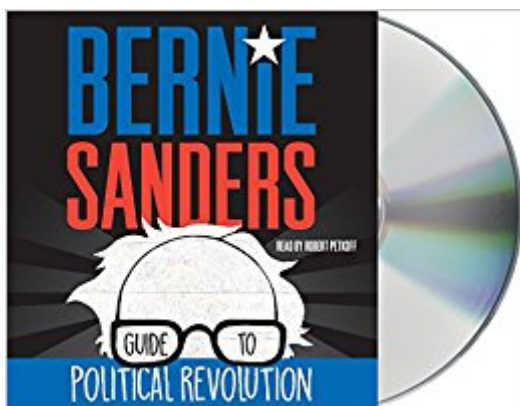


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# Bernie Sanders Guide To Political Revolution



## Synopsis

In *The Bernie Sanders Guide to Political Revolution*, Independent congressman, presidential candidate and activist Bernie Sanders continues his fight against the imbalances in the nation's status quo, and shows you how to make a difference to effect the changes America and the world need to create a better tomorrow. Throughout the Presidential campaign, Senator Bernie Sanders promised voters a future to believe in through his progressive platform and a vision for America worth fighting for. This vision calls for an economic, environmental, health care, and social justice revolution beyond the stagnant agendas of Democrat and Republican politicians to build an equitable future for all Americans—especially the younger generation that will inherit the consequences of decisions made now. Inside this practical and inspiring guide to effecting change in today's world, you'll learn how to:

- Understand and navigate the current system of policy and government
- Work to change the system to reflect your values and to protect our society's most vulnerable
- Organize for the causes you care about most
- Resources for further reading and organizations to get involved with

With more than two decades of Washington D.C. insider knowledge and experience, Senator Sanders knows how to fight and change the system from within, a system desperately in need of reform in health care, immigration, taxes, higher education, climate change, and criminal justice.

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## Customer Reviews

Bernie Sanders ran as a Democratic candidate for President of the United States in 2015 and 2016.

He served as mayor of Burlington, Vermont's largest city, for eight years before defeating an incumbent Republican to be the sole congressman for the state in the U.S. House of Representatives in 1991. He was elected to the Senate in 2007 and is now in his second term, making him the longest-serving independent in the history of the Congress. He lives in Burlington, Vermont, with his wife, Jane, and has four children and seven grandchildren.

I confidently predict that the reviews for Bernie Sanders's *A Guide to Political Revolution* will fall exclusively on the two extremes of the rating spectrum. There will be few in the middle. While it is doubtful that this book will change many minds, it should be a must read for everyone. The arguments are well made and clear. And for those already inclined to support Sanders's positions there is plenty of great reference data to use in your next debate with friends and colleagues. Bernie makes a key point right in the beginning:

"The basic thesis of this book is pretty simple. It is that, on major issue after major issue, the vast majority of Americans support a progressive agenda. I think he's right. It is equally true, however, that progressives yield relatively little progressive influence in the halls of power today. Why the disconnect? The reason, I think, is pretty simple. It is my only reservation with this book and it is the same reservation I have with all political debate in the US today. It's long on prescribed behavior and short on the fundamental change necessary to make that behavior stick long term. More to the point, it's based on the perspective that "you're the problem, not me." In the case of medical care and insurance, for example, I fully agree with Bernie. It seems self-evident that a one-payer system is inevitable. The only question is how much financial, physical, and emotional pain and suffering we're willing to endure in the meantime. At the same time, we will need fundamental institutional reform to make it work. We will have to accept malpractice tort reform. We will have to be willing to make tough decisions about our collective entitlement to cosmetic and some quality of life care. We will have to be willing to re-think what is misleadingly defined as professional standards that drive up costs and limit availability. (e.g., Allowing nurses to do routine procedures reserved only for licensed doctors today.) Of course we must take the money out of politics. As Bernie notes, "The great irony of climate change is that American taxpayers are subsidizing the most profitable industry in history, whose products are quite literally killing us." He's right. But why is that? It's not that the majority of Americans deny climate change or

don't want to protect the environment for our children. It's that our political institutions are broken. In the state of Michigan today Tesla cannot sell its cars through its direct to consumer model. Because Michiganders don't want them? No. They can't get a license from the state legislature and there's plenty of evidence that it is the independent auto dealers, which fund one of the most powerful lobbies in the state, that are really standing in the way. (Legislators, of course, will argue that they are protecting consumers. From Tesla?) The money line of the book, for me, is: "One of the more profound lessons that I've learned in politics is that everything is related to everything else. Nothing exists in a vacuum." He's right. The Buddhists have been saying that since the 5th Century BCE. The racial penalty and the social and financial cost of the war on drugs and the obvious need for structural tax reform, for example, both issues that Bernie talks about at some length, are related. In both cases we are using government spending (which is really taxpayer spending) to pursue structural national goals through political and social engineering. And it doesn't work. Bernie is right. Even his prescriptions, however, won't work (and will probably never get enacted) without more fundamental reform to our national institutions, from our political parties to our big banks and the whole energy complex. In the venerable words of Pogo, "We have met the enemy and he is us." A great book well worth the time and investment.

Easy to read, clear and concise sections and chapters. Great book for teenagers, high school students, and adults that want to read a book with minimal commitment. This man really has some amazing views and ideas that make me excited for the future!

The copyright page says "Based on the book *Our Revolution: A Future to Believe In*" and the table of contents makes me think that this book is a rehash of the policy section of that book, but in a more millennial/younger person-focused way. He's a busy guy, probably didn't have time to write another book from scratch 9 months after "Our Revolution". The book description says that it includes information about how to "organize for the causes you care about most" and includes "resources for further reading and organizations to get involved with", so that might be new content for organizing.

Love it. It is a simple way to get people involved in the political process. Almost like a beginner's guide.

Buying it today, Thank you Bernie! "The struggle continues" #bernie2020

First let me say i love bernie sanders but this is not a guide to political revolution. This a collection of his thoughts and tweets into a book. There are no actionable items for you to do. As a local organizer and reader of political guide books this falls far short.

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