

Garet Garrett: A Maverick Journalist of the Old Right

Garet Garrett was a prominent American journalist and author who is remembered for his incisive critiques of the New Deal policies enacted under President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Garrett was a staunch defender of individual liberty and free markets, and his writings continue to be influential among conservatives and libertarians today.

Early Life and Career

Garrett was born in 1878 in Albany, Missouri. He graduated from Princeton University in 1900 and began his journalism career as a reporter for the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*. In 1903, he joined the staff of the *New York Evening Post*, where he quickly rose to prominence as a political commentator.



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Garrett's early writings were characterized by his strong support for free trade and his opposition to government intervention in the economy. He was a vocal critic of President Theodore Roosevelt's progressive policies, and he argued that they would lead to the destruction of individual liberty.

The New Deal Years

Garrett's opposition to government interventionism reached its peak during the New Deal era. He was a harsh critic of Roosevelt's policies, which he believed were destroying the American economy and undermining the principles of individual liberty.

In his book *The American Omen* (1936), Garrett argued that the New Deal was a form of socialism that would eventually lead to economic collapse and political tyranny. He warned that Roosevelt was a dangerous demagogue who was determined to destroy the American way of life.

Garrett's writings during the New Deal era earned him a reputation as a leading conservative voice. He was a regular contributor to the *Saturday Evening Post* and other conservative publications, and his books were widely read by those who opposed Roosevelt's policies.

Post-World War II Career

After World War II, Garrett continued to write and speak out against government interventionism. He was a vocal critic of the Truman administration's Fair Deal policies, and he warned that the United States was on the path to socialism.

In 1952, Garrett published his most famous book, *The People's Pottage*. In this work, he argued that the welfare state was a form of collectivism that

would destroy the American economy and undermine the traditional values of self-reliance and independence.

Garrett continued to write and speak out against government interventionism until his death in 1954. He was a prolific writer, and his works continue to be read and studied by conservatives and libertarians today.

Legacy

Garet Garrett was one of the most important conservative intellectuals of the 20th century. His writings helped to shape the modern conservative movement, and his ideas continue to influence conservatives and libertarians today.

Garrett was a passionate defender of individual liberty and free markets. He believed that the role of government was to protect the rights of individuals and to promote economic growth.

Garrett was a prolific writer, and his works are a valuable source of conservative thought. His writings provide a unique window into the history of American conservatism, and they offer important insights into the challenges facing the United States today.

Garet Garrett was a brilliant journalist and author who devoted his life to the defense of individual liberty and free markets. His writings are a valuable source of conservative thought, and they continue to influence conservatives and libertarians today.

Garrett's legacy is one of principled conservatism. He was a man who was not afraid to speak his mind, even when his views were unpopular. He was a tireless defender of individual liberty, and he believed that the role of government was to protect the rights of individuals, not to control their lives.

Garrett's writings are more relevant today than ever before. In an era of increasing government interventionism, Garrett's voice is a reminder of the importance of individual liberty and free markets.



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