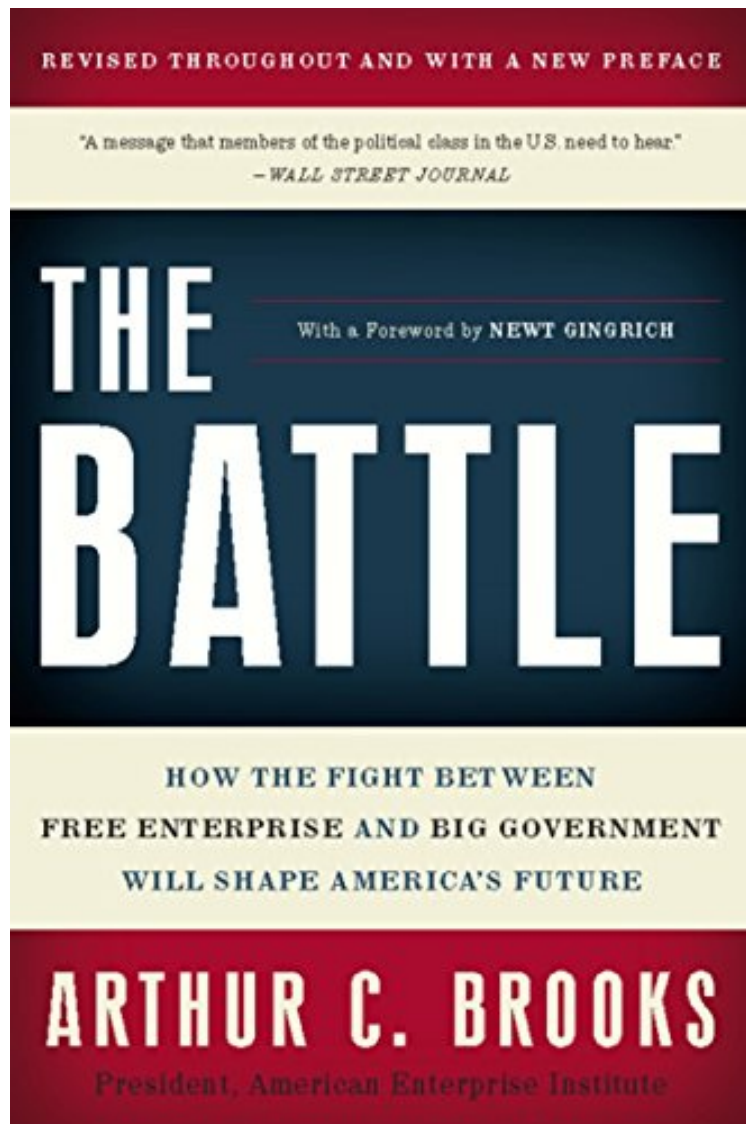


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our economy (supported by 70 of the population) and statism/big government policies (supported by 30%). Mr. Brooks discusses with logic supported by abundant data that capitalism contributes to solid economic growth, wealth creation, and true human happiness. European socialism, dependency, and government control and policies has failed throughout western europe, and when tried here is destroying the American dream, creating more dependency and poverty, reducing happiness, lowering employment, and a host of economic ills. Would highly recommend3 of 4 people found the following review helpful. The new playbookBy Geoff PuterbaughI agree with Dick Cheney: this is the playbook for the conservative renaissance --- or at least one of them.Brooks' main point is that we should stop harping on the economics and the money, and make our stand on principles: Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness. Every increase in the size of government, every tax hike, and every new regulation impinges on the freedom of free American citizens. We have even reached the point where the nanny-mayor of New York is forbidding his fellow citizens to eat stuff that he doesn't like!The only quibble I have, at this point, is that during the elections of 2010 (coming right up) it would be idiotic to completely ignore the economic mess created by Team Obama. That's the number one issue for most voters, and we need to be very clear that conservative, Constitution-based government will not only increase all of our hopes for life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness --- it will also end the Endless Recession caused by the idiots in the White House. (Imagine being "anti-business" when business signs your bleeping paycheck! Yes, they are just as dumb as that, and even dumber.)So, read this book, and avoid being sent to one of Sibelius's "re-education camps." You might even avoid the "death panels," too! :-)

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America faces a new culture war. It is not a war about guns, abortions, or gaysmdash;rather it is a war against the creeping changes to our entrepreneurial culture, the true bedrock of who we are as a people. The new culture war is a battle between free enterprise and social democracy.Many Americans have forgotten the evils of socialism and the predations of the American Great Society's welfare state programs. But, as American Enterprise Institute's president Arthur C. Brooks reveals in The Battle, the forces for social democracy have returned with a vengeance, expanding the power of the state to a breathtaking degree.The Battle offers a plan of action for the defense of free enterprise; it is at once a call to arms and a crucial redefinition of the political and moral gulf that divides Right and Left in America today. The battle is on, and nothing less than the soul of America is at stake.