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Stealing America: What My Experience With Criminal Gangs Taught Me About Obama, Hillary, And The Democratic Party



Synopsis

What do the Democratic Party and a gang of criminals have in common? Funny you should ask! In the fall of 2014, outspoken pundit, author, and filmmaker Dinesh D'Souza found himself hauled into federal court for improperly donating money to a friend who was running for the Senate. D'Souza pleaded guilty, apologized for his offense, and was sentenced to eight months in a state-run confinement center near his home in San Diego. In the facility, he lived among hardened criminals - drug dealers, thieves, gangbangers, rapists, and murderers. Now, in this timely, fresh, provocative, and entertaining audiobook, the best-selling author explains how this experience not only changed his life but fundamentally transformed his perception of his adopted country. Previously, D'Souza had seen America through the eyes of a grateful immigrant who came here as a student and became successful by applying and defending conservative principles. Again and again D'Souza made the case that America is an exceptional nation, fundamentally fair and just. But his prolonged exposure to the criminal underclass provided an eye-opening education in American realities. In the view of hardened criminals, America is anything but fair and just. Instead it is a jungle in which various armed gangs face off against one another, with the biggest and most powerful gangs inhabiting the federal government. Applying this hardboiled perspective to American politics, D'Souza saw that America is becoming less exceedingly exceptional every day. Indeed, it is in danger of becoming just like India and other corrupt third world nations, run by gangs of kleptocrats. As for American liberalism, it is not a movement of ideas at all; it is but a series of scams and cons aimed at nothing less than stealing the wealth of the American people. With biting wit and literary brio, D'Souza describes these liberal cons and the rationales and methods used to justify and execute them.

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Customer Reviews

I've only started this book (listening to it on Audible), but I thought I'd weigh in with a positive review before Dinesh's detractors weigh in with too many one-star reviews. His description of his federal trial (for giving straw political donations---the fault for which he fully accepts; he doesn't try to minimize it) and then his description of the San Diego confinement center are worth the price of the book. What a great window into the American criminal justice system! Regardless of where you are on the conservative-liberal debate or what your feelings are about Dinesh trying to gain political mileage out of his recent incarceration, this book is worth reading simply for the compelling personal story it presents. I've known Dinesh for about five years now, our paths having crossed at various conferences. The Dinesh I find coming through these pages is at once chastened but also emboldened. At some level he's always realized that he was involved with more than a war of words. But here we see a more mature Dinesh who understands how the battles he has fought over the years really play out at the most elemental level of our culture. I'll be very interested to see what he does in coming months and years. As for why you should read this book, let me suggest two reasons (there are more): (1) To understand the perverse incentive structure in our prosecutorial system, especially at the federal level, in which if the government decides to go after you, innocence and motive mean nothing --- prosecutors get rewarded for putting your head on a pike and the system itself regards this as a success deserving promotion. (2) The bureaucratic stupidity and incompetence of the system charged with oversight of those who have been convicted of a crime.

Dinesh D'Souza, who is a noted Conservative author and speaker, made a dumb mistake in donating to a political campaign. Rather than donating safely and legally through a PAC, which insures legal and nearly unlimited donations, he naively reimbursed two people for donations, thus violating US campaign donation laws. Closely watched by political enemies, he found himself on the wrong side of the courtroom, handing over his retirement account in one lump sum to a top-notch attorney who couldn't do much for him. D'Souza was sentenced to eight months of "confinement" --which sounds less bad than prison but in actuality, is being locked up at night with murderers and rapists and gang members on their way out of prison. A complex set of niggling rules, worse than

probation and a judge who sentenced him to "more therapy" despite a diagnosis of "normal" "I just want to HELP this person" completes the re-education of Dinesh D'Souza. If this sounds a lot like Solzhenitsyn, it's no accident. D'Souza even mentions a passage from the chilling "One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich"--the story of one thousands of POWs put in a gulag as a "traitor". But it reminds me much more of "The First Circle"--where the political prisoners of a certain class were sent. Dinesh D'Souza spends the next eight months in the company of drug dealers, gang members and murderers, learning about their life, who has money ("more than Bill Gates! If Microsoft goes down, he goes down.") and how they operate in their world. It was an astonishing re-education. Here was a world far from D'Souza's own, but its draconian rules and heights of drama gave him insight into the world of his own--the world of political machinations.

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