

BOOKS ON TRUMP

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Had a discussion with my friend on Trump. His sources on the man are exclusively from extensive reading media channels, predominantly liberal, and he vehemently refuses to listen to Trump directly claiming Trump is all-lies and there is no point of wasting time. I asked whether he read books on Trump. He said no, but he would be willing to read one I am free to choose and offer. And he would purchase it too! An offer worth considering. And so, I did and got to the search via ChatGPT, what else... I hoped to get an answer in one shot, but had to ask a few questions, not prepared in advance.

The ChatGPT's response to my third question (**NEYMOTIN – 3**) was the most loaded and reveling. All 4 of them. And the Bottom line. Specifically,

- 1. Mainstream Publishing & Media Trends**
- 2. Search Engine & Algorithmic Influence**
- 3. Academic & Journalistic Norms**
- 4. No Censorship or Speech Restrictions**

Please read, contemplate, and keep it in mind when interacting with AI – it is a great source of information, but a careful formulation of your questions will help!

LEV NEYMOTIN - 1

My first question, **“Provide books on Trump: title, author and author's political affiliation and social positions”**

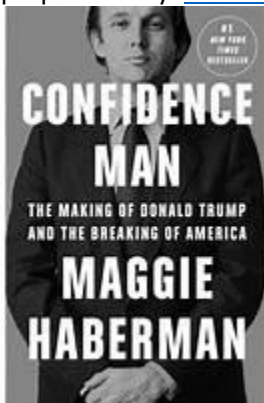
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Here is a selection of books about Donald Trump, including their titles, authors, and available information on the authors' political affiliations and social positions:

Confidence Man: The Making of Donald Trump and the Breaking of America

Author: Maggie Haberman

Author's Affiliation and Positions: Maggie Haberman is a journalist for *The New York Times*, known for her investigative reporting on Donald Trump. Her work is often associated with a critical perspective on Trump's presidency. [Financial Times+1Wikipedia+1](#)

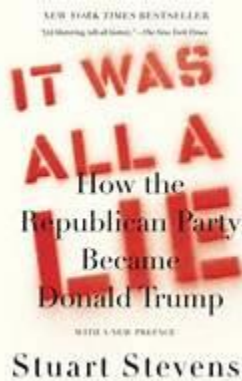


It Was All a Lie: How the Republican Party Became Donald Trump

Author: Stuart Stevens

Author's Affiliation and Positions: Stuart Stevens is a long-time Republican strategist who has become a

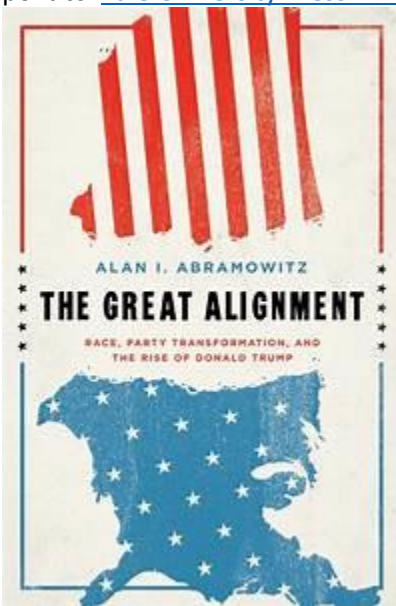
vocal critic of the party's direction under Trump. He reflects on the party's transformation and expresses regret over its current trajectory. [Amazon](#)



The Great Alignment: Race, Party Transformation, and the Rise of Donald Trump

Author: Alan I. Abramowitz

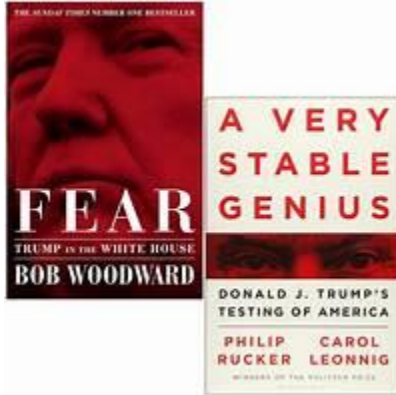
Author's Affiliation and Positions: Alan I. Abramowitz is a political scientist whose work focuses on American politics, elections, and voting behavior. His analysis often explores the polarization within U.S. politics. [Yale University Press+1Amazon+1](#)



Fear: Trump in the White House

Author: Bob Woodward

Author's Affiliation and Positions: Bob Woodward is an investigative journalist known for his work on the Watergate scandal. He has authored several books on U.S. presidents, often providing critical insights into their administrations. [Amazon+3Wikipedia+3Mal Warwick On Books+3](#)



Hiding in Plain Sight: The Invention of Donald Trump and the Erosion of America

Author: Sarah Kendzior

Author's Affiliation and Positions: Sarah Kendzior is a journalist and scholar who writes about political and social issues, including authoritarianism and media manipulation. She is known for her critical views on Trump's rise to power. [Wikipedia](#)



Please note that while some authors have clear political affiliations, others are journalists or scholars whose work focuses on analysis rather than partisan positions.

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My follow up, second question, **“Thank you! You did not provide all info I requested: ‘information on the authors' political affiliations’”**

ChatGPT

You're right! Here's a revised list with clearer details on each author's **political affiliation** and **social positions** where available:

1. Confidence Man: The Making of Donald Trump and the Breaking of America

- **Author:** Maggie Haberman
 - **Political Affiliation:** No declared party affiliation, but her work is often associated with a center-left perspective.
 - **Social Positions:** Critical of Trump's leadership and presidency. As a journalist for *The New York Times*, she focuses on investigative reporting and has been recognized for exposing Trump's strategies and behaviors.
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2. It Was All a Lie: How the Republican Party Became Donald Trump

- **Author:** Stuart Stevens
 - **Political Affiliation:** Former **Republican**, now a strong critic of Trump and the GOP's direction.
 - **Social Positions:** Advocates for traditional conservative values but opposes Trumpism. He argues that the Republican Party abandoned its principles in favor of populism and authoritarianism.
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3. The Great Alignment: Race, Party Transformation, and the Rise of Donald Trump

- **Author:** Alan I. Abramowitz
 - **Political Affiliation:** Generally aligned with **Democratic-leaning** analysis in political science.
 - **Social Positions:** Focuses on political polarization and the role of race and social issues in party realignment. His work is data-driven, but his conclusions often support narratives critical of conservative and Republican shifts.
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4. Fear: Trump in the White House

- **Author:** Bob Woodward
 - **Political Affiliation:** **Independent**, but widely regarded as center-left due to his investigative journalism.
 - **Social Positions:** Non-partisan in theory, but his books provide deep critical insights into U.S. presidents, including Trump. His reporting style aims for neutrality, but his revelations about Trump's presidency have been seen as damaging to the former president.
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5. Hiding in Plain Sight: The Invention of Donald Trump and the Erosion of America

- **Author:** Sarah Kendzior
 - **Political Affiliation:** **Left-leaning**
 - **Social Positions:** Highly critical of Trump, authoritarianism, and corruption in politics. Her work focuses on media manipulation, democracy, and the rise of autocratic tendencies in the U.S.
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Would you like me to find books written by authors who **support** Trump, or are you primarily interested in critical perspectives?

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You said:

Yes, please, in the same format. Also, please explain why the first list was anti-Trump?

ChatGPT said:

Certainly! Here's a selection of books that present supportive perspectives on Donald Trump, along with information about their authors' political affiliations and social positions:

1. The Conservative Case for Trump

Author: Phyllis Schlafly (with Ed Martin and Brett M. Decker)

Political Affiliation: Phyllis Schlafly was a prominent conservative activist and a member of the Republican Party.

Social Positions: Schlafly was known for her staunch opposition to the Equal Rights Amendment and her advocacy for traditional family values. In this book, published in 2016, she argues that Trump embodies conservative principles and would champion policies aligning with her vision of America. [Wikipedia](#)

2. The Case for Trump

Author: Victor Davis Hanson

Political Affiliation: Originally a registered Democrat, Hanson has since become a conservative

commentator and is currently a registered independent.

Social Positions: Hanson supports strong national defense policies and has defended Trump's foreign and domestic policies as necessary correctives to prior administrations. In this 2019 book, he presents Trump as an effective leader who challenges the status quo for the benefit of the country.

[Wikipedia+1Vox+1](#)

3. Liars, Leakers, and Liberals: The Case Against the Anti-Trump Conspiracy

Author: Jeanine Pirro

Political Affiliation: Jeanine Pirro is a conservative television host and former judge, closely associated with the Republican Party.

Social Positions: Pirro is a vocal supporter of Trump, often defending his policies and actions on her television program. In this 2018 book, she argues that there is a concerted effort by liberals and the media to undermine Trump's presidency. [Wikipedia+17Wikipedia+17The Guardian+17](#)

4. Donald Builds the Wall

Author: Eric Metaxas

Political Affiliation: Eric Metaxas is a conservative author and radio host who has been a prominent supporter of Donald Trump.

Social Positions: Metaxas has written children's books that portray Trump in a positive light, using allegory to support Trump's policies, such as building a border wall. His works often reflect his conservative Christian values. [Wikipedia](#)

5. American Crusade: Our Fight to Stay Free

Author: Pete Hegseth

Political Affiliation: Pete Hegseth is a conservative commentator and former military officer, closely aligned with Republican viewpoints.

Social Positions: Hegseth is a strong advocate for Trump's policies, emphasizing themes of patriotism and freedom. In this 2020 book, he argues that Trump's presidency is crucial for preserving American values against liberal opposition. [The US Sun+1The Atlantic+1](#)

Explanation of the Previous List's Anti-Trump Perspectives:

The books in the earlier list were authored by individuals who have critically examined Donald Trump's presidency and its impact on American politics and society. Their political affiliations and social positions often contrast with Trump's policies and actions, leading to analyses that highlight concerns about his leadership style, policy decisions, and the broader implications for democracy and societal norms. These critical perspectives aim to provide readers with insights into the challenges and controversies associated with Trump's tenure.

By presenting both supportive and critical viewpoints, readers can gain a more comprehensive understanding of the diverse opinions surrounding Donald Trump's influence on American politics.

LEV NEYMOTIN - 3

My third question, **“Understood. I was just curious why the first list was biased against Trump in the first place and not balanced without my prompting. Please let me know why, if you have a total freedom of speech, as I expect :) Thanks!”**

ChatGPT

Great question! The reason the first list leaned critical of Trump was due to a combination of **algorithmic bias, mainstream publishing trends, and the way information is structured online** rather than any restriction on free speech. Let me break it down honestly:

1. Mainstream Publishing & Media Trends

- The majority of widely reviewed, high-profile books about Trump have been critical of him, especially from investigative journalists and political analysts.
- Media organizations such as *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, and other mainstream outlets have published and promoted books that analyze Trump's presidency critically.
- Conservative authors do publish books in support of Trump, but they are often promoted in different media circles (e.g., Fox News, Newsmax, or conservative think tanks). This means that if one searches for "books on Trump," the critical ones often appear first.

2. Search Engine & Algorithmic Influence

- When sourcing lists of books, search engines often prioritize books with **higher media coverage, more reviews, and greater academic or journalistic credibility**. Since many of these books come from mainstream publishers, the results tend to favor those that challenge Trump rather than support him.
- Conservative-leaning books often get promoted in different ways (e.g., talk radio, social media, direct advertising to conservative audiences), making them less prominent in general search results.

3. Academic & Journalistic Norms

- Many political books are written by journalists, historians, or political scientists, and academic circles tend to lean **center-left** in the U.S.
- Investigative books often focus on controversy, scandals, or governance failures—things that naturally lead to **critical perspectives on powerful figures, including Trump**.

4. No Censorship or Speech Restrictions

- There's no external restriction on my responses, and I don't have any bias built in against Trump or anyone else.
- However, the way information is structured online affects what is **most visible or widely cited**, and initial results will often reflect the dominant narratives in mainstream media.
- When prompted, I can always provide a more balanced perspective, as I did with the second list.

Bottom Line

If you're looking for **both sides of an issue**, it's always good to prompt explicitly (as you did). The first list wasn't deliberately biased—it just reflected **what's most widely published and searched** in mainstream media. Your request for pro-Trump books helped reveal **a different set of sources** that are promoted in different channels.

Hope that makes sense! And I appreciate the critical thinking—you're asking the right questions! 👍

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Finally, I said, "Excellent! Thank you very much! Yes, it does make sense."

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You're very welcome! I'm glad my explanation made sense, and I appreciate the sharp questions—it's always good to challenge assumptions and look at how information is presented. If you ever want a more balanced view on any topic upfront, just let me know. I'll be happy to provide both perspectives from the start.