Free To Choose Book Review

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I found Milton and Rose Friedman’s *Free to Choose* to be an approachable, no-nonsense window into the logical conclusion of the political views a free-market economist should align themselves with. A reality of economics is that crossing the bridge connecting economics to politics means crossing a pitted, unstable bridge which many amateur economists (including myself) are prone to falling from. While the Friedmans do an excellent job in their provisions of counterarguments, timely examples, and logical appeals, they fail when it comes to giving the reader ways to think critically or draw their own conclusions. Their many rhetorical questions are too condescending, almost as if the reader is engaging in a debate with a brick wall. Morally, I cannot stress enough how important I find it to consider the impact of Milton Friedman’s economics and politics on America in *any* discussion of his work however especially in discussion of *Free to Choose* which is the clearest example of Reaganomics attempting to appeal to a general population.