



AMERICA BEYOND CAPITALISM
RECLAIMING OUR WEALTH, OUR LIBERTY,
AND OUR DEMOCRACY

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by *Gar Alperovitz*

In *America Beyond Capitalism*, noted political-economist and historian Gar Alperovitz argues that the first decade of the 21st Century is producing conditions that will force the United States to undergo historic changes. The subversion of America's democracy is clearly visible in rampant inequities in the distribution of wealth and the immense power corporations and special interests wield in Washington. Neither Democrats nor Republicans have coherent responses to these challenges. What is ultimately needed and possible amounts to a radically different economic and political system.

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