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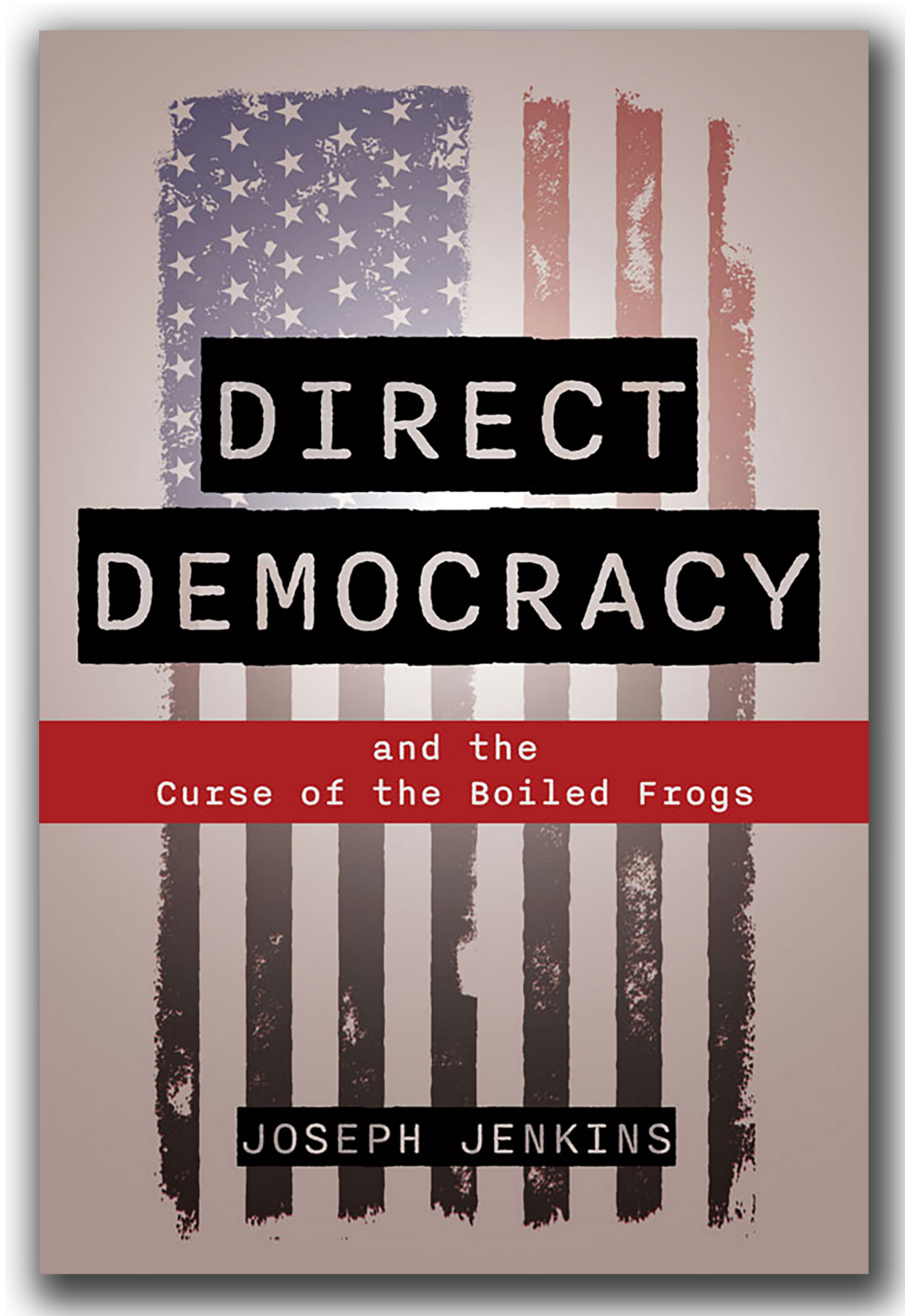


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Editorial Reviews

Midwest Book Review:

“Direct Democracy: and the Curse of the Boiled Frogs, by Joseph Jenkins, so urgently needs to be an addition to personal, professional, community, and college/university library Contemporary Political Science collections and supplemental curriculum studies lists in the hope that Jenkins’ message can help turn the tide and restore American confidence in our democratic political systems, and avoid the fate of so many republics and democracies that have proceeded us.”

Reviewed by Romuald Dzemo for Readers’ Favorite (5 stars):

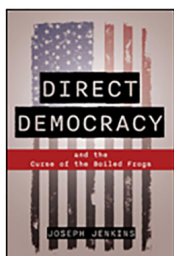
“Direct Democracy: And the Curse of the Boiled Frogs by Joseph Jenkins is one of the best books I have read on politics and democracy. This comprehensive critique of the modern political and social landscape offers a sweeping overview of how systemic corruption, propaganda, and manipulation have eroded genuine democracy and human rights. The author provides a vision of a reformed governance system rooted in direct citizen participation through random selection and voting. He argues that current representative democracies are outdated, vulnerable to elite control, and incapable of serving the will of the people. The book chronicles historical abuses — such as witch hunts, wars, and the rise of totalitarian regimes — and connects them to contemporary issues, including the fraudulent COVID-19 pandemic response, censorship, and the concentration of wealth and power among a small oligarchic class. Jenkins advocates for a radical overhaul: replacing election-based representative systems with a direct democracy model where ordinary citizens vote directly on legislation, and representatives are randomly selected from the populace.

The commentaries are varied, ranging from current social and political issues to threats to health and human survival. Joseph Jenkins explores the perils of mass hysteria, propaganda, and the manipulation of public perception — illustrated through historical examples like the Salem Witch trials and Nazi Germany — and applies these lessons to the modern “scamdemic” and vaccine campaigns. He criticizes the role of mainstream media, Big Pharma, and government agencies in orchestrating fear, censorship, and medical tyranny under the guise of public health. The book examines issues of wealth inequality, the corrupting influence of money in politics, and the dangers of centralized power. It also discusses the psychological effects of propaganda, comparing it to “brain donuts” and “boiled frogs” — to emphasize how mass mind control prevents independent thought. I loved the writing — crisp and clean. The observant, conversational tone impressed me, and I found Direct Democracy to be not only a timely read but an urgent and necessary study of real democracy.”

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book review by Mihir Shah

"Democracy, in a nutshell, means 'let people decide.' Yet, democracy is dying a hasty death right before our eyes."

Jenkins takes the meaning of "we the people" to the ultimate level by proposing a shift in how society and government operate, leading to collaboration and mitigating greed and bias within the judicial system. The end goal, as he reiterates throughout the work, is the implementation of a better democracy, one that is not susceptible to political gamesmanship and the power of the almighty dollar. At the core of Jenkins' work is a fervent desire to truly execute on the phrase, "represent their constituents," and spark an evolution of the United States government that does what it set out to do back in 1776: serve the people.

Perhaps there has never been a more pivotal moment in US history than the one it faces now. In many ways, the country is at an inflection point, its decisions influenced by partisan interests that hinder the government from making meaningful progress. For instance, Jenkins compares the nation's mounting thirty-five trillion dollar debt as a robbery in "broad daylight," in which the perpetrators are the politicians that we ourselves have elected. With both sincerity and force, he articulates the immediate need for this to change.

With each section broken down into concise and compelling commentary, readers are constantly provided with guidance and clarity while also being encouraged to think for themselves. Jenkins does a commendable job of giving the evidence, and in most cases, it is irrefutable. Whether it's how the pandemic became a partisan rally cry filled with mixed responses or something as egregious as headlines like "19,000 Dead People Registered to Vote," Jenkins' astute observations are undeniable. What makes this work stand out the most is that he goes a step beyond identifying the problems by providing the same zeal and attentiveness in creating systematic solutions.

Conjure the vision of a direct democracy that is spearheaded by a random, intelligent selection process that eradicates the arcane and agenda-driven election system. In this manner, there is no pathway for greed and power to be negatively incentivized. In fact, the author is incredibly meticulous with his system, beginning with a pool of 7.5 million potential candidates from which 7,500 would be randomly selected for further consideration. Digging deeper, Jenkins uses historical examples, such as referencing Marx and "The Communist Manifesto," to caution that democracy will die a gruesome death in the United States if it continues to maintain its pretenses. From the "Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen" and the Magna Carta to the hallowed Constitution itself, Jenkins incorporates texts in his work that impel audiences to truly reflect on the merits of his arguments.

One of the greatest hurdles that must be conquered, the author argues, is the mass hysteria that is further exacerbated by the media and propaganda, leading citizens into murky waters and defining their decision-making through fear. Harkening back to the Salem witch trials, Jenkins shows how far the collective can go when they are driven by fear and self-preservation, creating an inherently self-centered community that will stop at nothing. The truth becomes a shell of itself, transforming into an agenda-driven objective. Jenkins vehemently signals that the status quo will only lead to the worst-case scenario of democracy crumbling, followed by mayhem and an abject disregard for human worth. Above all else, Jenkins' work is an intensely thought-provoking lifeline for political players to navigate pertinent social issues in the increasingly complex world of US democracy, a scintillating commentary that is a meaningful and educational read for all audiences, especially those in academia and the higher echelons of government.

RECOMMENDED by the US Review

From the Author

This book was written by the author on behalf of his grandchildren to chronicle the absurd derangement of the United States government in the early 2020s. Written from the perspective of a working class person, it documents details about the lunacy that overtook America over the past few generations, with a special focus on the 2020-2024 years. The corrupt derangement of our government in concert with mainstream propaganda outlets is quickly becoming “memory holed,” or swept under the rug. The sooner everyone forgets about the mass insanity fomented by propaganda machines and unhinged billionaires, the sooner the next wave of mass insanity can be forced upon us. This book documents a level of government incompetence that future readers will certainly read in disbelief.

All is not gloom and doom however. Direct Democracy offers a solution: a new form of governance. First and foremost, the government must exist as a tool created by the people to protect and preserve their inalienable rights. Secondly, citizens must vote directly on legislation. Thirdly, representatives must be randomly selected using an intelligent filtration process. Elections are not needed. Finally, citizens must also craft legislation. By controlling the legislative process, we the people can regain control of our money, the U.S. Treasury, the collective pot of taxpayer cash that is currently being ineptly mishandled, grossly mismanaged, and repeatedly robbed by master criminals.

About the Author

Joseph Jenkins began self-publishing when he turned his master’s thesis into the non-fiction *Humanure Handbook* and published it in 1995. The book was execrable, but it has gone on to sell over 90,000 copies in 4 editions, translated in whole or in part into 20 languages, including Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Hebrew, Spanish, French, Portuguese, etc.

The non-fiction *Slate Roof Bible*, 1st edition, received the National Roofing Contractor’s Association’s Gold Circle Award. The 3rd edition received 10 book awards.

The Balance Point - a Missing Link in Human Consciousness, a work of “creative non-fiction,” was a 2019 IPPY Bronze Medalist, took 1st place in the Top Shelf Indie Book Awards, and won the New York City Big Book Awards in two separate categories!

Slate Roofs 1926 is a modified reproduction of the original 84-page classic “Slate Roofs,” published in January 1926.

The Compost Toilet Handbook is an illustrated manual explaining how to make, use, and manage compost toilets, which are waste-free toilets.

Self Publishing Top Ten Tips is a short book Jenkins promised to write if he ever sold more than a million dollars of his own books (he wrote it after topping 3 million).

Direct Democracy and the Curse of the Boiled Frogs, written for Jenkins grandchildren for when they grow up, is an attempt to start a conversation, if not a movement, about transforming government into real democracy.

Joseph Jenkins Academic Speaking Venues Have Included:

Belmont Technical College, St. Clairsville, Ohio
Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
Edinboro University, Edinboro, PA
Penn State Dubois Campus, Dubois, PA
Penn State University, Main Campus, State College, PA
Prescott College, Prescott, Arizona
Slippery Rock University, Slippery Rock, PA
Tampere University of Applied Sciences, Tampere, Finland (four times)
Westminster College, PA
Youngstown State University, Youngstown, Ohio

Jenkins has spoken at community venues throughout the US and in Canada, Haiti, Mongolia, Finland, Morocco, Spain, Nicaragua, Mozambique, India, and Tanzania.

Excerpts

“In 1776, the population of the entire United States was less than the population of Chicago, Illinois today. In 1776, without cars, electricity, Internet, or advanced technology, and with such a small population, a ‘Constitutional Republic’ made sense. It was a revolutionary leap away from the rule of kings. It was a successful model that suited the times and it worked. But it has become obsolete. By clinging to an outdated, anachronistic mode of governing, we are creating a monster. And that monster will devour us if we don't get it under control.”

“Humans are the creator species; we can create the future we want; we can evolve our ‘democracy.’ Voting is needed; what we don’t need are a tiny minority of politicians voting on behalf of everyone else. That scenario has become a recipe for disaster, as indicated by the impending collapse of the United States of America, and much of the Western world, in the twenty-first century.”

“When you vote for a representative, you are not exercising your right to vote, you are sacrificing your right to vote. Laws then become written and voted upon by a small group of individuals, members of congress, senators, and other representatives, who require the financial backing of special interests. Those special interests include the medical industrial complex, the military industrial complex, the chemical industry, the vaccine industry, and so on. If you are one of the 535 voting members in the U.S. Congress, there’s a good chance that you'll be voting for the best interests of your financial backers. On the other hand, if American citizens claimed their true right to vote directly on legislation, and if only 15% of the 162 million registered voters actually took the time to do the research, inform themselves on legislation, and vote on it, then 24,300,000 people would be weighing in on the issues. That's over 24 million people deciding what legislation would pass and what wouldn't.”

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9th Annual Askins Achievement Award

12th Annual Writers Digest International Self-Published Book Awards

2004 Independent Publisher Book Award

Foreword Magazine Book of the Year Award

Writers Notes Book Award

Butler Outdoor Club Outstanding Outdoor Award Nominee

National Roofing Contractors Association Gold Circle Award

Three Rivers Environmental Award

Independent Publisher Outstanding Book of the Year

Foreword Magazine's Book of the Year Award

2006 IPPY Award Honorable Mention

Benjamin Franklin Award Finalist

Amazon.com #1 Category Bestseller

2017 National Indie Excellence Awards Finalist

2017 Foreword Magazine Indie Book of the Year Awards Finalist

2016 Beverly Hills Book Awards Finalist

2016 New England Book Festival Runner Up

2016 Great Midwest Book Festival Honorable Mention

2017 The Eric Hoffer Book Awards Honorable Mention

2017 New York Book Festival Honorable Mention



The Author's Travels

Most of Jenkins' world traveling has been an offshoot of his nonfiction books. He travels for research, to teach, to organize, and to participate in activities that are the subjects of his writings. Having been to 63 countries, the photos below show only a small sampling:

