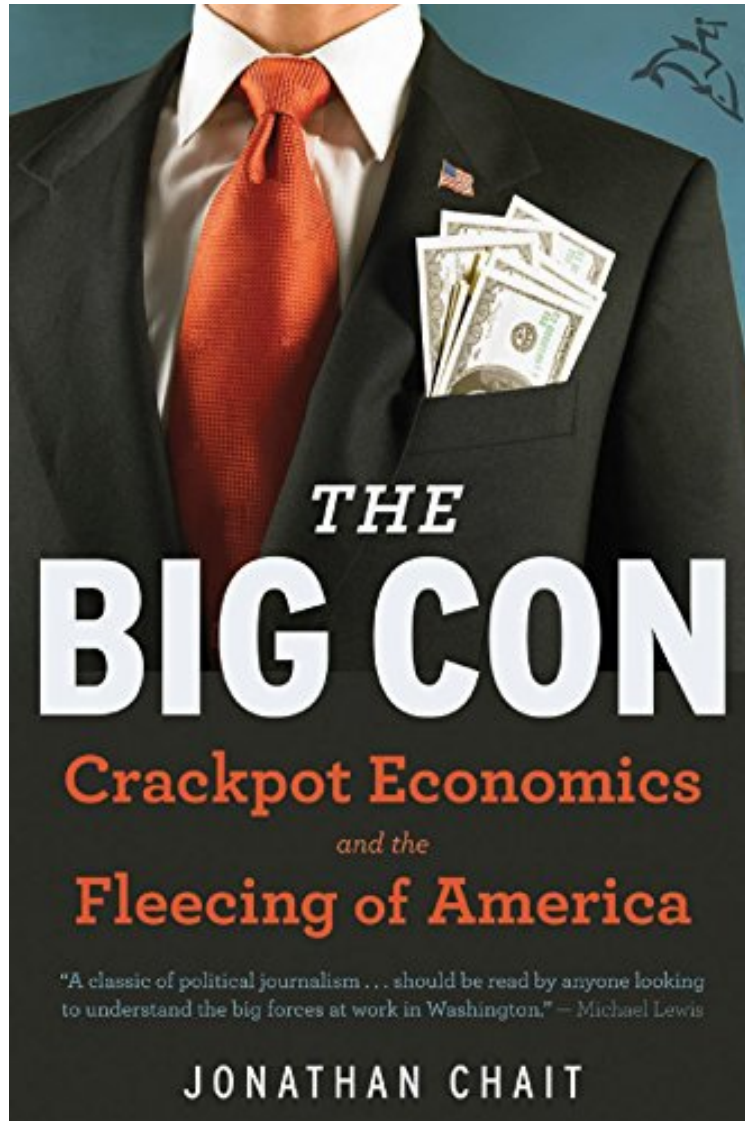


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This is an extremely topical book at this juncture in our nation's history. The author deals with political and economic ideas rather than political personalities and elections and the result is an important and thought provoking read. He demonstrates how the New Deal consensus that effectively governed America for half a century broke down over the last thirty years or so and moderate Republicans gave way to strident, ideologically driven Reaganites. For my money the best section of

the book is the one that explains how the "lower the taxes on the rich" idea infected the think tanks of the far right and then spread throughout the Republican party. All in all this book provides an excellent starting place for any citizen who wants to understand the current Washington gridlock. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. great book By Owen Depressing, and this was written before Trump! But a great book. 1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. there might be some better controls on the banking and mortgage industry By Dr. D Must reading for anyone who wants real insight into why we all suffered for years because of the way banks have been allowed to gamble with public money. The author tends to jump around in time as he warms up to the story, but that is mostly because he is developing each of a relatively large cast of actors on the financial stage. When he gets to the crash, the pace picks up, and the development becomes crystal clear!!! If only we could get Congress to read this, there might be some better controls on the banking and mortgage industry. How is it that we have to pay taxes on earnings, and banks and the very rich get to make serious money using other people's money? Hardly seems fair, and certainly is not money doing anything except making more money - no jobs, no innovation, none of the things that wealth is touted to do for "little guys."

American politics has been hijacked. Over the past three decades, a fringe group of economic hucksters has corrupted and perverted our nation's policies. With dark, engaging wit, Jonathan Chait reveals how these canny zealots first took over the Republican Party and then gamed the political system and the media so that once unthinkable policies—without a shred of academic, expert, or even popular support—now drive the political agenda, regardless of which party is in power. Why have these ideas succeeded in Washington? How did a clique of extremists gain control of American economic policy and sell short the country's future? And why do their outlandish ideas still determine policy despite repeated electoral setbacks? Chait tells the outrageous and eye-opening story, expertly explaining just how politics and economics work in Washington. He has produced a riveting drama of greed and deceit that should be read by every concerned citizen, especially in an election year.