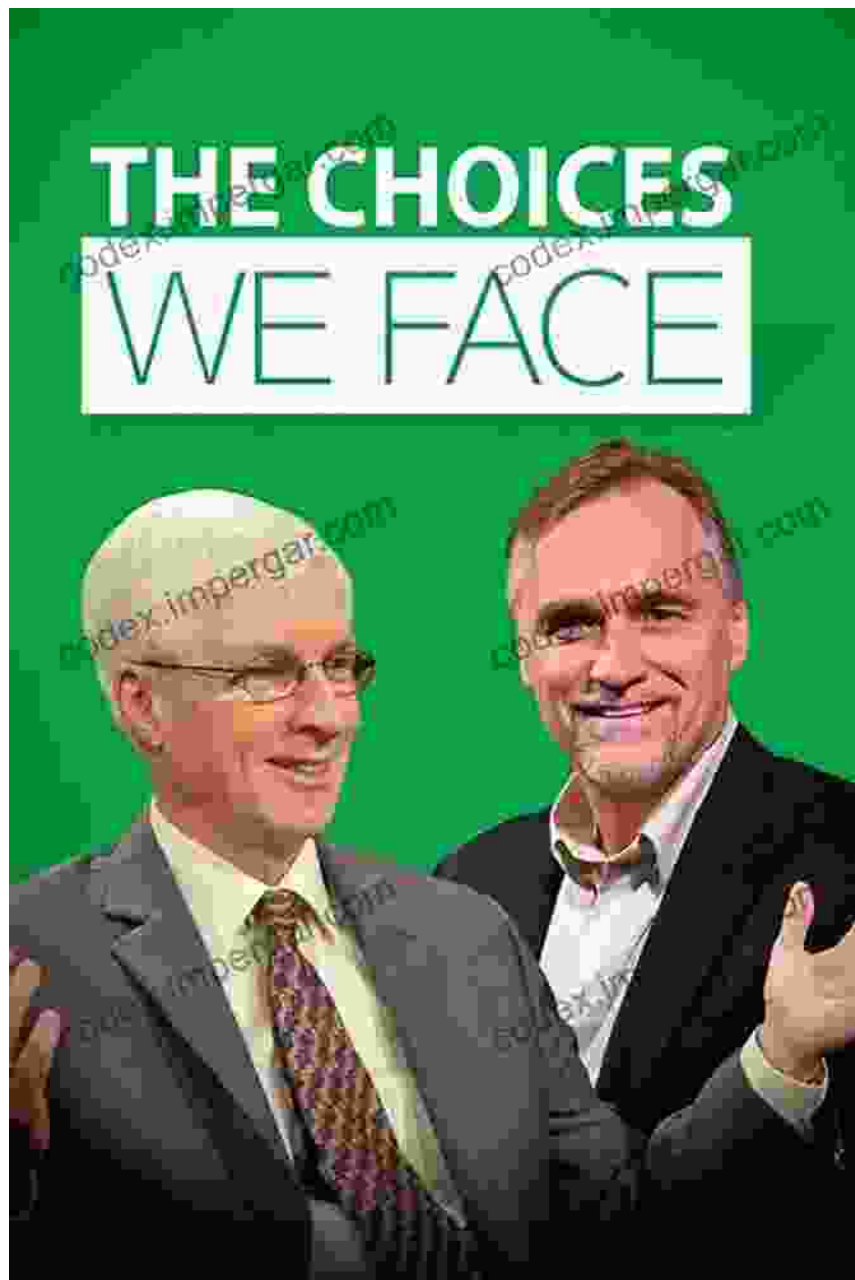


Democracy: More or Less? Understanding the Choices We Face



By Pippa Norris and Ronald Inglehart

Democracy is in crisis. Around the world, we are witnessing the rise of populism and nationalism, the decline of trust in institutions, the increasing

power of money in politics, and the erosion of civil liberties.



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In *Democracy: More or Less?*, Dr. Pippa Norris and Dr. Ronald Inglehart explore the current state of democracy and argue that we are facing a serious choice. We can either continue down the path we are on, which will lead to a decline in democracy, or we can take steps to strengthen democracy and ensure its future.

Norris and Inglehart identify four main threats to democracy:

1. **The rise of populism and nationalism.** Populist and nationalist leaders often appeal to people's fears and prejudices, and they offer simple solutions to complex problems. This can be appealing to voters who are feeling frustrated and left behind, but it can also lead to the erosion of democratic norms and institutions.
2. **The decline of trust in institutions.** Trust in institutions such as the government, the media, and the courts is essential for a healthy

democracy. However, trust in these institutions has been declining in recent years, and this has made it more difficult for them to function effectively.

3. **The increasing power of money in politics.** Money plays a major role in politics today, and this gives wealthy individuals and corporations a disproportionate amount of influence. This can lead to policies that benefit the wealthy at the expense of the poor and middle class.
4. **The erosion of civil liberties.** Civil liberties, such as freedom of speech and assembly, are essential for a free and democratic society. However, these liberties have been eroded in recent years, often in the name of national security or public safety.

Norris and Inglehart argue that these four threats are interconnected and that they are all contributing to the decline of democracy. They also argue that we need to take action to address these threats if we want to strengthen democracy and ensure its future.

Democracy: More or Less? is a timely and important book. It provides a clear-eyed assessment of the challenges facing democracy and offers a roadmap for how we can strengthen it. This book is essential reading for anyone who cares about the future of democracy.

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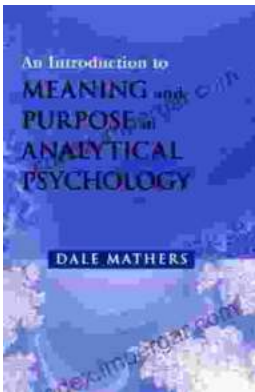
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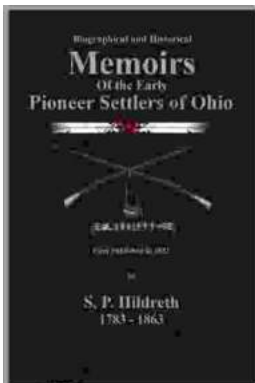
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