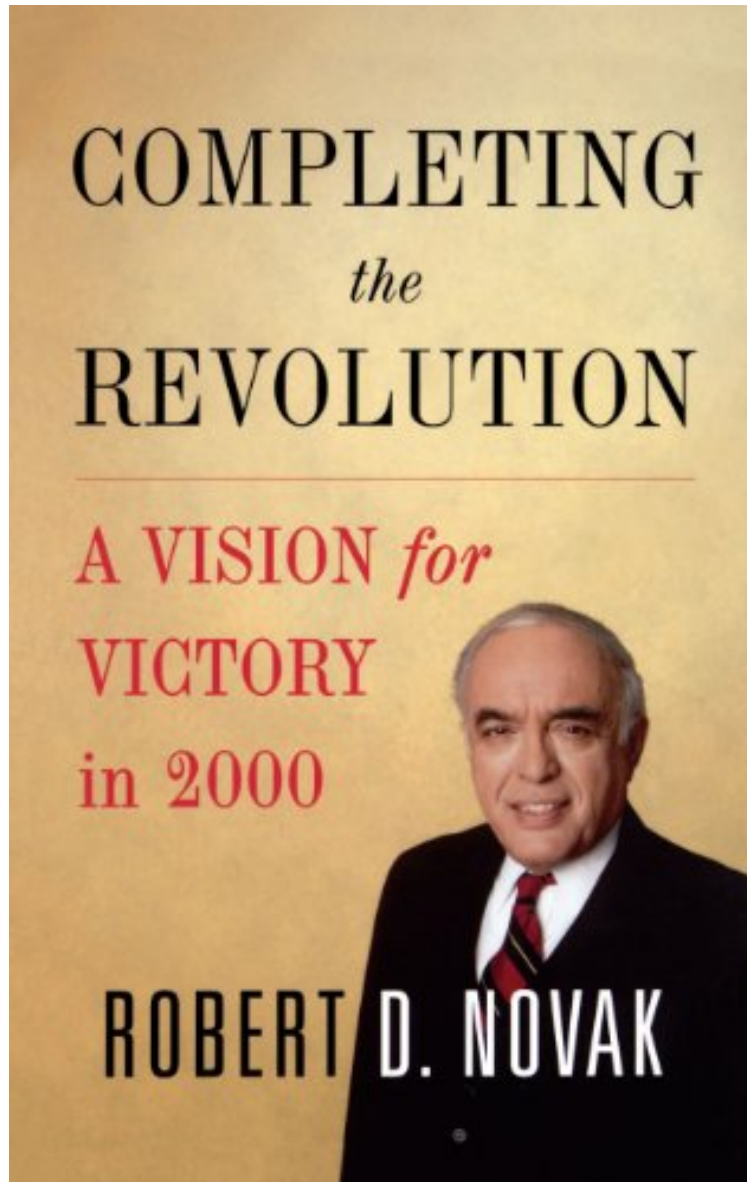


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**Von Robert D. Novak : Completing the Revolution: A Vision for Victory in 2000 (English Edition)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Completing the Revolution: A Vision for Victory in 2000 (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Trojan HorseVon Harold Brewer...My uneasiness with this book started in the Preface. After 42 years as a registered Republican, Mr. Novak registered as a Democrat. Why would a Democrat write a book telling Republicans how to win? His answer: he is a concerned citizen.He describes Republicans as passive, playing not to lose, failing to keep promises, nonconfrontational, intimidated, and frightened, with a leadership that is politically moribund. He suggests that Republicans choose a leadership style from one of two politicians of a century ago . . . Teddy Roosevelt or Tom Reed, affectionately known as "Czar Reed" when he exercised dictatorial rule as Speaker of the House of Representatives in the 1890s. Which does Mr. Novak prefer? Yes, that's right, but read the book to confirm your guess.He lists ten things Republicans can do to win. One item he claims is popular with voters is term limits . . . three two-year terms maximum for House members. He suggests that Republicans adopt limits even if Democrats don't. So, the House could have Republicans with an average of three years experience, and the Democrats an average of fifteen. Sounds fair.He suggests "Reaching out to women and minorities without compromising the message." The American electorate divides 40% pro-choice, 40% pro-life, and 20% in the middle. George W. Bush, the presumed Republican presidential candidate, is pro-life. To reach out, considering the divided electorate, one might expect that a vice-presidential running mate would be pro-choice. No way, says Novak. Evidently, "reaching out and not compromising the message" means - let's cooperate; do it my way.My advice to Republicans? Look this gift horse in the mouth, then send it back to its owner.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Books should not be "rated" according to ideology.Von Ein Kunde...I must say that this is arguably the most well-written political book of the last year - it is certainly amongst the top 3 or 4. I found myself enraged at times reading this book, and often frustrated beyond belief. For although I am not a liberal Democrat - I am someone who arguably disagrees with Novak's premise even more - a moderate, centrist registered Republican. I believe that in order for the Republican party to succeed, it must move to the center of the political spectrum and become tolerant of varying ideas. Mr Novak believes the exact opposite - that the Republican party will only be successful when it sticks firmly to conservative principles. He believes that if those conservative bedrock principles can be articulated and explained better, than many more people will be attracted to the Republican Party. And he believes that if those bedrock conservative principles are abandoned, very few people will be attracted to a "wishy" party. But to oversimplify things as I just did is to do Mr. Novak an injustice. Mr. Novak knows his stuff and is a persuasive arguer. His strong, articulate writing style shines through throughout his tome. So does his experience in politics and Washington. When you read this book, even if you disagree with it, you feel confident knowing that Mr. Novak is an expert in the ways of Washington, his sources are strong, and his knowledge base is beyond expansive. Beyond that, he is also an interesting writer - it was difficult to put this book down at times. Possibly the strongest compliment I can give this book is that I found myself having to stop and think about Mr. Novak's arguments several times, although it seemed I have heard them expressed (far less articulately and convincingly) before. And although I did not leave Mr. Novak's book convinced he was correct - I DID leave the book convinced that I would not want to go up against him in a debate, and that he would be a fascinating person to be able to sit down and have a dinner with. ENDO von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Unapologetic Sharp Vision for Conservative SuccessVon Hasan ColakogluRobert Novak carries his feisty Conservative commentary on Crossfire to his latest book. He makes a powerful case against the Clintonization of the Republicans who surely need to stick with their core principles if they want to win in Election 2000. This book combines Novak's dual-roles as a powerful reporter and a Conservative commentator, spicing his recipe for success with interesting behind-the-scenes bits. His perspective is well-rooted and the reader can tell Mr. Novak has been around for a long time.While Mr. Novak produces a detailed 10-step plan for capturing the White House and keeping the Congress in the 2000 elections, the main theme is, as indicated above, Republicans must stand firm on their principles. This book is the cure for "conventional wisdom" which suggests that GOP must become moderate and move to the middle to win. The truth is that the greatest GOP victories came when the Party delivered a staunchly conservative message in 1980 and 1994.This book is a great read and I'd highly recommend it - even for the liberal readers, who may want to take a peek at the enemy's battle plan.

KurzbeschreibungTwice in the past generation, the Republican party has proclaimed a "revolution" in American politics. In 1980, Ronald Reagan won a landslide victory on a platform of tax cuts, smaller government, and a stronger defense. And in 1994, Newt Gingrich took up the revolutionary mantle, tossing out the Democratic Congress and proclaiming the end of "business as usual" in Washington. As the 2000 presidential election draws near, the optimism of those heady days seems like ancient history. The Reagan years are a dim memory, and the Republican leadership on Capitol Hill after five years in power has failed to enact the Contract with America. In 2000, the GOP faces not only the possibility of a third consecutive presidential defeat but the prospect of losing its House majority as well. The time for dithering is over, and the time for action is now. Completing the Revolution is Robert Novak's manifesto for a Republican victory in November and for implementing a conservative vision for government in the years to come. He

brings to his analysis the combativeness familiar to those who watch him on CNN's Crossfire, and the insight and perspective that have helped to make him one of America's leading political columnists. He is not afraid to criticize the various presidential candidates or the Republican leaders in Congress, especially those who fail to stand up for the party's principles -- whom he calls "Clintonized Republicans." At the center of *Completing the Revolution* is Novak's bold proposal for a new Republican agenda, one that remains true to the party's core values and can command a majority in the country. He offers surprising and original perspectives on taxes, Social Security, abortion, campaign finance, race and gender politics, and term limits, among other issues. He also lays bare the fault lines that have emerged in the 2000 presidential race and shows how they offer the party a stark choice: division and defeat, or principled victory. The road to the White House, Novak admonishes, requires one thing above all, from candidates and supporters alike: the courage to stick to real Republican principles. For any conservative who cares about the direction of public life in America, Robert Novak has provided the essential guide to our nation's millennial election.

Robert D. Novak is perhaps the most widely seen conservative commentator in the United States, appearing regularly on three separate CNN "talking heads" programs as well as writing the syndicated "Inside Report" column. So when he puts forth his opinion on the Republican Party's chances for success in the 2000 elections, every member of the GOP--and more than a few of their ideological adversaries--will hear him out carefully. Having failed to achieve their goals after seizing both houses of Congress in the 1994 "Republican Revolution," Novak writes in *Completing the Revolution*, the GOP has been reduced to trying to counter the spin from Bill Clinton's White House. "The Republican Congress should have been courageously advancing the Republican agenda and should not have been afraid of it," he argues. "But they're not playing to win; they're playing not to lose." Whereas most analysts view Clinton's "triangulation" as shifting the Democrats' platform to the right, Novak believes that it has really enabled the White House to maneuver Republican members of Congress into voting for leftist legislation. Only by regaining control of the White House, he continues, will the GOP be able to advance its agenda. Novak has 10 very clear ideas about how to take back the Oval Office, ranging from the obvious (radically simplify the tax code, stand firm on the anti-abortion platform) to the unusual (not only is Novak in favor of term limits, he suggests nearly quintupling the size of the House of Representatives to 2,000 members and cutting their annual salary down to about \$27,000. He argues this would prevent the entrenched careerism that plagues Congress today). After outlining his strategy, Novak does a quick sketch of George W. Bush, the man the Republicans appear to have anointed as their candidate in 2000. Will he win? Only, Novak suggests, if he and his party have the courage to stick by what the Republican Party really stands for--and if they run to gain political ground, not merely hang on to what they've got. *Completing the Revolution* offers a compelling argument sure to get heavy play as GOP leadership figures out its game plan for the 21st century. --Ron Hogan

From Booklist Novak declaims right-wing politics on TV's soapboxes. Republicans consequently think he's one of theirs, but Novak demurs, writing he's pro-Republican to the extent that the party is a vehicle for conservatism, which it isn't much in his view. This tract outlines Novak's 10 policies to make it so and to make it victorious in this year's elections. Whatever one's ideological leaning, Novak's outlook merits attention as being independent and experienced (however abrasive some might consider his TV persona). The essence of his criticism is that the Contract with America crew, following numerous tactical missteps that returned the political initiative to President Clinton, developed a safety-first, risk-averse mentality in order to preserve their slim congressional majority. Novak despises that as politics without convictions and exhorts the Republicans to instead bash the IMF, advocate term limits, reform the political money machine, hug Christian evangelicals, appeal for the votes of blacks, and more. A pithy primer for those sympathetic to Novak's agenda and attentive to the primary elections. Gilbert Taylor