The Best of The Weekly Standard, 2001-2005: A Critical Review

The Weekly Standard is a conservative news magazine that was founded in 1995. It is known for its sharp wit and its willingness to take on controversial topics. The magazine has been praised by some for its intellectual rigor and its commitment to free speech, but it has also been criticized for its partisan bias and its support for the Iraq War.

In 2006, The Weekly Standard published a collection of essays by some of the most prominent conservative thinkers of our time. The essays cover a wide range of topics, from politics and religion to culture and economics. They are all well-written and thought-provoking, and they offer a valuable glimpse into the conservative mind.



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The Essays

The essays in The Best of The Weekly Standard are divided into four sections: "Politics," "Religion," "Culture," and "Economics." The politics section includes essays by William Kristol, Robert Kagan, and David Frum. The religion section includes essays by Michael Novak, Richard John Neuhaus, and George Weigel. The culture section includes essays by Christopher Hitchens, Terry Teachout, and James Bowman. The economics section includes essays by Thomas Sowell, Walter E. Williams, and John Stossel.

The essays in the politics section are mostly focused on the Iraq War and the War on Terror. Kristol, Kagan, and Frum all argue that the Iraq War was necessary to protect the United States from the threat of terrorism. They also argue that the war has been a success, and that it has made the world a safer place.

The essays in the religion section are mostly focused on the role of religion in American society. Novak, Neuhaus, and Weigel all argue that religion is a positive force in society, and that it should be encouraged. They also argue that the separation of church and state is a mistake, and that it has led to a decline in morality in America.

The essays in the culture section are mostly focused on the decline of Western civilization. Hitchens, Teachout, and Bowman all argue that Western civilization is in decline, and that it is being replaced by a new, more barbaric culture. They also argue that the left is to blame for this decline, and that it is trying to destroy Western civilization.

The essays in the economics section are mostly focused on the free market. Sowell, Williams, and Stossel all argue that the free market is the

best way to create wealth and prosperity. They also argue that government intervention in the economy is harmful, and that it leads to poverty and stagnation.

Critical Review

The Best of The Weekly Standard is a well-written and thought-provoking collection of essays by some of the most prominent conservative thinkers of our time. The essays cover a wide range of topics, and they offer a valuable glimpse into the conservative mind. However, the essays are also partisan and biased, and they often rely on unsubstantiated claims.

One of the most striking things about The Best of The Weekly Standard is its partisanship. The essays are all written from a conservative perspective, and they often attack the left. For example, Hitchens refers to the left as "the enemy," and he accuses it of trying to destroy Western civilization. This kind of rhetoric is not only divisive, but it also makes it difficult to have a productive dialogue about the issues facing our country.

Another problem with The Best of The Weekly Standard is its reliance on unsubstantiated claims. For example, Kristol, Kagan, and Frum all argue that the Iraq War was necessary to protect the United States from the threat of terrorism. However, they provide no evidence to support this claim. In fact, there is evidence to suggest that the Iraq War actually made the United States less safe from terrorism.

Overall, The Best of The Weekly Standard is a well-written and thoughtprovoking collection of essays by some of the most prominent conservative thinkers of our time. However, the essays are also partisan and biased, and they often rely on unsubstantiated claims. As a result, the book is likely to appeal only to those who already agree with the conservative perspective.

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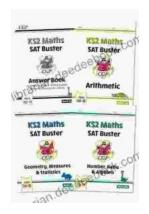
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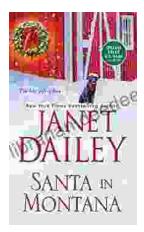


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