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At the time of the founding of America, many people, even several of the Founding Fathers, were very doubtful that a democratic form of government could survive. Such a form had rarely existed and in the few instances where it had, with the exception of a very limited number of extremely small countries, it had collapsed into anarchy. The ordinary people of those democracies lost the ability to control themselves, to see where their rights ended and their neighbors' rights began. They succumbed to the more powerful, more basic passions of wanting things their way with callous disregard for the rights of others. Invariably this necessitated the emergence of a dictator to restore order. The more chaotic the society, the more brutal the means employed by the dictator to suppress the anarchy.

But there was something extraordinary about America. It was a harsh, untamed frontier that required of its inhabitants cooperation and hard work for survival, but more importantly the early settlers brought with them a radical new view of human nature. Like so many of that era they were driven by the belief that humanity had a destiny to lead a moral life, but unlike most, they proclaimed that the ordinary people, without the aid of ritual or relics or a prince or a priesthood class, could ascertain for themselves the path to a moral life. They asserted that this could be achieved, not only by their own reading and interpreting of the bible, but also by leading a life in which they fully developed their abilities and used those abilities to improve both the spiritual and material welfare of society. This required individuals to work hard, control their passions, and allocate time to helping others. They were an educated, literate, ethical people in a state of personal self-governance and they translated this personal attribute into a society of self-governance, thus making democratic America, against all odds, a resounding success.

But it is this very success and the world's emulation of it that has caused many, particularly the intellectuals, in modern secular America to view democracy as the natural state of our species, a state to which all societies will eventually, spontaneously progress. Hence, these people disparage America as being nothing extraordinary in human history, just an accident in time that any country given the right physical environment could have accomplished. They spout the belief that the desire to be free to control one's destiny, that enlightened self-interest, is sufficient to provoke people to make the sacrifices necessary to maintain a democracy. Nothing could be further from the truth. It is pursuit of freedom and self-interest that motivates the tyrant to exterminate all those who oppose him. It is pursuit of freedom and self-interest that motivates the criminal to kill and steal.

For our democracy to survive, a majority of the ordinary people must feel and act upon the belief that was held by the early settlers of America that is that humanity has a more noble purpose than mere self-gratification. They must believe that humankind has a moral destiny to develop their abilities not only for the betterment of the individual, but also, for the alleviation of human misery throughout society. They must accept that this requires not only compassion, but hard work and self-discipline. Although we should recognize that religion has been important in promoting these desirable qualities, America is a secular, pluralistic society that cannot, and should not, return to being principally dependent upon religion to achieve these ends. It needs to buttress the promotion of these qualities through government programs that, not only help the needy, but hold people more accountable to one another and through civic organizations that encourage people to work together for the common good. Lastly, for America's democracy to survive, we must appreciate how antithetical hard work, self-discipline, and compassion are to the much stronger instincts of pursuit of power and pleasure and because of this how extraordinary and tenuous America's existence is. In this book, practical policies promoting these objectives in seventeen areas of American life are presented.

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## From Reader Review Rescuing America's Democracy From Its Collapsing Morality for online ebook

### Cynthia Turner says

This book is right on so many levels. This country is and has lost its morality and it does need rescuing. More Americans should care about what is happening to this country's morals and try to fix it for our children's and grandchildren's future and this book highlights that. May God forgive the USA. Many should read this book and wake up before it is too late. Very informative and good read.

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### Michelle Olms says

Great book

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### Ben Scott says

Pure trash. Would have thought this was written by Donald Trump.

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### Sharon says

As is fairly obvious from the title, this is a book on the state and potential decline of the nation based from a Christian religious perspective. It was well written.

this was a goodreads giveaway

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### Ben says

I received this as a free book through the Goodreads review program.

I had a hard time deciding on 1-star or 2-stars, and ultimately ended on 2-stars, because its not \_all\_ bad. I definitely think its a "preaching to the choir" style piece of work, where those who believe in these policies will praise it, whilst those who don't - won't. Its akin to reading Glenn Beck, Michael Moore, Bill Maher, or even Ron Paul works; where if you agree with their political ideologies and stances you'll trumpet it; but if you don't believe in them, you will likely lambast it.

I won't say they are all bad ideas, but I definitely think there's a lot wrong with her ideas. And as she tries to say near the end that we could be moving closer towards a 1984 (Orwellian) future.... her book if followed to the letter would lead us there even quicker.

Firstly, I think her views on evolution and males and females is horribly misleading and incorrect. She also uses cherry-picked citations that overlook things and points to some flaws. For instance she talks at length about the differences in structure of male and female brains; despite in just this past November-December (could be January, I'd have to look up the sources) numerous neurological, scientific, and regular AP news outlets (CNN, WP, USAT), have posted several studies with in-depth results showing how there is no differences structurally between male/female brains (and thus going a long way towards showing how there is transgenderism, homosexuality, etc.). Her psychology of how males evolve and how we still operates paints us in the prototypical feministic 'man=ape creature' stereotype. (All with her giving a chapter to feminisim and how we need to remove stereotypes from women).

She goes into discussions on sterilization, mandatory birth control, mandatory meetings/programs/tests to \_allow\_ people to have children. She describes how we should create mandatory community service post-high school (during college/or just for two years after High school). Programs enabling the elderly should be bumped to 75 and people should be working to 70\_minimum.

Like I said; there is plenty wrong with her ideas and policies. The book itself is; given its publisher/style rather unflattering in the sense that it reads like an internet messageboard. (Paragraph \_ two returns space \_ paragraph \_ two returns space \_ paragraph).

All in all, if you follow her ideas and policies, you will tout this book and love it, if you don't -- you won't. I wouldn't say its a great 'think-piece' because most of these ideas (congressional term limits, sterilization for unfit mothers/fathers, racial relations and how blacks need to be better parents, etc.) can all be found on most online forums/pages etc (especially on most Republican sites). There is a Christian backing to her work, but she does outright say that basically the Bible is wrong on numerous accounts, and therefore, reads like a modern Christian 'the Bible is a metaphor' style accounting of Christian backing. A post-modernism Republican take on how to 'fix America' -- if you're into that, you'll probably love this.

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## **Peter Z. says**

This is a book full of opinions. Well, you know what they say about opinions.

The author should have first established herself as someone qualified to hold a respected opinion on the dozen-odd topics covered. She didn't, and I suspect she couldn't. She doesn't redeem it with outstanding research. And ultimately her arguments were mostly ill-informed and ill-argued. So, embarrassingly, even if her opinions were spot-on, this book won't convince anyone of it.

A word to those **wanting** to be wise: America ISN'T a *democracy*; it's a *constitutional republic*. If you don't understand the difference, then step away from the politics.

To the couple of other reviewers who claimed that this book is the work of Republicans or Donald Trump: no. At almost every problem raised in this book, the author points a big-government, authoritarian/totalitarian state solution. And if you'd actually *read* the book, you'd have noticed that the author specifically states she voted for Obama both times. So this is no piece of work by a GOP thinker.

As to myself, I normally vote Republican and consider myself a "small-L libertarian" -- and I would never want to live in a country run according to the mandates, requirements, by-laws, penalties and other "nanny knows best" strictures espoused in this book.

Two stars only because I finished it without flinging it out the window, and there are a few correct needles in

the haystack but not enough to be worth spending the time to find.

PS: For the first 30 or so pages I was noting down every substantial point I disagreed with and rebutting it, but I gave up; I never would have finished the book.

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### **Cat says**

Meh. Sounds like everything I've heard, or read, over the past year and then some of the presidential campaign.

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### **Patricia Ann says**

So sorry...I was desperately looking forward to reading this but then was sorry that I won it from Goodreads. It's so dogmatic, rigid, and makes invalid assumptions and generalizations for the statements that she makes. For example she speaks of evolution, species survival, intense pleasure of the victor, sexually dominant males, DNA, animal practices, superior males, the practices essential for democracy, etc. etc. etc. in just the introduction. Her only references, no scientific basis for her words, are De Tocqueville and Kant. The words MUST and Should recur and reoccur. Using a reference which referred to a quotation from another source was disturbing .(one example is on p. 16) Ms. Jordan according to the book has an M.S. in Organic Chemistry ..but there seems to be a real lack of scientific validation/justification of "solutions" presented in this book.

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### **Ms. Reader says**

I received this book from Goodreads First Reads in exchange for an honest review....

PROS: Well written and clearly gets the message across without much sugar-coating or beating around the bush. Straight to the point and very blunt.

CONS: Repetitive. Preaching to the choir. Stuff we've heard dozens of times before, with no new information or opinions presented. That's all it really was... opinions. And with every opinion, there is going to be a lot of people who will dislike it and strongly disagree.

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### **Glen says**

I won this book in a goodreads drawing.

Well, the title about says it all, doesn't it? The author wants an American with a greater moral base. The way to get there, apparently, is to ban pornography, because it demeans and objectifies women, and commodifies sex.

There's some other stuff too, reforming the immigration system, and the welfare system, and some other stuff we've all read before. Not much really new here.

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Still, it might be useful as a think-piece.

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## **Gwen says**

This book contains some good ideas (suggestions), some not so good and some downright outrageous. The sad thing, however, isn't the book, but the idea that any of these suggestions will ever (or in some cases never) be implemented.

I received this book free from Goodreads First Reads.

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