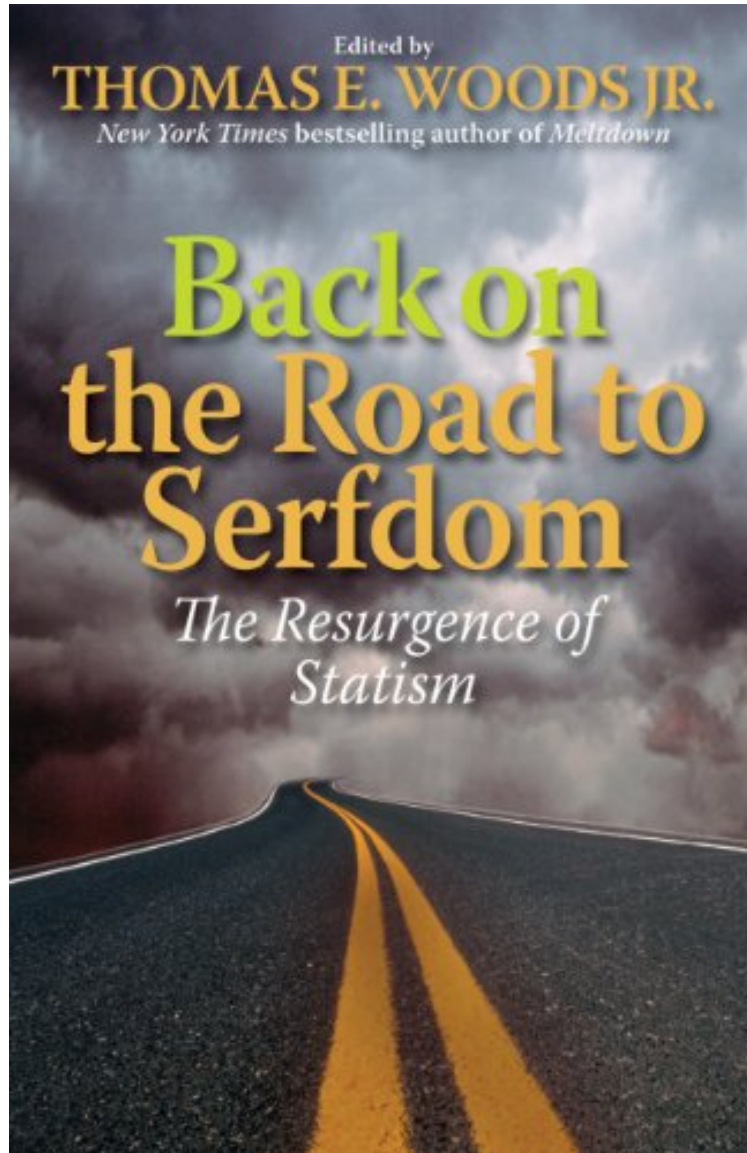


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England, drew his argument from a comparison of the Western English-speaking Nations, i.e. England, its Commonwealth members, and the USA to the then existing scourges of Nazi Germany, Fascist Italy, and the Communist USSR. His arguments are well-founded, brilliantly executed and still relevant. Woods, and his selected essayists, writing in 2010, take Hayek's principles to heart and turn their attention inward to the economic/political aspect of today's USA. That the Nation-States of the Western World have relentlessly, over the past 50-years, marched down the path to socialism and the embrace of collectivist-central planning concepts is unfortunately all too evident. Examples of that trend are presented from a number of European socialist oriented welfare States and particularly applied to the welfare/warfare policies that exist within the Pax Americanus Empire. Back on the Road to Serfdom is a call for an intense re-examination of where this course will take us if not soon corrected. A reading or re-reading of Hayek's original The Road to Serfdom is suggested as being beneficial for an understanding of how we have arrived at this point and leads us to consider what could be a hellish style destination. R. David Read February 13, 2014 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Disappointed By Thomas T. Amlie I generally trust Tom Woods to be accurate and honest. When I read one of his books I usually feel comfortable enough to "let my guard down" and not insist on checking and verifying all assertions. Since he was listed as "editor" of this book, I assumed the essays contained therein would be up to the same standard. I got as far as page 2 when the first essay grossly misrepresented a passage from Hayek (and again on page 3 where he misrepresented the meaning of the dedication of Hayek's book; the proper meaning is discussed in Hayek's forward to the 1956 edition). The misrepresentations were such that the author of that essay was either being deliberately dishonest or simply skimmed "The Road to Serfdom" without full comprehension. Either way the book has gone to the bottom of my reading stack, and my trust in things published under Woods' name is severely impaired. Granted, he didn't write the offending essay, but I assume he read both it and the original "Road to Serfdom" and should have noted the discrepancy. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A wonderful collection of essays that get to the root of our current economic crisis By J. Savage This a wonderful collection that empowers lovers of Liberty. It provides the history and background of current economic climate and demonstrates the problem with our current system. It also shows how freedom is the key to growth and production. A wonderful read that not only connects economic theory to actual events, but gives one the tools to effectively explain our complex economic crisis.

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