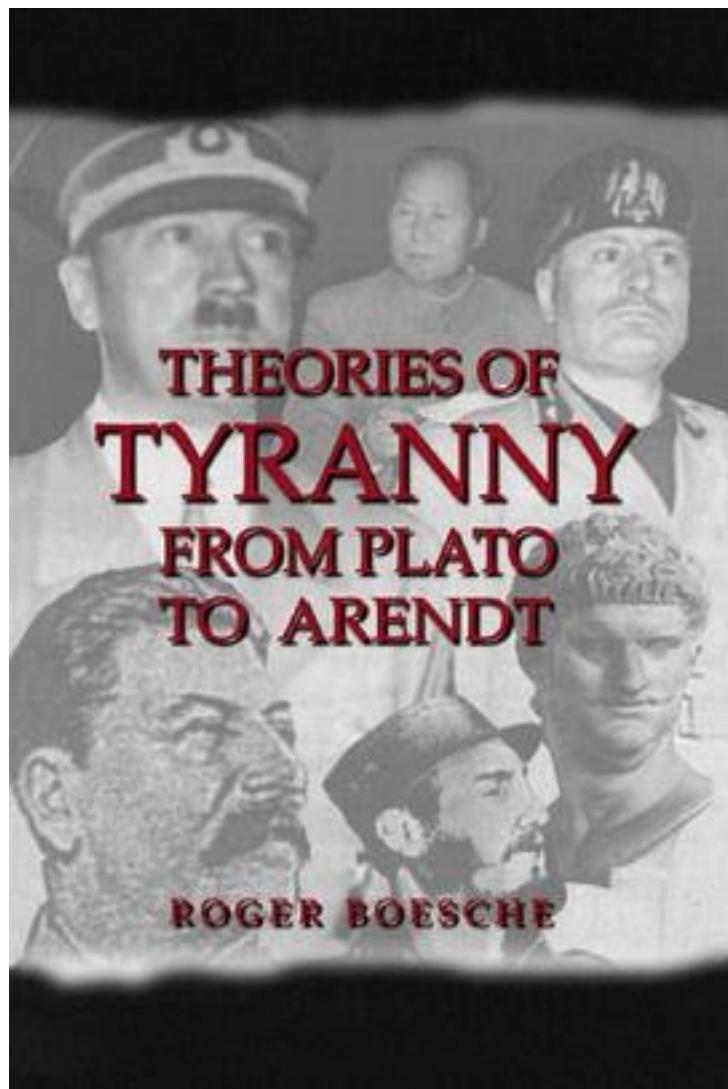


# Theories of Tyranny



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This book explores a little-noticed tradition in the history of European political thought. From Plato to Aristotle to Tacitus and Machiavelli, and from Tocqueville to Max Weber and Hannah Arendt, political thinkers have examined the tyrannies of their times and have wondered how these tyrannies come about, how they work, and how they might be defeated. In examining this perennial problem of tyranny, Roger Boesche looks at how these thinkers borrowed from the past--thus entering into an established dialogue--to analyze the present. Although obviously tyrannies are not identical over time (Hitler certainly did not rule as Nero), we can learn partial lessons from past thinkers that can help us to better understand twentieth-century tyrannies.

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评论

读了Intro和讲柏拉图、亚里士多德、塔西陀、马基雅维利的四章。作者行文比较像教材，基本上是介绍思想框架-介绍此人对tyranny的定义-相关论述（如成因、后果、强调某些要素）-总结创见。Intro讲自己的方法既不是传统的观念史和思想史，但仍然认为这是一个perennial problem，不算特别有说服力。但前四章确实也展现出一些共性：tyranny与欲望的关系，导致人们关心私事丧失公心，越来越多的deception……后面讲弗洛伊德韦伯等等没继续看了，感觉这个词含义已经发生了变化。

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