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Forging a Postliberal Consensus?

Beyond Trumpists and Claremonsters

From insight to impact.

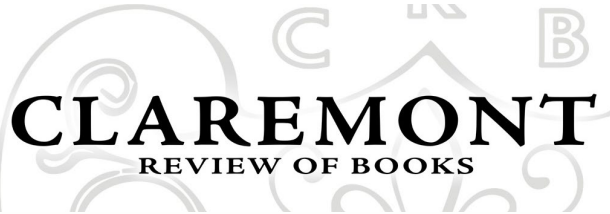
“Heroes of the Fourth Turning”?



“*Heroes* are born during an Unraveling. They’re team-oriented. They’re optimistic. They’re civically engaged. They fight bravely during the Crisis. They’re the generation that fought in World War II. And they’re us. Right now.”

‘Progressivism moves too fast and forces change and constricts liberty. Gridlock is beautiful. In the delay is deliberation and true consensus. If you just railroad something through because you want it done, that’s the passion of the mob. Delaying is the structure of the *republic*, which is structured differently in order to offset the dangers of democracy. I believe in slowness, gridlock.’

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THE FLIGHT 93 ELECTION

*The election of 2016 will test whether virtù remains
in the core of the American nation.*

by Publius Decius Mus

“2016 is the Flight 93 election: charge the cockpit or you die. You may die anyway. You—or the leader of your party—may make it into the cockpit and not know how to fly or land the plane. There are no guarantees.

Except one: if you don’t try, death is certain. To compound the metaphor: a Hillary Clinton presidency is Russian Roulette with a semi-auto. With Trump, at least you can spin the cylinder and take your chances.”

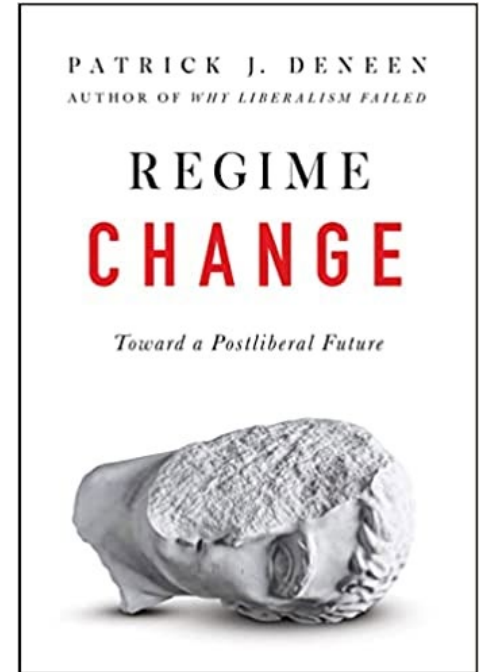
“The truth is that Trump articulated, if incompletely and inconsistently, the right stances on the right issues—immigration, trade, and war—right from the beginning.”

Toward a Postliberal Future?

“Liberalism has failed because liberalism has succeeded.

As it becomes fully itself, it generates endemic pathologies more rapidly and pervasively than it is able to produce Band-aids and veils to cover them. The result is the systemic rolling blackouts in electoral politics, governance, and economics, the loss of confidence and even belief in legitimacy among the citizenry, that accumulate not as separable and discrete problems to be solved within the liberal frame but as deeply interconnected crises of legitimacy and a portent of liberalism’s end times.”

Patrick J. Deneen, *Why Liberalism Failed*, p. 179





OUR MISSION

To restore an economic consensus that emphasizes the importance of family, community, and industry to the nation's liberty and prosperity.



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...the liberal experiment contradicts itself, and a liberal society will inevitably become “postliberal.” The postliberal condition can retain many aspects that are regarded as liberalism’s triumphs—equal dignity of persons, in particular—while envisioning an alternative understanding of the human person, human community, politics, and the relationship of the cities of Man to the city of God. Envisioning a condition after liberalism calls us not to restore something that once was but to consider something that might yet be;

It is a project not of nostalgia but of vision, imagination, and construction.

Patrick J. Deneen, “Unsustainable Liberalism,” *First Things*, Aug. 2012

So?

