

Reviving Free Enterprise: The Business Endeavors in Post-War America

Introduction

The post-World War II era in the United States was a time of dramatic change and upheaval. The war had left the country's economy in shambles, and the nation was deeply divided over the best way to rebuild. In the midst of this chaos, the business community emerged as a powerful force, determined to reshape American society in its own image.

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The business community's efforts were largely successful. By the end of the 1950s, the New Deal order had been dismantled, and the power of organized labor had been severely weakened. Free enterprise had become the dominant ideology in American society, and the business community had emerged as the most powerful force in the country.

The consequences of this transformation were profound. The United States became a more unequal society, with a growing gap between the rich and the poor. The environment was also harmed, as businesses pursued profits without regard for the consequences. And the American people lost their faith in government and their ability to shape their own destiny.

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Book Description

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This book tells the story of how the business community reshaped American society in the post-war era. It is a story that has been largely forgotten, but it is one that deserves to be told. This book is a valuable resource for anyone interested in American history,

economics, or business. It is also a cautionary tale about the dangers of corporate power and the importance of a strong democracy.

Chapter 1: A Post-War Transformation

Business Leaders' Vision for a New America

The business leaders of post-war America were determined to reshape the country in their own image. They believed that the New Deal policies of the 1930s had stifled economic growth and undermined individual liberty. They were convinced that the only way to restore prosperity to the United States was to dismantle the New Deal order and promote free enterprise.

Business leaders had a clear vision for the New America they wanted to create. They envisioned a society in which business was the dominant force and government intervention in the economy was minimal. They believed that this would lead to increased economic growth, higher wages, and a better standard of living for all Americans.

To achieve their goals, business leaders launched a massive campaign to discredit New Deal liberalism and promote free enterprise. They used their wealth and influence to lobby politicians, fund anti-labor propaganda, and spread their message through the media. They also worked to infiltrate schools and community organizations, where they promoted their own version of history and economics.

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The business leaders' vision for a New America was a flawed one. It led to a society that was more divided and less just. But it is important to understand this vision in order to understand the course of American history in the post-war era.

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Dismantling New Deal Policies

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One of the key targets of the business community's attack was the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA), which had been passed in 1935. The NLRA gave workers the right to organize unions and bargain collectively with their employers. Business leaders argued that the NLRA had given unions too much power and that it was stifling economic growth.

The business community also targeted the Social Security Act, which had been passed in 1935. The Social Security Act provided a safety net for the elderly, the unemployed, and the disabled. Business leaders argued that the Social Security Act was too expensive and that it discouraged people from working.

The business community's efforts to dismantle New Deal policies were largely successful. By the end of the 1950s, the NLRA had been weakened, and the Social Security Act had been scaled back. The business community had also succeeded in creating a climate of

fear and hostility towards unions. As a result, the labor movement declined sharply in the post-war era.

The dismantling of New Deal policies had a profound impact on American society. It led to a widening gap between the rich and the poor, and it made it more difficult for working people to achieve economic security. It also weakened the power of organized labor, which made it more difficult for workers to fight for their rights.

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The Rise of Anti-Labor Sentiment

The end of World War II brought about a surge of anti-labor sentiment in the United States. This was due to a number of factors, including the perception that unions were too powerful, the rise of communism, and the desire of businesses to reduce their labor costs.

One of the main factors that contributed to the rise of anti-labor sentiment was the perception that unions were too powerful. During the war, unions had gained significant power and influence, as they were able to negotiate favorable contracts for their members. This led to resentment among some business leaders and politicians, who felt that unions were interfering with the free market.

Another factor that contributed to the rise of anti-labor sentiment was the rise of communism. In the aftermath of World War II, the United States and the Soviet Union

emerged as the two superpowers. The Soviet Union was a communist country, and many Americans feared that communism was a threat to the American way of life. This fear led some Americans to view unions as a potential source of communist infiltration.

Finally, many businesses were eager to reduce their labor costs. Unions had been successful in negotiating higher wages and better benefits for their members, and businesses were looking for ways to reduce these costs. This led some businesses to support anti-labor policies and legislation.

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