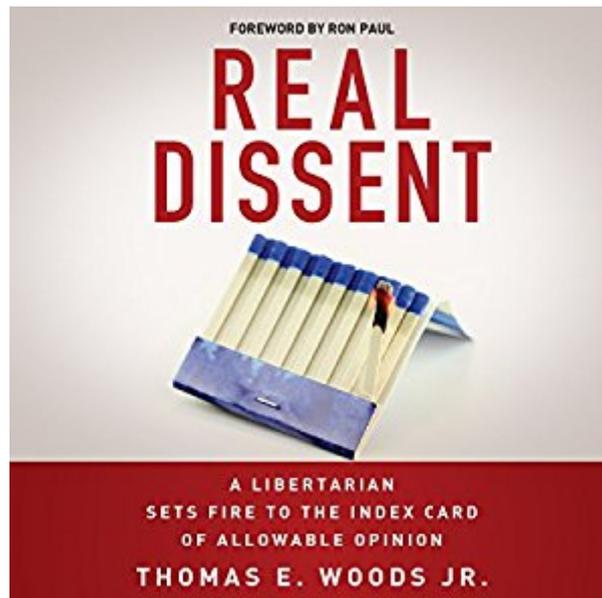


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Real Dissent: A Libertarian Sets Fire To The Index Card Of Allowable Opinion



Synopsis

Nothing makes traditional left and right kiss and make up faster than when they're faced with an articulate libertarian. Avert your eyes from this dangerous extremist, citizen! Government is composed of wise public servants who innocently pursue the common good! In *Real Dissent*, Tom Woods demolishes some of the toughest critics of libertarianism in his trademark way. In doing so he strays beyond what he calls the index card of allowable opinion, the narrow range within which the media and political classes permit debate to take place in America. Should 40% or 35% of our income be taxed? That's the kind of debate the *New York Times* prefers. Should our income be taxed at all? Now that's out of bounds, citizen! In foreign policy, Americans are permitted to choose between bombing a despised country or starving its people to death. You favor peace? Why, you must be an "extremist"! On the Federal Reserve, the debate is over which policy the Fed should pursue. But what if the Fed is itself the problem? No answer, because the question isn't raised. *Real Dissent* is organized into ten parts: Part I: War and Propaganda Part II: Capitalism and Anti-Capitalism Part III: Libertarianism Attacked, and My Replies Part IV: Ron Paul and Forbidden Truths Part V: End the Fed Part VI: History and Liberty Part VII: When Libertarians Go Wrong [on people who don't quite get their own philosophy] Part VIII: Books You May Have Missed Part IX: Talking Liberty: Selected Tom Woods Show Interviews Part X: Back to Basics Afterword: How I Evaded the Gatekeepers of Approved Opinion The index card of allowable opinion forces Americans into narrow and pointless debates, and closes off discussion of plausible and humane alternatives. For the sake of American liberty, it's time we set that thing on fire. This audiobook is a match.

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Customer Reviews

Thomas Woods' book titled REAL DISSENT is a historically accurate antidote to the "conservatives" and the cowardly war party. Woods value is that he writes very well, and he knows actual history and bona fide sources. While some readers may place Woods as a "neocon," he is certainly is not. While this reviewer does not agree with all of Woods' views, Woods presentations are logical, and he is articulate. Woods wasted no time in attacking the neocons and the "liberals" strait jacket avenues of debate. The apprehensively conventional view that political debate should be confined to Romney, Clinton, and Obama agendas is shattered by Woods book. An amusing view of the neocons is that they whine about socialism and communism. Yet, these same neocons want a Soviet Leninist-Stalinist police state to undermine their badly distorted views of history. Woods cites "chapter and verse" the contradictory neocon views and confusion. Police state spying and attempts to stifle truth are exposed in Woods' book, and the "Establishment" is uncomfortable with Woods to say the least. Both Democrats and Republicans have expanded the war state. Without knowing who the "enemy" is at any given moment, all they can do is talk about bombing people regardless of innocent unarmed civilians including women and children. Between 1988-1991, US forces destroyed Iraq's water purification system which cost the lives of approximately five hundred thousand children because US authorities did not like Saddam Hussein. Then Secretary of State Madeleine Albright actually justified such tragedy. Woods could have made this more of an issue.

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