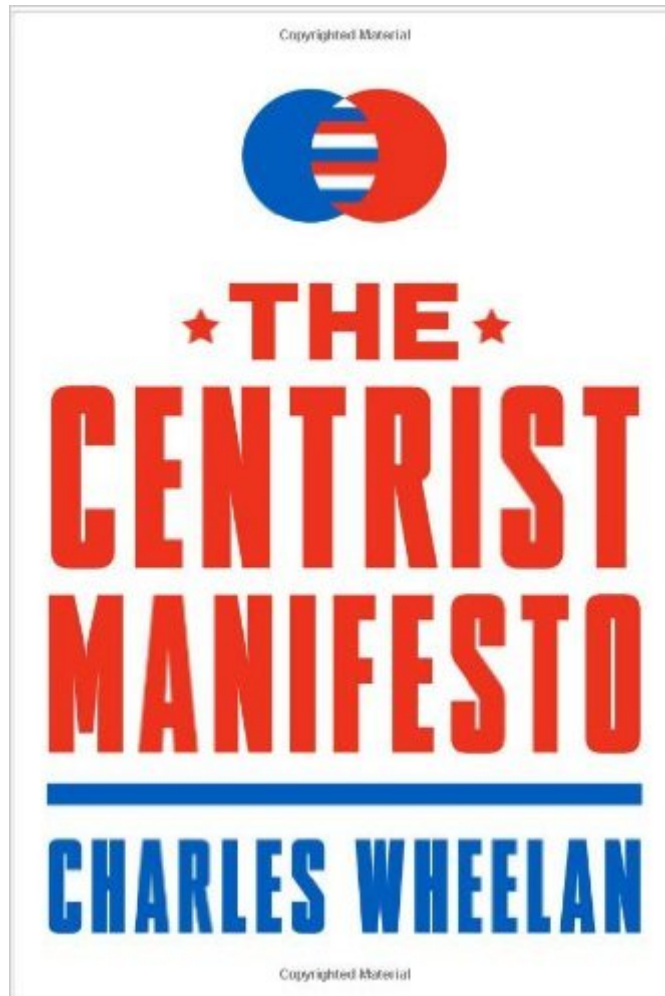




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# The Centrist Manifesto



## Synopsis

A vision and detailed road map to power for a new party that will champion America's rational center. From debt ceiling standoffs to single-digit Congress approval ratings, America's political system has never been more polarized or paralyzed than it is today. As best-selling author and public policy expert Charles Wheelan writes, now is the time for a pragmatic Centrist party that will identify and embrace the best Democratic and Republican ideals, moving us forward on the most urgent issues for our nation. Wheelan who not only lectures on public policy but practices it as well (he ran unsuccessfully for Congress in 2009) brings even more than his usual wit and clarity of vision to *The Centrist Manifesto*. He outlines a realistic ground game that could net at least five Centrist senators from New England, the Midwest, and elsewhere. With the power to deny a red or blue Senate majority, committed Centrists could take the first step toward giving voice and power to America's largest, and most rational, voting bloc: the center.

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## Customer Reviews

“The Centrist Manifesto has helped me understand the root causes of political gridlock and why it has only gotten worse. The book also puts forth a bold new idea for how to change this.” - Michael Porter, Fortune

Charles Wheelan is the author of the best-selling *Naked Statistics* and *Naked Economics* and is a

former correspondent for The Economist. He teaches public policy and economics at Dartmouth College and lives in Hanover, New Hampshire, with his family.

Wheelan pretty much hits the nail on the head laying out the principles that centrist minded voters desire from politicians. As he mentioned, Democrats and Republicans don't support the same basket of issues that voters do. I don't agree with him on everything, but I think he has stated the core values that most voters can agree on. Pragmatism, what I refer to as practical solutions are the key to a new way in politics. People are sick and tired of politicians dogmatically supporting their party's idiotology. Centrism is a boiling pot that's about to blow the lid off of politics as usual. Read his book and get involved. P.S. The Centrist Party isn't the only one out there, look at the Modern Whig Party and others. Let's create a better way forward. His idea of electing centrist Senators who can break deadlocks in the Senate is excellent. Getting it done will be the hard part and won't happen overnight.

The points Charles brings out are absolutely valid. Most of the people I talk to have a Centrist point of view. As mentioned about the backyard BBQ; even the people leaning a little harder to the left or right can be brought back to the center in an intelligent discussion. Reality: Need a lot of money and viable candidates to get this off the ground. Not impossible though.

If Charles Wheelan runs for the Senate in Maryland, I will vote for him. I have been wondering whatever happened to common sense and compromise for years and so has the author. Anyone who is disgusted with the status quo, who agrees with some moderate views of both parties, feels he/she is not really represented by the extremes of either party, should read this book. I have felt for years that we need a viable third party. If I weren't too old, I might consider running as a Centrist. C'mon, if you value common sense, read this book.

Why politics in the USA functions as it does. Why government would function better if we stopped chasing the wing nut votes on the right and left. Finally a solution that could be realistically implemented. It may take a few generations, but a three-party system in the US is coming. This book tells you why.

Although I'm not sold on the need for a formal third party, I am convinced we need to awaken and strengthen the moderates in Congress and the country. #FixNotFight

America has been locked in a two-party system for over 100 years now. Why aren't there more Independent candidates and legitimate 3rd parties? Charles Wheelen offers an in depth analysis of the major sticking points that have given rise to much of the political rhetoric that exists in Washington today and a solution to the two-party gridlock. The Centrist Manifesto is not just a wishy-washy compromise of middle ground between Republicans and Democrats, but proposes a solid political ideology that disposes the hypocrisy of both parties. A must read for anyone who seeks real solutions to the political mess in Washington today.

I had just concluded that America needed a meet-in-the-middle party, when I stumbled across this book. The Centrist Party is just what I was looking for. I'm going to join and contribute, and share the book with my friends.

The middle of the road, pragmatic approach to politics appealed to me. The book provide common sense moderate solutions to some of our more divided issues. A must read for any politician running for office!

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