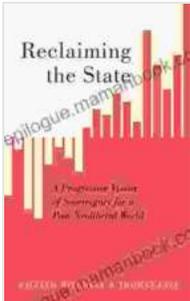


# A Progressive Vision of Sovereignty for a Post-Neoliberal World



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Neoliberalism has eroded the sovereignty of nations, but a progressive vision can restore it. Neoliberalism is an economic and political ideology that promotes free markets, deregulation, and privatization. It has been the dominant ideology in the world since the 1980s, and it has had a profound impact on the way that nations are governed.

Neoliberalism has weakened the power of nation-states in several ways. First, it has led to the deregulation of the global economy, which has made it easier for corporations to move their operations to other countries. This has eroded the tax base of nation-states and made it more difficult for them to provide essential services to their citizens.

Second, neoliberalism has promoted privatization, which has transferred public assets into private hands. This has reduced the ability of nation-

states to control their own economies and resources.

Third, neoliberalism has undermined democracy by creating a system in which the wealthy and powerful have a disproportionate influence over policy-making. This has made it more difficult for nation-states to represent the interests of their citizens.

The erosion of national sovereignty has had a number of negative consequences. It has led to increased inequality, environmental degradation, and social unrest. It has also made it more difficult for nation-states to address global challenges, such as climate change and terrorism.

A progressive vision of sovereignty can restore the power of nation-states and address the challenges of the 21st century. This vision is based on the following principles:

- **Economic sovereignty:** Nation-states should have the power to control their own economies and resources.
- **Social sovereignty:** Nation-states should have the power to provide essential services to their citizens and protect their rights.
- **Environmental sovereignty:** Nation-states should have the power to protect their environment and natural resources.
- **Democratic sovereignty:** Nation-states should be governed by democratic principles that give all citizens a voice in policy-making.

A progressive vision of sovereignty is not a return to the past. It is a vision of a new kind of sovereignty that is fit for the 21st century. This vision is based on the belief that nation-states are essential for protecting the

interests of their citizens and addressing the challenges of the globalized world.

## **The Pillars of Progressive Sovereignty**

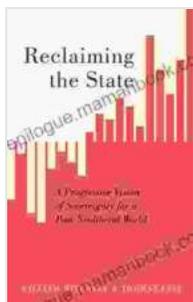
The progressive vision of sovereignty is based on four pillars:

1. **Economic democracy:** This means that workers and consumers have a say in the decisions that affect their economic lives. It includes policies such as worker cooperatives, employee ownership, and consumer cooperatives.
2. **Social justice:** This means that everyone has access to essential services such as healthcare, education, and housing. It also includes policies that protect the rights of workers, women, and minorities.
3. **Environmental sustainability:** This means that we must protect our planet for future generations. It includes policies that reduce pollution, promote renewable energy, and conserve natural resources.
4. **Democratic governance:** This means that governments are accountable to the people they serve. It includes policies that promote transparency, participation, and the rule of law.

These four pillars are interconnected and mutually reinforcing. Economic democracy is essential for social justice, social justice is essential for environmental sustainability, and environmental sustainability is essential for democratic governance. Together, these pillars form the foundation of a progressive vision of sovereignty.

A progressive vision of sovereignty is essential for the 21st century. It is a vision of a world where nation-states are able to control their own

economies and resources, protect the rights of their citizens, and address the challenges of the globalized world. This vision is based on the belief that nation-states are essential for protecting the interests of their citizens and addressing the challenges of the globalized world. It is a vision of a world where all people have the power to shape their own futures.



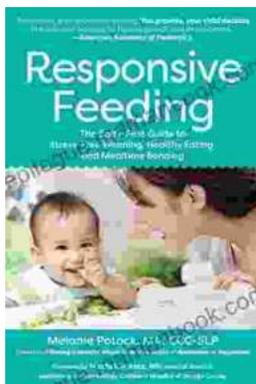
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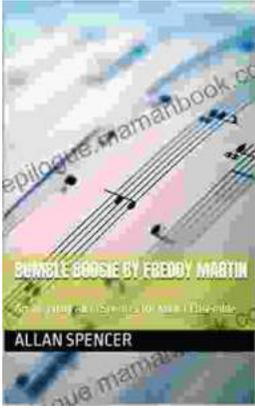
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