**BEYOND OUTRAGE**

**BY ROBERT REICH**

**In this book, Reich correctly identifies the evil that is destroying America: The Plutocrats.**

**America enjoyed its greatest prosperity between WW2 and the election of Reagan. Since Reagan, nearly all wealth has gone to the very top. It did not trickle down as promised nor did Plutocrats reinvest in the economy. They have pocketed their ill-gotten gains and left the rest of us on life support.**

**After "The Bailout" (the greatest transfer of wealth in history from the masses to the rich) America experienced one of its slowest recoveries ever because the masses lacked the purchasing power to restart economic growth. Then the Plutocracy was granted their greatest victory in 2010 when Conservatives on the Supreme Court sold out our Democracy in the "Citizens United" case. Now Plutocrats can legally use their vast wealth to control our government.**

**The Rich and the Big Corporations are paying a lower percentage of their incomes in taxes than the masses are. The Big Corporations also get huge government handouts; and they are rolling back most of the progress made in the 20th century by removing regulations that interfere with their profits. Meanwhile our government has been weakened so badly that it is barely able to serve its people. Money that had previously been earmarked for the poor, the sick, and the elderly, is being diverted to the rich.**

**Reich explains all the ways in which the Plutocrats are rigging the game in their favor. He exposes their goal of restoring America to pre-New Deal. And in the final section, Reich offers advice on how to fight back, and hopefully restore the progress that we had worked so hard to achieve.**

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