

Why We Need To Save The Country From Its Capital

By Sarah Smarsh



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In her new book, 'Why We Need To Save The Country From Its Capital,' Sarah Smarsh argues that the concentration of power and wealth in Washington, D.C. is a threat to our democracy. Smarsh, a journalist and author, provides a detailed account of the ways in which the capital has become increasingly isolated from the rest of the country, both economically and politically. She argues that this isolation has led to a decline in the quality of life for most Americans, and that it is a major factor in the rise of populism and polarization in the United States.

Smarsh begins her book by describing the physical isolation of Washington, D.C. The city is located on the banks of the Potomac River, and it is surrounded by a ring of suburbs and exurbs. This isolation has

made it easy for the capital to become a bubble, where politicians and bureaucrats can live and work without having to interact with the rest of the country. As Smarsh writes, "Washington, D.C., is a city that is both physically and psychologically removed from the rest of the United States."

The economic isolation of Washington, D.C. is even more pronounced than its physical isolation. The city's economy is dominated by the federal government, and it is home to a large number of wealthy lobbyists and consultants. This concentration of wealth and power has led to a situation where the interests of the capital are often at odds with the interests of the rest of the country. As Smarsh writes, "The people who live and work in Washington, D.C., have a vested interest in maintaining the status quo. They are the ones who benefit from the concentration of power and wealth in the capital."

The political isolation of Washington, D.C. is the most dangerous of all. The city is home to the federal government, and it is the center of the American political system. This concentration of power has made it possible for a small group of people to control the direction of the country. As Smarsh writes, "Washington, D.C., is a city where the rules are made by a small group of people who are not accountable to the rest of the country."

The isolation of Washington, D.C. has had a profound impact on the quality of life for most Americans. The concentration of power and wealth in the capital has led to a decline in wages, benefits, and public services. It has also led to an increase in inequality and poverty. As Smarsh writes, "The people who live and work in Washington, D.C., are ng better than ever before. But for the rest of the country, the American Dream is slipping away."

The isolation of Washington, D.C. is also a major factor in the rise of populism and polarization in the United States. The people who feel that they have been left behind by the economy and the political system are increasingly turning to populist leaders who promise to shake up the status quo. This has led to a rise in political polarization, as the two major parties become more and more divided on how to address the problems of the country.

In her book, Smarsh argues that we need to save the country from its capital. She proposes a number of reforms that would reduce the concentration of power and wealth in Washington, D.C. These reforms include:

- Moving the federal government to a new location.
- Reducing the size and scope of the federal government.
- Increasing the power of state and local governments.
- Reforming the campaign finance system.
- Enacting term limits for members of Congress.

Smarsh's book is a timely and important contribution to the debate about the future of American democracy. She provides a clear and concise analysis of the problems facing our country, and she offers a number of concrete proposals for how to solve them. 'Why We Need To Save The Country From Its Capital' is a must-read for anyone who is concerned about the future of our democracy.

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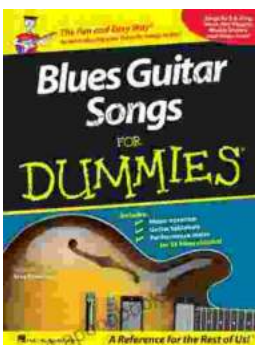


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