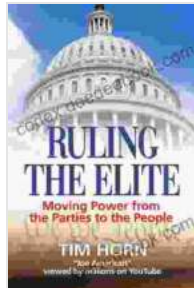


# Ruling the Elite: Friedrich Engels and the Bourgeoisie



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Friedrich Engels was a German philosopher, sociologist, historian, political economist, and revolutionary socialist. He was a close friend and collaborator of Karl Marx, and together they developed the theory of Marxism. Engels' analysis of the bourgeoisie and the ruling class remains relevant today. His insights into the nature of capitalism and the class struggle provide a valuable framework for understanding the dynamics of power and inequality in contemporary society.

## The Bourgeoisie

The bourgeoisie is the capitalist class. It is the class that owns and controls the means of production, such as factories, mines, and land. The bourgeoisie is the ruling class in capitalist society. It controls the government, the media, and the educational system. It uses these institutions to maintain its power and to exploit the working class.

Engels argued that the bourgeoisie is a revolutionary class. It overthrew the feudal aristocracy and established capitalism as the dominant economic system. However, the bourgeoisie's victory was not a victory for all. It led to the creation of a new class system, in which the bourgeoisie owned and controlled the means of production and the working class was forced to sell its labor to survive.

## **The Ruling Class**

The ruling class is the class that has the most power in society. It is the class that controls the government, the media, and the educational system. The ruling class uses these institutions to maintain its power and to exploit the working class.

Engels argued that the ruling class is not a monolithic entity. It is divided into different factions, each with its own interests. However, these factions are united in their desire to maintain their power and to exploit the working class.

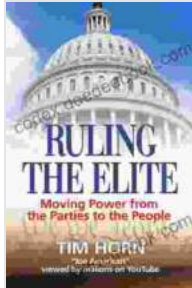
## **The Class Struggle**

The class struggle is the conflict between the bourgeoisie and the working class. It is a conflict over the ownership and control of the means of production. The bourgeoisie wants to maintain its control over the means of production, while the working class wants to overthrow the bourgeoisie and establish a socialist society.

Engels argued that the class struggle is the driving force of history. It is the conflict between the different classes that leads to social change. The class struggle will continue until the working class overthrows the bourgeoisie and establishes a socialist society.

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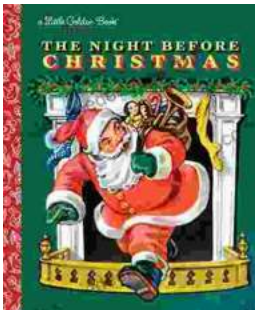
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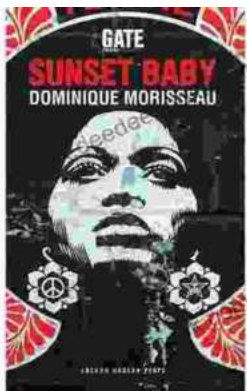
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