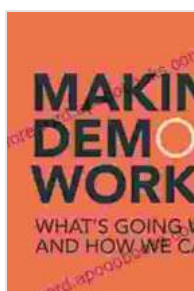


Making Our Democracy Work: A Judge's View

In his new book, Judge Frank Easterbrook offers a candid and thought-provoking assessment of the state of American democracy. Easterbrook, a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, argues that our democracy is in need of serious repair. He identifies a number of factors that are undermining our democracy, including the rise of partisanship, the decline of civility, and the increasing influence of money in politics.

Easterbrook is not a Pollyanna. He does not believe that our democracy is doomed. But he does believe that we need to take action to address the problems that are facing us. He offers a number of specific proposals for reform, including campaign finance reform, redistricting reform, and judicial reform.



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Easterbrook's book is a must-read for anyone who cares about the future of American democracy. It is a clear-eyed and honest assessment of the problems that we face, and it offers a number of practical solutions for how to fix them.

The Rise of Partisanship

One of the most significant challenges facing our democracy is the rise of partisanship. Partisanship is the tendency to identify with a particular political party and to support that party's candidates and policies, regardless of their merits.

Partisanship has always been a part of American politics, but it has become increasingly polarized in recent years. This polarization has made it difficult for our elected officials to work together to solve the problems facing our country.

There are a number of factors that have contributed to the rise of partisanship, including the decline of civility, the increasing influence of money in politics, and the rise of social media.

The Decline of Civility

Another challenge facing our democracy is the decline of civility. Civility is the practice of treating others with respect and consideration, even if you disagree with them.

Civility has always been an important part of American society, but it has become increasingly eroded in recent years. This erosion is due in part to the rise of partisanship, the increasing influence of money in politics, and the rise of social media.

The decline of civility has made it difficult for our elected officials to work together to solve the problems facing our country. It has also made it more difficult for us to have productive conversations about important issues.

The Increasing Influence of Money in Politics

Another challenge facing our democracy is the increasing influence of money in politics. Money has always played a role in American politics, but it has become increasingly influential in recent years.

The increasing influence of money in politics is due in part to the Supreme Court's decision in *Citizens United v. FEC*, which allowed corporations and unions to spend unlimited amounts of money on political campaigns.

The increasing influence of money in politics has had a number of negative consequences. It has made it more difficult for candidates who do not have access to large amounts of money to run for office. It has also made it more likely that our elected officials will be beholden to special interests.

The Rise of Social Media

Another challenge facing our democracy is the rise of social media. Social media has become an increasingly important way for people to get their news and information.

Social media has a number of advantages. It can be a great way to connect with people, to share information, and to learn about different perspectives.

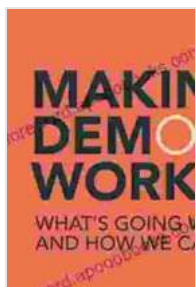
However, social media also has a number of disadvantages. It can be a breeding ground for misinformation and disinformation. It can also be a place where people are less likely to be civil and respectful of others.

The rise of social media has had a number of negative consequences for our democracy. It has made it more difficult for people to have productive conversations about important issues. It has also made it more difficult for our elected officials to work together to solve the problems facing our country.

Our democracy is facing a number of serious challenges. These challenges include the rise of partisanship, the decline of civility, the increasing influence of money in politics, and the rise of social media.

We need to take action to address these challenges. We need to find ways to reduce partisanship, increase civility, reduce the influence of money in politics, and mitigate the negative effects of social media.

The future of our democracy depends on it.



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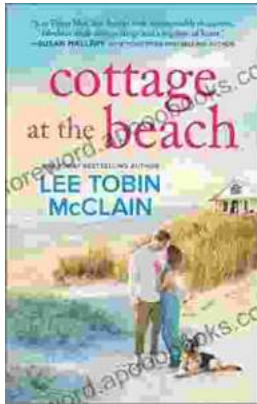
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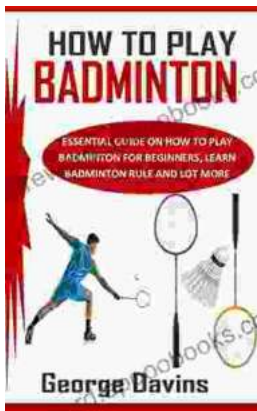
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