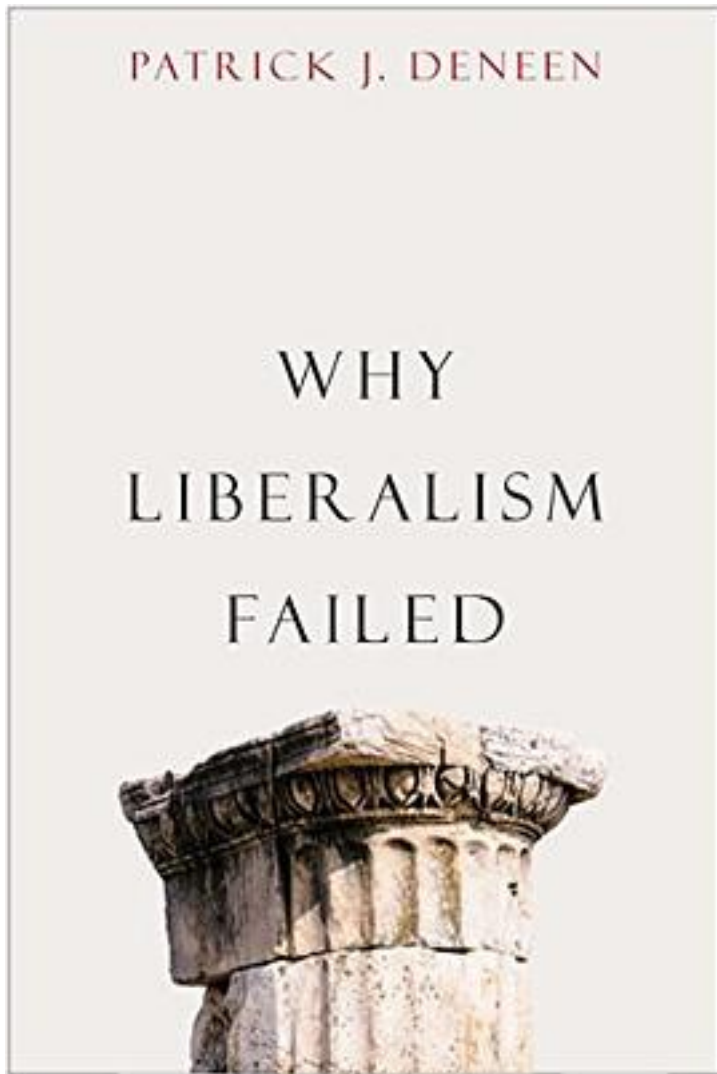


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Of the three dominant ideologies of the twentieth century—fascism, communism, and liberalism—only the last remains. This has created a peculiar situation in which liberalism’s proponents tend to forget that it is an ideology and not the natural end-state of human political evolution. As Patrick Deneen argues in this provocative book, liberalism is built on a foundation of contradictions: it trumpets equal rights while fostering incomparable material inequality; its legitimacy rests on consent, yet it discourages civic commitments in favor of privatism; and in its pursuit of individual autonomy, it has given rise to the most far-reaching, comprehensive state system in human history. Here, Deneen offers an astringent warning that the centripetal forces now at work on our political culture are not superficial flaws but inherent features of a system whose success is generating its own failure.

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评论

抄袭施特劳斯和布鲁姆的思路却不加注释。比施派更激进地拒斥所有现代思想（施派好歹还主张把一些现代作品视为经典吧）。批判自由派的理论危机，但自己却反对独立思考的原则，不加区分地歌颂宗教和传统权威，丧失学者应有的自我批判反思的精神（向宗教机构金主献媚已经到了无耻的地步）。

在作者对自由主义大肆开火的背后，是对概念定义的随意。作者将太多东西放入了自由主义的范畴，好像它要为一切坏事情负责。但事实并非如此。而作者提出的替代方案，又很难说完全超越了自由主义。有很强的施派色彩，但显然又不如施特劳斯的批判来得深刻。感觉写作意图是为了显得provocative，但为provocative而provocative并不一定有助于公共讨论

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一本书想要同时获得美国保守与自由主义派系两方的称赞绝非易事，帕特里克·J·德尼恩（Patrick J. Deneen）显然做到了这一点，在他的新书“Why Liberalism Failed”《自由主义为何失败》中，他将矛头指向了当今美国的主流政治派系，“他们都是一个样！” 这是那些经历了2016...

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