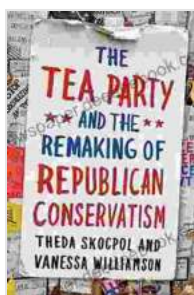


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This article will explore the history, ideology, and legacy of the Tea Party, and its impact on the Republican Party and American politics.

History

The Tea Party movement emerged in 2009 as a response to the Obama administration's policies, particularly the Affordable Care Act, and the financial crisis of 2008. The movement was fueled by anger over government spending, taxes, and what was seen as government overreach.

The Tea Party quickly gained traction, thanks in part to the use of social media and the support of conservative media outlets. By 2010, the Tea Party had become a major force in the Republican Party, helping to elect a number of conservative candidates to Congress.

In 2011, the Tea Party played a key role in the passage of the Budget Control Act, which imposed spending cuts and raised the debt ceiling. The Tea Party also helped to defeat President Obama's American Jobs Act.

However, the Tea Party's influence began to decline in 2012, as the Republican Party shifted its focus to more moderate candidates. The Tea Party also faced criticism from some Republicans for its tactics and its opposition to compromise.

Ideology

The Tea Party movement is a diverse coalition of conservatives, libertarians, and populists. The movement's core beliefs include:

* Fiscal conservatism: The Tea Party believes that government spending is too high and that taxes are too burdensome. * Social conservatism: The Tea Party believes in traditional values and opposes abortion and same-sex marriage. * Libertarianism: The Tea Party believes in individual liberty and limited government. * Populism: The Tea Party believes that the government is out of touch with the needs of ordinary Americans.

Legacy

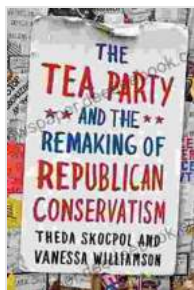
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intolerant of dissent and of contributing to the polarization of American politics.

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