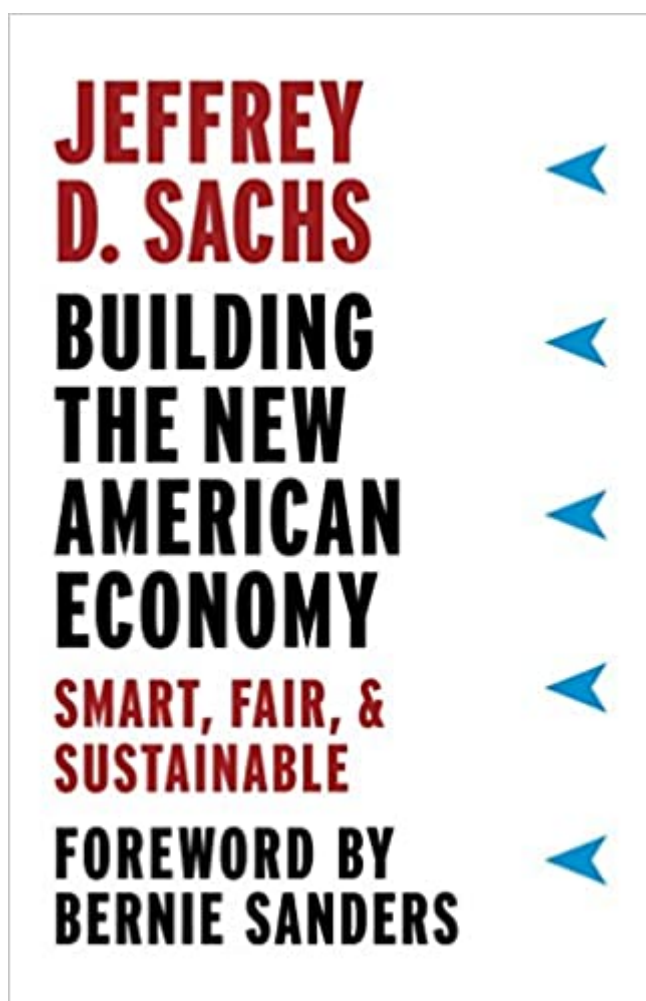


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# Building The New American Economy: Smart, Fair, And Sustainable



## Synopsis

In this passionate and powerful book—part manifesto, part plan of action—the renowned economist Jeffrey D. Sachs offers a practical strategy to move America, seemingly more divided than ever, toward a new consensus: sustainable development. Sustainable development is a holistic approach that emphasizes economic, social, and environmental objectives in shaping policy. In focusing too much on economic growth, the United States has neglected rising economic inequality and dire environmental threats. Now, even growth is imperiled. Sachs explores issues that have captivated the nation and political debate, including infrastructure, trade deals, energy policy, the proper size and role of government, the national debt, and income inequality. Not only does he provide illuminating and accessible explanations of the forces at work in each case, but he also presents specific policy solutions. His argument rises above the pessimism born of political paralysis, economic stagnation, and partisanship to devise a brighter way forward, achievable both individually and collectively. In *Building the New American Economy*, Sachs shows how the United States can find a path to renewed economic progress that is fair and environmentally sustainable.

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Jeffrey Sachs remains one of the most thought-provoking economists in the world today because he dares to challenge presidents of both parties and the orthodoxies that bind them to disastrous policies. His critiques are fierce and his solutions fearless in the face of political and academic groupthink. That makes Professor Sachs a rarity in public life and this book an absolute necessity.

(Joe Scarborough)My father famously declared that GDP "measures neither our wit nor our courage, neither our wisdom nor our learning, neither our compassion nor our devotion to our country; it measures everything in short, except that which makes life worthwhile." Jeffrey Sachs presents an economic vision beyond GDP, one that is based on compassion and sustainability, and that aligns with the globally agreed Sustainable Development Goals. This is a roadmap for America's future economic strategy. (Kerry Kennedy, president of the Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice and Human Rights)

Renowned economist Jeffrey D. Sachs shows how the United States can find a path to renewed economic progress that is fair and environmentally sustainable. Sachs explores issues including infrastructure, trade deals, energy policy, the proper size and role of government, the national debt, and income inequality. Not only does he provide illuminating and accessible explanations of the forces at work in each case, but he also presents specific policy solutions.

If you appreciate Jeffrey Sachs, you will appreciate this book. It is a more of a brief though versus a book. Short and to the point summaries on his main points for the aspects of a new economy.

Great book - a rallying cry, a call to action. In this Trumpian era, this is a must read. I was particularly fascinated with the way this book hits on the three major issues of our times: IT (or technological progress), Fair (or the fight against inequality) and Sustainable (or defending our planet from pollution and climate change so that our children and grandchildren can enjoy it as we - still, if not for long - do)It is also a very easy read, nice and short, not your usual academic brick. Don't miss out on it. And I think that if you're American (I'm not) this should act as a wake-up call. You really can't let Trump destroy America's leadership of the world and this book tells you quite clearly how to stop him.

If you only read one book in 2017, make sure it is this one. I recomend reading the =last chapter first, and then start at the beginning.

Jeffery Sachs starts the book with a proper introduction by Bernie Sanders. If you supported or support, now after the 2016 election , Senator Sanders or are interested in the road map that would have evolved if Bernie Sanders had become President then read this book.If you are not of this preceding opinion, read the book so you can be aware of what choices are available to the USA,

and see if you can agree with some, if not all, of the well defined choices and how to reach them.  
And be part the solution!

Dr. Sachs has outlined a straightforward and logical approach to addressing the problems and challenges facing our nation today. The book is very readable and I strongly recommend it to anyone concerned about our future.

A quick, easy read from which I received insights about applying principles of sustainability to current issues such as health care, national debt, etc.

It was a good overview of our major problems in the US while actually offering solutions. The book covered a lot of ground, and every chapter could have been extended into its own book. My only real complaint here is that by covering such a broad scope, it never took the time to take a deep dive into a topic before moving on.

Excellent brief description of how the UN Sustainable Development Goals can and should be implemented in the US. The book is even short enough for Trump to read.

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