



Do most Americans like the society that we are becoming? Not by a long shot.

Americans want a very different economy and society – one that rewards work, protects us against misfortunes, and gives our children a decent chance to get ahead. Yet both political parties are in thrall to a small financial elite that has captured government policy impoverishing our democracy and undermining our economy.

The Squandering of America

In *The Squandering of America* (www.thesquanderingofamerica.com), acclaimed writer, editor and social critic **Robert Kuttner** looks at the economic forces weakening the United States, and explains how America can choose a better path. Kuttner discusses the relationship between the failures of our politics and the narrowing of our prosperity. He explains why it will take major changes to reclaim politics, reject today's casino economy, and re-create a society of broad prosperity. He connects the dots and illustrates how the political and economic pieces fit together.

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Kuttner explains why economic security needn't be limited to the rich.

Kuttner shows us how to think boldly, take back our politics and rebuild a brand of capitalism that works for regular Americans.

About Robert Kuttner:

Co-editor of *The American Prospect*, author of the award winning book, *Everything for Sale*, and a longtime BusinessWeek columnist, Kuttner is co-founder and co-editor of *The American Prospect* magazine, as well as a Distinguished Senior Fellow at the think tank Demos and a fellow of the German Marshall Fund. His best-known book is *Everything for Sale: The Virtues and Limits of Markets*. Kuttner was a longtime columnist for *Business Week*, and writes columns for the *Boston Globe*. His work has appeared in *The New York Times Magazine* and *Book Review*, *The Atlantic*, *The New Republic*, *The New Yorker*, and *Harvard Business Review*. His editorial column was the winner of the John Hancock Award for excellence in business and financial journalism. He also received the Jack London Award for labor journalism. He appears frequently on radio and TV talk shows.

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