

## Senior Caucus Book Club Historical List

**2018:** *The Politics of Resentment* by Katherine Cramer

May: *Political Tribes: Group Instinct and the Fate of Nations* by Amy Chua

*What Unites Us: Reflections on Patriotism* by Dan Rather

Aug: *How Democracies Die* by Steven Levitsky and Daniel Ziblatt; democracies are sustained by tolerance (opponents are not mortal enemies) and forbearance (don't use all the legal methods you have available to advance yourself and limit the opposition); it's the responsibility of party leaders to sideline extremists and all of us to participate to level the field.

Here are the two authors reviewing the book: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5v4NTtS2f5k>

Here is Levitsky stating the situation is worse: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VqIN3DIqVi0>

Oct: *Listen Liberal: Whatever Happened to the Party of the People* by Thomas Frank

Dec: *American Nations: a History of the Eleven Rival Regional Cultures of North America* by Colin Woodward

**Feb 2019:** *The Fifth Risk* by Michael Lewis; what are the consequences if the people given control over our government have no idea how it works?

(originally for April but replaced) *The Uninhabitable Earth: Life after Warming* by David Wallace-Wells

April: *Cultural Backlash and the Rise of Populism: Trump, Brexit, and Authoritarian Populism* by Pippa Norris and Ronald Inglehart

May: *One Person—No Vote: How Voter Suppression Is Destroying Our Democracy* by Carol Anderson

June: *Putin's World: Russia against the West and with the Rest* by Angela Stent

July: *The Once and Future Liberal: After Identity Politics* by Mark Lilla

Aug: *The Broken Ladder: How Inequality Affects the Way We Think, Live, and Die* by Keith Payne

Sept: *Economism: Bad Economics and the Rise of Inequality* by James Kwak

Oct: *Mrs Ambassador: The Life and Politics of Eugenie Anderson* by Mary Dupont

Nov: *Beaten Down, Worked Up: The Past, Present, and Future of American Labor* by Steven Greenhouse

Dec: *Miles Lord: The Maverick Judge Who Brought Corporate America to Justice.* by Roberta Walburn

**Jan 2020:** *A Well-Regulated Militia: the Founding Fathers and the Origins of Gun Control in America* by Saul Cornell

Feb: *The Soul of the First Amendment* by Floyd Abrams

May: *The War on Science: Who's Waging It; Why It Matters; What We Can Do About It* by Shawn Otto

June: *The Price We Pay: What Broke American Health Care and How to Fix It* by Marty Makary, MD

July: *Can American Capitalism Survive? Why Greed Is Not Good, Opportunity Is Not Equal, and Fairness Won't Make Us Poor* by Steven Pearlstein

Aug: *Democracy: Stories from the Long Road to Freedom* by Condoleezza Rice

Sept: *Corporations Are Not People: Reclaiming Democracy from Big Money and Global Corporations* by Jeffrey D Clements

Oct: *Active Liberty: Interpreting Our Democratic Constitution* by Stephen Breyer

Nov: *The Monarchy of Fear* by Martha C Nussbaum

Dec: *Economic Dignity* by Gene Sperling

**Jan 2021:** *The Relentless Business of Treaties: How Indigenous Land Became U.S. Property* by Martin Case

Feb: Discussion with a representative of MN Move to Amend, an organization promoting an amendment to reverse the SCOTUS 2011 Citizens United decision that corporations are “people” for purposes of the law. Refer to the September 2020 title for review.

March: *Act of Congress: How America's Essential Institution Works and How It Doesn't* (via Dodd/Frank bill) by Robert G Kaiser

April: *Republic, Lost: The Corruption of Equality and the Steps to End It* by Lawrence Lessig

May: *China Rx: Exposing the Risks of America's Dependence on China for Medicine* by Rosemary Gibson and Janardan Prasad Singh

June: *Post Corona: From Crisis to Opportunity* by Scott Galloway

July: *The Quartet: Orchestrating the Second American Revolution, 1783-1789* by Joseph J Ellis

August: *First Principles: What America's Founders Learned from the Greeks and Romans and How That Shaped Our Country* by Thomas E Ricks

September: *Fix What You Can: Schizophrenia and a Lawmaker's Fight for Her Son* by Mindy Greiling

October: *Democracy in Chains: The Deep History of the Radical Right's Stealth Plan for America* by Nancy Maclean

November: *The Second Founding: How the Civil War and Reconstruction Remade the Constitution* by Eric Foner

December: *On Tyranny: Twenty Lessons from the Twentieth Century* by Timothy Snyder, illustrated by Nora Krug

**January 2022:** *Ida B. the Queen: the Extraordinary Life and Legacy of Ida B Wells* by Michelle Duster

February: *A Vindication of the Rights of Woman* by Mary Wollstonecraft

March: *Invisible: The Forgotten Story of the Black Woman Lawyer Who Took Down America's Most Powerful Mobster* by Stephen L Carter

April: *Work: A Deep History from the Stone Age to the Age of Robots* by James Suzman

May: *Harvest the Vote: How Democrats Can Win Again in Rural America* by Jane Kleeb

June: cancelled

July: *The Fight to Vote* by Michael Waldman

August: *ROCK ME ON THE WATER: 1974—The Year Los Angeles Transformed Movies, Music, Television, and Politics* by Ronald Brownstein

September: *Allow Me to Retort: A Black Guy's Guide to the Constitution* by Elie Mystal

October: *Power Worshipers: Inside the Dangerous Rise of Religious Nationalism* by Katherine Stewart

November: *Streets of Gold: America's Untold Story of Immigrant Success* by Ran Abramitzky and Leah Bouston

December: cancelled

**January 2023:** *Wilmington's Lie: The Murderous Coup of 1898 and the Rise of White Supremacy* by David Zucchino

February: *Whiteness in Plain View: a History of Racial Exclusion in Minnesota* by Chad Montrie

March: *It Can't Happen Here* by Sinclair Lewis

April: canceled

May: *Diesel Heart: An Autobiography* by Melvin Whitfield Carter Jr

June: *Trumpism: American Politics in the Age of Politainment* by Dr David Schultz

July: *The American Spirit: Who We Are and What We Stand For* by David McCullough

August: *A Republic If You Can Keep It* by Neil Gorsuch

September/October: *Myth America: Historians Take on the Biggest Legends and Lies about Our Past* by Kevin M Kruse and Julian E Zelizer

November: *These Are the Plunderers: How Private Equity Runs—and Wrecks—America* by Gretchen Morgenson and Joshua Rosner

December: canceled

**January 2024:** *Crack-Up Capitalism: Market Radicals and the Dream of a World Without Democracy* by Quinn Slobodian

February: *Democracy Awakening: Notes on the State of America* by Heather Cox Richardson

March: *Worse Than Nothing: The Dangerous Fallacy of Originalism* by Erwin Chemerinsky

April: canceled

May: *Poverty, by America* by Matthew Desmond

June: *The Conspiracy to End America: Five Ways My Old Party Is Driving Our Democracy to Autocracy* by Stuart Stevens

July: *After the Fall: The Rise of Authoritarianism in the World We've Made* by Ben Rhodes

August: *Where Have All the Democrats Gone: The Soul of the Party in the Age of Extremes* by John B Judis and Ruy Teixeira

September: *Vision: A Memoir of Blindness and Justice* by David S Tatel

October: *American Midnight: the Great War, a Violent Peace, and Democracy's Forgotten Crisis* by Adam Hochschild

November: *A Fever in the Heartland: the Ku Klux Klan's Plot to Take Over America, and the Woman Who Stopped Them* by Timothy Egan

December: Cancelled

**January 2025: CANCELED**

February: *Necessary Trouble: Growing Up at Midcentury* by Drew Gilpin Faust

March: *The Scheme: How the Right Wing Used Dark Money to Capture the Supreme Court* by Sheldon Whitehouse and Jennifer Mueller

April: *On Freedom* by Timothy Snyder