



Executive Summary

We Have Seen The Future And It Looks Like Baltimore *Progressive Dream vs. American Dream*

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***“... We also gave those who wished to destroy space to do that as well,
and we work very hard to keep that balance...”***

**--Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake
*about its 2015 riots***

Welcome to Baltimore, Maryland, once the second most popular destination for immigrants seeking the American Dream.

Why has it become a city of rioting, arson, looting, poverty, America’s heroin capital, and setting for television’s grim “The Wire,” whose creator, a veteran *Baltimore Sun* crime reporter, dubbed “Bodymore, Murdaland?”

Baltimore fell victim to, and is haunted by, the utopian Progressive Dream – an alien collectivist nightmare ideology that has been taking over America.

Baltimore is a key battlefield where the war between these two dreams will decide our future. In the end, only one can win this Dream War.

Monetary expert Craig R. Smith and futurist Lowell Ponte tell the amazing story of how what earlier Americans called “The Beautiful City” arose, then became the place where Nancy Pelosi’s father was a Democratic machine boss and Mayor, and where she learned the politics she later spread nationwide as Speaker of the House and founder of the Progressive Caucus.

Baltimore fell because of addiction to Progressive corruption and welfare-state dependency, and now risks disintegrating in rioting, drugs and despair. Will Baltimore’s decline, now being seen in so many other Progressive-run cities, be our future and the death of the American Dream?

Craig and Lowell explore the sinister origins and roots of Progressivism, an un-American, anti-individualism and pro-collectivism, anti-free market and pro-socialist, ideology that shares common ideological ancestry with both Nazism and Communism.

Progressivism is very different from American liberalism, which more than a century ago favored individual freedom, small government, and free market capitalism. Progressives stole and discredited this once-honorable label.

Craig and Lowell show in detail how Progressivism is systematically killing the American Dream by undermining four of its cornerstones – honoring property rights, doing better than our parents via education, working to earn our own way, and achieving an independent, earned and secure retirement.

They also reveal how and why Progressives like President Barack Obama are rushing America into a cashless, un-capitalist new economic system.

Craig and Lowell show how Progressives also hijacked the Democratic Party and, through anti-business taxes and regulations, are ruining the American economy through “Donkey Drag,” the fear of expropriation that businesses now feel about investing and hiring more workers.

The mere existence of a major Progressive Party threatens, damages and weakens America’s free market economy and future. The more it wins, the more our whole nation will resemble the bad aspects of Baltimore.

In this, their sixth widely-read book together, Craig and Lowell show how readers can help protect themselves and their savings – and some things we can do to help the American Dream win this life-and-death battle.

Craig and Lowell also reveal Baltimore’s little-noticed seeds of greatness that could restore and bring victory for the American Dream.