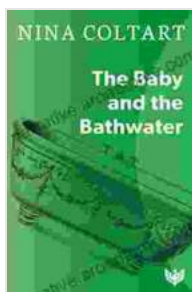


# The Baby and the Bathwater: A Fresh Look at the Reagan Revolution

Thomas Byrne Edsall's new book, *The Baby and the Bathwater*, is a timely and important contribution to the debate over the legacy of Ronald Reagan. Edsall, a political scientist at Columbia University, argues that Reagan's policies had both positive and negative consequences, and that we need to find a way to preserve the good while discarding the bad.



## The Baby and the Bathwater by Nina Coltart

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Edsall begins by outlining Reagan's main policy initiatives, including tax cuts, deregulation, and increased military spending. He then examines the impact of these policies on the economy, the environment, and social welfare. He finds that Reagan's policies had a mixed record. On the plus side, they led to a period of economic growth and prosperity. On the downside, they also led to increased inequality, environmental degradation, and a decline in social welfare programs.

Edsall argues that the key to understanding Reagan's legacy is to recognize that his policies were not all bad or all good. He writes, "Reagan's legacy is a complex one, and it is not easy to sort out the good from the bad. But it is essential to do so if we want to learn from his presidency and avoid the mistakes of the past."

Edsall concludes by offering a number of proposals for how we can preserve the good while discarding the bad from Reagan's legacy. He calls for a return to fiscal conservatism, but he also warns against cutting social welfare programs too deeply. He calls for a commitment to environmental protection, but he also recognizes the need for economic growth. And he calls for a more inclusive society, but he also recognizes the importance of individual responsibility.

*The Baby and the Bathwater* is a thoughtful and provocative book that sheds new light on the Reagan Revolution. Edsall's insights are valuable for anyone who wants to understand the legacy of one of America's most consequential presidents.

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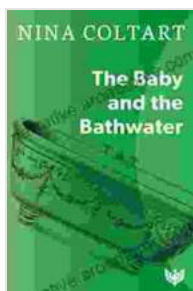
—Sean Wilentz, author of *The Rise of American Democracy*

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