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The Snapping Of The American Mind
America the beautiful has become America the bizarre. Government openly defies the law, Christians are prosecuted as criminals, children "transition" to the opposite sex, the president supports our enemies - and 130 million Americans depend on mind-altering substances just to get through life. Turbocharged by the Obama presidency, long-coalescing forces of the political and cultural Left are bringing about their much-heralded "fundamental transformation of America". That much everyone knows. But this revolution is also causing a fundamental transformation of Americans - in profoundly negative ways. In The Snapping of the American Mind, veteran journalist and best-selling author David Kupelian shows how the progressive Left - which today dominates America's key institutions, from the news and entertainment media, to education, to government itself - is accomplishing much more than just enlarging government, redistributing wealth, and de-Christianizing the culture. With the Left's wild celebration of sexual anarchy, its intimidating culture of political correctness, and its incomprehension of the fundamental sacredness of human life, it is also, whether intentionally or not, promoting widespread dependency, debauchery, family breakdown, crime, corruption, addiction, despair, and suicide. Surveying this growing chaos in American society, Kupelian exposes both the utopian revolutionaries and their extraordinary methods that have turned America's most cherished values literally upside down - to the point that madness is celebrated and normality demonized.

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Customer Reviews
A compelling cultural critique no matter what your political persuasion. It is difficult to refute the picture of America in 2015 that the author gives us. The author provides a broad analysis of the problems going far beyond the present administration and president. In providing his analysis, he ties up many different elements and shows how they are all working together to change American culture, religion, society and psychology. Unlike many other books analyzing the problems of American culture and pointing fingers at external elements, the author forces the reader to hold up a mirror and look into the mirror. The problem involves the “snapping of the American mind” as much as the snapping of our educational system, our political system, and our entertainment system. He argues that much of this “snapping” has not been haphazard but due to a concerted effort over a number of years to use brainwashing techniques to change the masses. He brings in the teaching of radical philosophers like Marcuse, Foucault and Gramsci (who were big ideologies on campus when I was a student at UCLA in the early 70s). He shows how the techniques of brainwashing (that Robert Lifton observed in China and wrote about in his seminal book on modern brainwashing techniques Thought Reform and the Psychology of Totalism) have been steadily been applied in American culture. One can read a lot of critiques of American culture and society today but none are more enlightening than this short (230 pages) and brilliant analysis.

I write this to counteract another reviewer who seems to lay the blame for our bizarro culture on “the Jews,” especially the Jews “who control the media.” You will not find anything like this in this book. Early in the book, Kupelian writes about neo-Marxism and its relentless attempt to rid our lives of God. This book is in no way anti-Semitic.

On a 1-5 gold star rating scale, I give this book 10 gold stars. The orchestration of the destruction of America the Beautiful. The knowledge-density level is off the charts. The author connects the dots skillfully. Heavily loaded with facts, even if you are a political wonk, you will find a plethora of fascinating (and infuriating) information. He ties this in with Marxism, neo-Marxism, Alinsky’s Rules for Radicals; on and on the tangled web that deceives creeps. You’ll recognize many names in this book. Mr Kupelian has, once again, produced a tightly written, page-turning, powerful book.

Reading “The Snapping of the American Mind” snaps one’s mind into a clear and precise understanding of the insanity we are now experiencing within our country. David Kupelian gives wise insight into what is, and has been going on to destroy America and her people. We have been systematically and intentionally molded into the nation we now live in daily. A nation that is filled with
blatantly wicked leaders, lawless people, and mindless citizens unable to wake up to the reality of truth. A country so far from God our Creator and far from anything that would place us in a position of actually living as our founding fathers had intended. Thankfully David does not leave us without thoughts and words of hope. Our hope as a people, individually and nationally, will not be found by looking to "man" for help. A Godless culture only changes when a great God and Savior is called upon for mercy. This book is one that should do more than just receive 5 stars. It should awaken and kick all of us into gear to pray, to think, and to live with a view towards that hope.

An excellent description and analysis of the problem followed by a sound prescription. Very much worth reading but conscience dictates deducting one star for:

1. not sufficiently emphasizing the spiritual nature of the problem: we wrestle not against flesh and blood; we do not wage war after the flesh. In Isaiah 8:13 God warns against blaming conspiracies. Yes, they do exist but they remain undiscovered because disobedient people choose not to see, choose to walk in darkness. Conversely, by His light we see light.

2. not sufficiently blaming the CHURCH for losing the initiative a very long time ago. Once upon a time the Church would have considered the very idea of giving its children over to the State for the purposes of education anathema. But then the Church rejected the sovereignty of Christ by bifurcating faith and reason and handing the development of the latter to Caesar. By rendering its children to Caesar the Church embraced socialism / statism as a matter of principle. That Caesar now claims authority over everything else should be of no surprise. To his credit, Kupelian does urge Christians to remove their children from state schools but I find his cry rather weak.

3. perhaps inadvertently making the right wing mistake of conflating Christianity with the USA. Without Christ terms like "Judeo-Christian values" become a call for moralism and civil religionism. To the extent the USA is or has ever appeared to be a City on a Hill is to the extent the CHURCH--the real City on a Hill--has been faithful in seeking first the Kingdom. Overall the book is sobering and its final chapters optimistic. Though I routinely proclaim "No king but Christ" and believe in an ultimately triumphant Church, I cannot share Kupelian's short-term optimism.
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