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## Recommended Reading List

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I RECOMMEND THE following books to move beyond the Tyranny of the Deal and to restore the Art of the Compromise in our political discourse. These twelve books are not all-inclusive. I had great difficulty selecting only twelve. The books **in bold** are three pillars—my personal “Peter, James, and John”—that have significantly impacted my thinking about our American struggle to achieve political compromises.

### **Bisociated Compromise**

1. Baker, P., & Glasser, S. (2021). *The Man Who Ran Washington: The Life and Times of James A. Baker III*. Anchor.
2. **Murray, A. S., & Birnbaum, J. H. (1988). *Showdown at Gucci Gulch*. Vintage.**
3. Anderson, S. E., Butler, D. M., & Harbridge-Yong, L. (2020). *Rejecting compromise: Legislators' fear of primary voters*. Cambridge University Press.

### **Decriminalize Politics**

4. Morgan, P. W., & Reynolds, G. H. (1997). *The Appearance of Impropriety: How the Ethics Wars Have Undermined American Government, Business, and Society*. The Free Press.

### **Revitalize Congress**

5. Mann, T. E., & Ornstein, N. J. (2006). *The Broken Branch: How Congress is failing America and how to get it back on track*. Oxford University Press.

### **Human Reason**

6. Mercier, H., & Sperber, D. (2017). *The Enigma of Reason*. Harvard Univ. Press.
7. **Heinrichs, J. (2017). *Thank you for arguing: What Aristotle, Lincoln, and Homer Simpson can teach us about the art of persuasion*. Crown.**

### **Community Engagement**

8. Putnam, R. D. (2000). *Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community*. Simon and Schuster.

### **Electoral College**

9. Ross, T. (2019). *Why We Need the Electoral College*. Gateway Editions.

### **Founding Fathers**

10. Wood, G. S. (2017). *Friends Divided: John Adams and Thomas Jefferson*. Penguin.
11. Ketcham, R. L. (1990). *James Madison: A Biography*. University of Virginia Press.
12. Ricks, T. E. (2020). *First Principles: What America's Founders Learned from the Greeks and Romans and How That Shaped Our Country*. Harper Perennial.

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