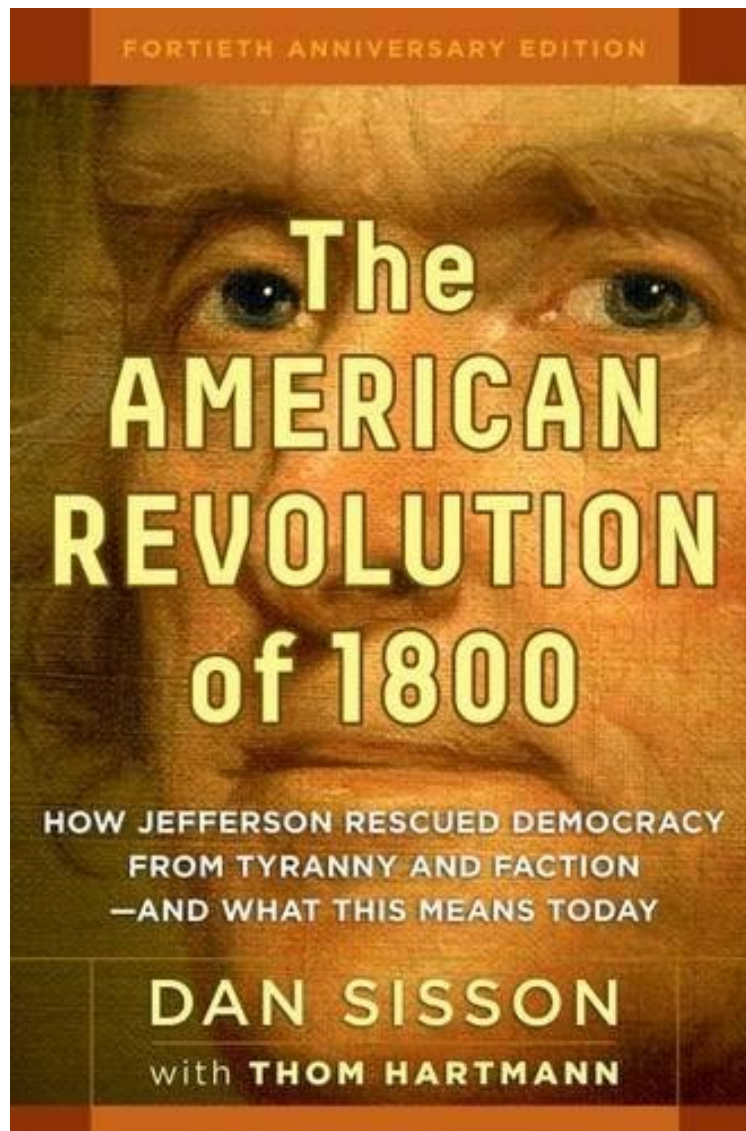


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In this brilliant historical classic, Dan Sisson argues that Thomas Jefferson thought democratic revolutions would be necessary from time to time to break the grip of autocratic factions on the government. That is how Jefferson saw the election of 1800 and the lessons for today couldnt be more obvious. Most historians celebrate Jeffersons victory over Adams in 1800 as the beginning of the two-party system, but Jefferson would have been horrified by this interpretation. Drawing on the understanding of faction, revolution, and conspiracy reflected in the writings of the Founders, Sisson makes it clear that they, like Jefferson, envisioned essentially a nonparty state. Jefferson believed his election was a peaceful revolution by the American people overturning an elitist faction that was stamping out cherished constitutional rights and trying to transform our young democracy into an authoritarian state. It was a transfer of power back to the people, not a change of parties. Sisson maintains Jefferson would regard our current two-party system as a repudiation of his theory of revolution and his earnest desire that the people as a whole, not any faction or clique, would triumph in government. The ideals of the American Revolution were in danger until this Revolution of 1800, to which we owe the preservation of many of our key rights. With contributions by Thom Hartmann that bring out the books contemporary relevance, this fortieth-anniversary edition contains new insights and reflections on how Jeffersons vision can help us in our own era of polarization, corruption, government overreach, and gridlock.

Practical Thomas Jefferson thought big thoughts about periodic revolutions against tyranny and concentrated power to abuse the people. His relevance now, as Dan Sissons book and Thom Hartmanns commentary inspire, connects with the entrenching deteriorations and deprivations of todays America. To heed Jeffersons wisdom is to call for another mindful revolution at the ballot box and in the civil arena, which can come from the determined hands of we the people. Ralph Nader Since I grew up in Lexington, the birthplace of the Revolution, its always a thrill to hear retold the story of the ideas that animated our forebears. They are ideas that in the time of the Koch brothers we need held up for all to see. Bill McKibben, President, 350.org, and author of The End of Nature Deepening inequalities economic, political, and cultural drive growing appetites for systemic change. Thinking turns again toward revolution when piecemeal reforms prove too difficult and rare and when those we do achieve prove vulnerable and temporary. Our rethinking of revolution can learn valuable lessons from Dan Sissons classic about the last time revolution was on Americas agenda. Richard D. Wolff, Professor of Economics Emeritus, University of Massachusetts Amherst Through this deep dive into early US history, Hartmann and Sisson draw our attention to a crucial distinction between a politics of ideas in search of liberty and prosperity for all and one centered on a factional competition for power. David Korten, Board Chair, YES! Magazine, and author of When Corporations Rule the World This is a fascinating account

of our countrys early history that has clear relevance to the politics of today. Dean Baker, Codirector, Center for Economic and Policy Research, and coauthor of *Getting Back to Full Employment* About the Author Dan Sisson is an adjunct faculty member at Eastern Washington University and teaches the history of technology in the Engineering Department. He is currently living in a nearly full-sized replica of Jeffersons Monticello he built himself near Ford, Washington. Thom Hartmann is a progressive talk-show host whose radio and television shows are available in over a half-billion homes. Hes a four-time Project Censored award winner and a New York Times bestselling author of twenty-four books, most recently, *The Crash of 2016*.