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In his book From Left to Right: The Journey from Liberal to Conservative, David Horowitz argues that the left has become increasingly intolerant and authoritarian, while the right has become more tolerant and open-minded.

Horowitz, a former liberal himself, provides a detailed and personal account of his own journey from the left to the right. He describes how he was once a committed socialist who believed in the power of government to create a more just and equitable society. However, over time, he became disillusioned with the left's embrace of identity politics, its hostility to free speech, and its increasing reliance on violence and intimidation.

Horowitz's book is a valuable contribution to the ongoing debate about the future of American politics. It is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the rise of the alt-right and the decline of the left.

The Left's Embrace of Identity Politics

One of the most significant changes that Horowitz has observed in the left over the past few decades is its embrace of identity politics. Identity politics is the belief that people should be judged and treated according to their race, gender, sexual orientation, or other group affiliations.

Horowitz argues that identity politics is a dangerous and divisive ideology. It encourages people to see themselves as victims and to blame others for their problems. It also leads to a Balkanization of society, as people retreat into their own echo chambers and refuse to engage with those who disagree with them.

The left's embrace of identity politics has had a number of negative consequences. It has made it more difficult to have honest and productive conversations about race, gender, and other sensitive topics. It has also created a climate of fear and intimidation on college campuses and other public spaces.

The Left's Hostility to Free Speech

Another major change that Horowitz has observed in the left over the past few decades is its increasing hostility to free speech. Free speech is the cornerstone of a free and democratic society. It allows people to express their opinions without fear of censorship or reprisal.

However, the left has increasingly come to view free speech as a threat. This is because free speech can be used to challenge the left's orthodoxy on a variety of issues, such as race, gender, and climate change.

The left's hostility to free speech has had a number of negative consequences. It has created a climate of fear and intimidation on college campuses and other public spaces. It has also made it more difficult for people to express their opinions without fear of being labeled a racist, sexist, or homophobe.

The Left's Increasing Reliance on Violence and Intimidation

In recent years, the left has increasingly resorted to violence and intimidation to achieve its goals. This is a dangerous and counterproductive tactic that has no place in a free and democratic society.

The left's use of violence and intimidation has had a number of negative consequences. It has created a climate of fear and intimidation on college campuses and other public spaces. It has also led to a number of violent attacks against conservatives and other political opponents.

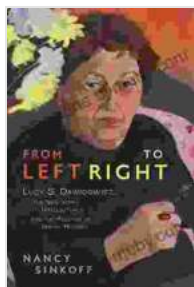
The Right's Increasing Tolerance and Open-Mindedness

While the left has become increasingly intolerant and authoritarian, the right has become more tolerant and open-minded.

This is due in part to the fact that the right has embraced the principles of classical liberalism, which emphasize individual liberty, free markets, and limited government. Classical liberalism is a tolerant and open-minded ideology that values diversity and respects the rights of individuals.

The right's increasing tolerance and open-mindedness has been reflected in a number of positive changes in recent years. For example, the right has become more accepting of same-sex marriage and other LGBT rights. It has also become more open to immigration and other forms of diversity.

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