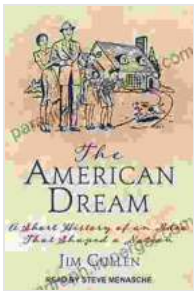


A Short History of an Idea That Shaped a Nation: The American Dream

The American Dream is a national ethos of the United States, the set of ideals (democracy, rights, liberty, opportunity, equality) in which its citizens believe and share. It is a deeply held belief that anyone, regardless of their background or circumstances, can achieve success and prosperity through hard work, determination, and initiative.



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Origins of the American Dream

The origins of the American Dream can be traced back to the founding of the United States. The Declaration of Independence, adopted in 1776, proclaimed that all men are created equal and endowed with certain unalienable rights, including the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. These ideals were further enshrined in the Constitution,

adopted in 1789, which established a government based on the principles of democracy and individual rights.

The American Dream was also shaped by the frontier experience. As settlers moved westward in the 19th century, they encountered vast open spaces and opportunities for economic and social advancement. The frontier provided a sense of freedom and возможность, and it reinforced the belief that anyone could achieve success through hard work and determination.

Evolution of the American Dream

The American Dream has evolved over time, reflecting changing social and economic conditions. In the early 20th century, the rise of industrialization and urbanization led to the development of a new middle class. The American Dream became associated with home ownership, a good education, and a stable job.

In the post-World War II era, the American Dream expanded to include access to higher education and a wide range of consumer goods. The civil rights movement of the 1960s also helped to broaden the American Dream, as it fought for equality and opportunity for all Americans.

Impact of the American Dream

The American Dream has had a profound impact on American society. It has helped to shape the nation's character, values, and aspirations. The American Dream is a source of hope and inspiration for millions of Americans, and it continues to drive the nation's progress and prosperity.

However, the American Dream has also been criticized for being unrealistic and unattainable for many Americans. The gap between rich and poor has widened in recent decades, and many people feel that the American Dream is no longer within reach.

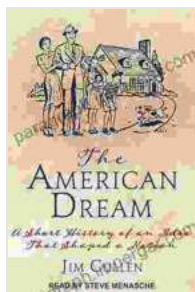
The Future of the American Dream

The future of the American Dream is uncertain. It is unclear whether the American Dream will continue to be a source of hope and inspiration for future generations, or whether it will become increasingly irrelevant in an increasingly unequal society.

One thing is clear, however: the American Dream is an important part of the American story. It is an idea that has shaped the nation's history and identity, and it continues to play a vital role in American society today.

Additional Resources

- [The American Dream | History.com](#)
- [The American Dream | PBS](#)
- [The American Dream Is Not Dead | The Atlantic](#)
- [The American Dream Persists, But It's Evolving | Pew Research Center](#)

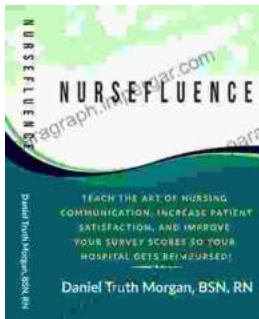


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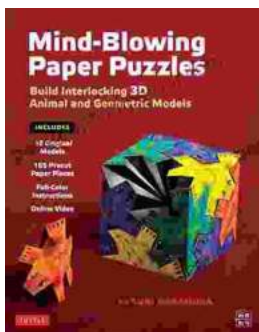
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