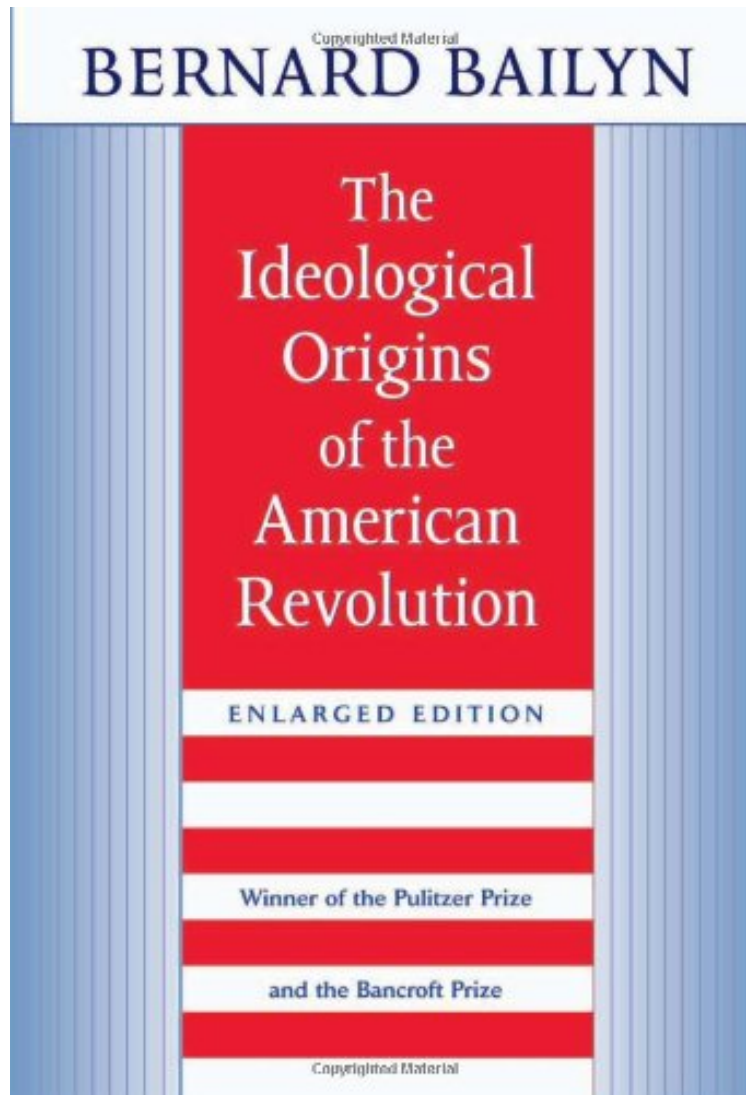


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summary of those thoughts and the tracing of the development. However, as a single book by a single author (as opposed to an anthology or collection of writings), I occasionally got bogged down in the reading. It was my interest in the subject that helped me to keep going. I don't know whether the presentation could have been made any clearer or could have been made to flow better, but if you decide to tackle this volume, you may experience some of the same. The other point I wished to make is somewhat of the opposite nature. After only a comparatively few chapters, suddenly the book was over. In the Kindle edition, a huge chunk of the book is made up of notes and index. In a paper edition, I would have been following the notes as I read and would have realized the proportions of the main text. It was simply unexpected on my part. Having said all of that, I still think the person with a keen interest in the subject will appreciate the book and will probably have a greater desire to try to wade through many of the pamphlets cited in the volume.

8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. A Stunning Accomplishment! By C. Wayne Swenson Brilliant. Provocative. Complex. Illuminating. The list of favorable adjectives applicable to Professor Bailyn's seminal work is nearly infinite. Subsequent to an exhaustive examination of colonial literature, namely pamphlets, Professor Bailyn describes the evolution of colonial ideology which, he argues, led directly to the American Revolution. Professor Bailyn begins with an introduction to the ideological sources which shaped and developed colonial revolutionary thought. He describes, at length, the impact of 17th and 18th century opposition writing in England upon colonial ideology, especially "Whig" ideology. He then details how the American press widely distributed this ideology throughout the colonies. In addition, Professor Bailyn highlights the importance of classical Roman thought and English common law upon the colonists' revolutionary thinking. Professor Bailyn contends that the combination of these libertarian sources provided the spark for the "shot heard round the world. An extremely complex examination, albeit imminently readable, the Ideological Origins of the American Revolution is a most read for serious study of the reasons for the colonists' decision to break away from the patronage of the British Empire.

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To the original text of what has become a classic of American historical literature, Bernard Bailyn adds a substantial essay, "Fulfillment," as a Postscript. Here he discusses the intense, nation-wide debate on the ratification of the Constitution, stressing the continuities between that struggle over the foundations of the national government and the original principles of the Revolution. This detailed study of the persistence of the nation's ideological origins adds a new dimension to the book and projects its meaning forward into vital current concerns.

.com The leaders of the American Revolution, writes the distinguished historian Bernard Bailyn, were radicals. But their concern was not to correct inequalities of class or income, not to remake the social order, but to "purify a corrupt constitution and fight off the apparent growth of prerogative power." They wished, in other words, to mend a broken system and improve upon it. In doing so they drew on many traditions of political and social thought, ranging from English conservative philosophers to exponents of the continental Enlightenment, from backward-looking interpretations of ancient Roman civilization to forward-looking views of a new American people. Bailyn carefully examines these sources of sometimes conflicting ideas and considers how the framers of the Constitution resolved them in their inventive doctrine of federalism. With this reading of the American Revolutionary Experience, Mr. Bailyn has substantially and profoundly altered the nature and direction of the inquiry on the American Revolution. In the process he has also erected a new framework for interpreting the entire first half-century of American national history... A landmark in American historiography. (American Quarterly) Tightly written and politically sophisticated... In the field of American Revolutionary Studies Bailyn's book must henceforth occupy a position of first rank. (Saturday ) The most brilliant study of the meaning of the Revolution to appear in a generation. (History) One cannot claim to understand the Revolution without having read this book. (New York Times Book ) A distinguished achievement. Mr. Bailyn writes with the authority and integrity that derive from a thorough mastery of the material. His meticulous scholarship is matched with perceptive analysis. (New York of Books) In every area of Bernard Bailyn's research--whether Virginia society of the 17th century or the schools of early America--he transformed what historians had hitherto thought about the subject. In The Ideological Origins of the American Revolution, the most famous of his works, Bailyn uncovered a set of ideas among the Revolutionary generation that most historians had scarcely known existed. These radical ideas about power and liberty, and deeply rooted fears of conspiracy, had propelled Americans in the 1760s and 1770s into the Revolution, Bailyn said. His book, which won the Pulitzer and Bancroft prizes in 1968, influenced an entire generation of historians. For many, it remains the most persuasive interpretation of the Revolution. (Gordon S. Wood Wall Street Journal 2009-02-28) From the Back Cover In this book, Bailyn discusses the intense, nation-wide debate on the ratification of the Constitution, stressing the continuities between that struggle over the foundations of the national government and the original principles of the Revolution.