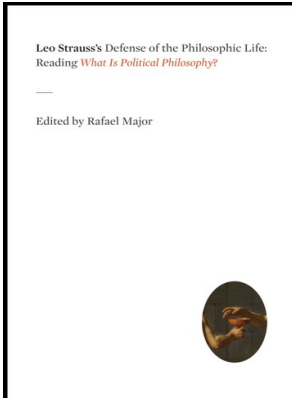


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Raw political power was the ultimate goal. Strauss, it is said, may be committed to liberal democracy and its spread, but his is a peculiar version of liberal democracy. Of high degree in the culture and the migration was the Institut für Sozialforschung, the so-called Frankfurt School, which included such luminaries as Franz Neumann, Theodor Adorno, Max Horkheimer.

Leo Strauss (Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy)

Strauss worked at the Academy of Jewish Research in Berlin until 1931. Yet he lets us understand that conservatism is not the last word.

Leo Strauss

The books that consist of more or less separate studies are *Persecution and the Art of Writing*; *Natural Right and History*; *What Is Political Philosophy?* Although Strauss's books covered a broad range of topics in the history of philosophy—ancients like Plato and Xenophon; medievals like the Arab philosopher al Farabi, the Jewish philosopher Maimonides, and the Christian philosopher Marsilius of Padua; and moderns like Machiavelli, Hobbes, and Heidegger—he gained little acclaim because nearly his entire corpus consisted of studies of figures from the history of philosophy and because he himself therefore rarely spoke out in his own name on issues of political life. Custom and long usage are the foundation of the law. A specter is haunting America, and that specter is, strange to say, Leo Strauss.

On the Catholic Appreciation of Leo Strauss

Strauss served in the German army during. But philosophy, which values reason first and foremost, is led to the unpleasant truth that it is in fact predicated on something that is and remains unevident: that the human question for knowledge is the right life.

The Truth about Leo Strauss: Political Philosophy and American Democracy by Catherine and Michael Zuckert, an excerpt

The Contemporary Crisis in Western Civilization. That does not account for the second and third generations. Shotwell, The History of History.

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Nevertheless, Strauss does not say he has proved that natural right, because desirable, is also real. That action is premised on both self-interest American security is best achieved in a world of likeminded regimes and benevolence peoples everywhere are better off and actually prefer, if they are free to express their preferences, a free and democratic polity. He was more at home in the world of Plato and Aristotle than in debates about the origins of totalitarianism.

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Neoconservatives had disdain for what they took to be the naïveté of the libertarian idea that government must be strictly limited to the protection of individual rights. Every Saturday at 12pm Eastern from January 23 to March 13, 2020.

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Such interpretative practices not only excluded Strauss from that broader public recognition attained by an Arendt—whose shared interest in the history of philosophy did not prevent her from pronouncing on issues like the Vietnam War—but it also cut into the acceptance of his work within the more specialized scholarly community to which it appeared to be primarily addressed. When he died, he was still learning and still teaching, encompassed by a more than filial reverence and care. He identified a cluster of scholars influenced by Strauss and devoted to scholarship on the founding period.

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