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'The Times They Were a-Changin' Robert S McElvaine, 2022-06-07. An award-winning historian on the transformative year in the sixties that continues to reverberate in our lives and politics for readers of Heather Cox Richardson. If 1968 marked a turning point in a pivotal decade, 1964—or rather the long 1964 from JFK's assassination in November 1963 to mid-1965—was the time when the sixties truly arrived. It was then that the United States began a radical shift toward a much more inclusive definition of American with a greater degree of equality and a government actively involved in social and economic improvement. It was a radical shift accompanied by a cultural revolution. The same month Bob Dylan released his iconic ballad 'The Times They Are a-Changin'.' In January 1964, President Lyndon Johnson announced his War on Poverty. Spurred by the civil rights movement and a generation pushing for change, the Civil Rights Act, the Voting Rights Act, and the Immigration and Nationality Act were passed during this period. This was a time of competing definitions of freedom: freedom from racism, freedom from poverty. White youth sought freedoms they associated with black culture, captured imperfectly in the phrase 'sex, drugs, and rock n' roll.' Along with freedom from racist oppression, black Americans sought the opportunities associated with the white middle class. White freedom. Women challenged rigid gender roles. And in response to these freedoms, the changing mores and youth culture, the contrary impulse found political expression in such figures as Barry Goldwater and Ronald Reagan, proponents of what was presented as freedom from government interference. Meanwhile, a nonevent in the Tonkin Gulf would accelerate the nation's plunge into the Vietnam tragedy. In narrating 1964's moment of reckoning when American identity began to be reimagined, McElvaine ties those past battles to their legacy today. Throughout, he captures the changing consciousness of the period through its vibrant music, film, literature, and personalities.

THE YEARS OF LYNDON JOHNSON: THE PASSAGE OF POWER. Robert Caro, **The Presidential Image** Iwan Morgan, Mark White, 2020-04-02. Presidential Image has become an integral part of the campaign, presidency, and legacy of Modern American presidents. Across the 20th century to the age of Trump, presidential image has

dominated media coverage and public consciousness winning elections gaining support for their leadership in office and shaping their reputation in history Is the creation of the presidential image part of a carefully conceived public relations strategy or result of the president's critics and opponents Can the way the media interpret a president's actions and words alter their image And how much influence do cultural outputs contribute to the construction of a presidential image Using ten presidential case studies this edited collection features contributions from scholars and political journalists from the UK and America to analyse aspects of Presidential Image that shaped their perceived effectiveness as America's leader and to explore this complex controversial and continuous element of modern presidential politics

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Means of Ascent Robert A. Caro, 2011-11-23 In Means of Ascent Book Two of The Years of Lyndon Johnson Robert A Caro brings alive Lyndon Johnson in his wilderness years Here Johnson's almost mythic personality part genius part behemoth at once hotly emotional and icily calculating is seen at its most nakedly ambitious This multifaceted book carries the President to be from the aftermath of his devastating defeat in his 1941 campaign for the Senate the despair it engendered in him and the grueling test of his spirit that followed as political doors slammed shut through his service in World War II and his artful embellishment of his record to the foundation of his fortune and the actual facts behind the myth he created about it The culminating drama the explosive heart of the book is Caro's illumination based on extraordinarily detailed investigation of one of the great political mysteries of the century Having immersed himself in Johnson's life and world Caro is able to reveal the true story of the fiercely contested 1948 senatorial election for years shrouded in rumor which Johnson was not believed capable of winning which he had to win or face certain political death and which he did win by 87 votes the 87 votes that changed history Telling that epic story in riveting and eye opening detail Caro returns to the American consciousness a magnificent lost hero He focuses closely not only on Johnson whom we see harnessing every last particle of his strategic brilliance and energy but on Johnson's unbeatable opponent the beloved former Texas Governor Coke Stevenson who embodied in his own life the myth of the cowboy knight and was himself a legend for his unfaltering integrity And ultimately as the political duel between the two men quickens carrying with it all the confrontational and moral drama of the perfect Western Caro makes us witness to a

momentous turning point in American politics the tragic last stand of the old politics versus the new the politics of issue versus the politics of image mass manipulation money and electronic dazzle *The Double Game* James Cameron,2018 How did the United States move from a position of nuclear superiority over the Soviet Union at the beginning of the 1960s to one of nuclear parity under the doctrine of mutual assured destruction in 1972 Drawing on declassified records of conversations three presidents had with their most trusted advisors James Cameron offers an original answer to this question John F Kennedy Lyndon Johnson and Richard Nixon struggled to reconcile their personal convictions about the nuclear arms race with the views of the public and Congress In doing so they engaged in a double game hiding their true beliefs behind a facade of strategic language while grappling in private with the complex realities of the nuclear age Cameron shows how despite reservations about the nuclear buildup Kennedy and Johnson pushed ahead with an anti ballistic missile ABM system for the United States fearing the domestic political consequences of scrapping both the system and the popular doctrine of strategic superiority that underpinned it By contrast the abrupt decline in US public and congressional support in 1969 forced Nixon to give up America's first ABM and the US lead in offensive ballistic missiles through agreements with the Soviet Union despite his conviction that the US needed a nuclear edge to maintain the security of the West By placing this dynamic at the center of the story *The Double Game* provides a new overarching interpretation of this pivotal period in the development of US nuclear policy and a window onto current debates over nuclear superiority deterrence and the future of American grand strategy 50 Politics Classics: Freedom Equality Power Tom Butler-Bowdon,2015-05-07 Explore politics through 50 classic books and influential writers who produced mind changing ideas and world changing political thought *Congressional Giants* J. Michael Martinez,2020-05-26 The Congress of the United States operates in the shadow of the American presidency which can make the legislative branch appear less important than the executive in our constitutional system of government And yet Congress is a co equal branch of government deriving its powers from Article I of the United States Constitution Love it or hate it the institution is a source of incredible power It behooves all Americans to learn more about Congress Although a single slender volume cannot provide information on all there is to know about Congress it can begin the journey In *Congressional Giants* political scientist J Michael Martinez explores the careers and achievements of 14 influential leaders of Congress men who either held formal positions within the chambers of Congress such as speaker of the House of Representatives or Senate majority leader or who served on important committees to determine how they shaped the course of American history **Hidden Power** James Cockayne,2017-10-01 An exploration of a world in which states and mafias compete in a market for government and not only states but also some criminal groups make war Human Nature, Interest, and Power Tex Sample,2013-10-17 This book criticizes three basic concepts in Reinhold Niebuhr's social thought his views of human nature interest and power Attention is directed especially at the way Niebuhr's concepts lack sufficient historicity obscure social and political dynamics and finally lack adequate descriptive power An alternative to each of these

concepts is offered and used as a way to open up social thought to more complex analysis more concrete and material uses and a discussion of implications for alternative direction and action The Dillon Era Richard Aldous,2023-10-02 C Douglas Dillon heir to a vast investment banking fortune and one of the richest men in America during his political career was a Republican who served in a Democratic administration and became one of the greatest modern treasury secretaries He believed in bipartisanship and public duty a sensibility that has all but faded from the current political climate With exclusive access to the family's archive in The Dillon Era Richard Aldous sets fresh eyes on a well documented period in recent American history unfolding a deeply influential but somewhat overlooked political career In 1953 President Eisenhower appointed Dillon as ambassador to Paris and he promoted him to second in command in the State Department in 1958 Tapped by Presidents Kennedy and Johnson for treasury secretary to reassure Wall Street that the nation's finances were in safe hands Dillon would become one of President Kennedy's closest advisors and perhaps the only cabinet member who was a personal friend His impact on the Kennedy and Johnson administrations was immense not least in delivering the most comprehensive income tax cuts the nation had ever seen Overseas he worked to sustain political cooperation as the Bretton Woods system threatened to unravel By the time he left office in 1965 the Washington Post recognized Dillon as by far the best Secretary of the Treasury of the postwar period and European Economic Community president Walter Hallstein hailed a new Dillon era Dillon advocated for evolution and reform over radicalism and he placed the national interest above party interest The Dillon Era throws new light on the postwar period identifying Dillon as a pivotal figure in American policymaking during these crucial years of the Cold War Herbert H. Lehman Duane Tananbaum,2016-12-20 This new biography of Herbert Lehman the first in a half century fills the void left by historians and political scientists who have neglected one of the truly great liberal icons of the mid twentieth century Based on extensive research in archival sources Herbert H Lehman restores this four term Governor of New York US Senator national and international humanitarian and political reformer to his rightful place among the pantheon of liberal heroes of his era By focusing on Lehman's interactions with Al Smith Franklin Roosevelt Harry Truman Lyndon Johnson and John Kennedy Duane Tananbaum shows how Lehman succeeded politically despite his refusal to compromise with his conscience In his thirty five years of public service Herbert Lehman fought the Republicans in the State Legislature to provide economic security for New Yorkers during the Great Depression and he battled the bureaucrats in the Roosevelt and Truman administrations and the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration to feed the starving people in Europe and Asia during and after World War II His efforts on behalf of the welfare state civil rights legislation and immigration reform helped keep the liberal agenda alive until Congress and the nation were ready to enact it into law as part of Lyndon Johnson's Great Society in 1964 1965

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