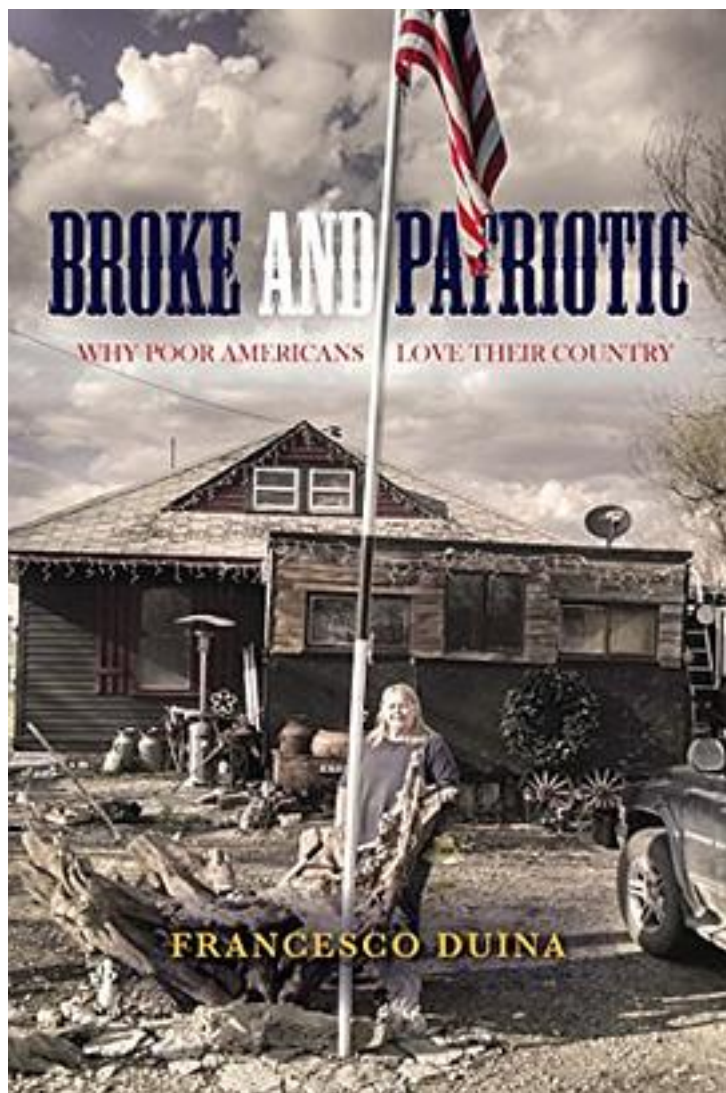


Broke and Patriotic



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Why are poor Americans so patriotic? They have significantly worse social benefits compared to other Western nations, and studies show that the American Dream of upward mobility is, for them, largely a myth. So why do these people love their country? Why have they not risen up to demand more from a system that is failing them?

In *Broke and Patriotic*, Francesco Duina contends that the best way to answer these questions is to speak directly to America's most impoverished. Spending time in bus stations, laundromats, senior citizen centers, homeless shelters, public libraries, and fast food restaurants, Duina conducted over 60 revealing interviews in which the people he met explain how they view themselves and their country. He masterfully weaves their words into three narratives. First, America's poor still see their country as the "last hope" for themselves and the world: America offers its people a sense of dignity, closeness to God, and answers to most of humanity's problems. Second, America is still the "land of milk and honey": a very rich and generous country where those who work hard can succeed. Third, America is the freest country on earth where self-determination is still possible. This book offers a stirring portrait of the people left behind by their country and left out of the national conversation. By giving them a voice, Duina sheds new light on a sector of American society that we are only beginning to recognize as a powerful force in shaping the country's future.

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副标题就政治不正确了，估计是不会引进中文版了。从脑科学的角度讲，贫困导致受教育水平低，教育水平低导致前额叶发展不良，进而导致各种疯狂的行为。从心理学的角度讲，穷人对于国家的热爱是一种为了让自我心理感觉慰藉的应对机制。对于穷人而言，当生活已然很困难时，通过相信自己的国家是世界上最强大的国家，他们会在心理上感觉舒服一些。

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