

The Freedom Scale

Christopher Cook

“Brilliant...groundbreaking...an amazing synthesis of Western thought. A tour de force!”

—Steven J. Twist (co-founder, Goldwater Institute)

In his first major work, *The Freedom Scale: An Accurate Measure of Left and Right*, Cook sets out to demolish, once and for all, the political spectrum that places communism and fascism at opposite ends. He then constructs and justifies, step by step, an accurate spectrum that can be used to measure any political system or ideology, now or in any era.

Yet *The Freedom Scale* is so much more. An accurate spectrum needs a unit of measure, and in the search for that unit, Cook takes us on a lyrical philosophical journey, centered on the hero of our story: the individual human person. Who are we? What do we want and how do we get it? What are our rights and where do they come from? What do we owe to others?

With the care of a paleontologist unearthing dinosaur bones and the joy of an astronomer discovering new stars, Cook explores—and justifies—the classical-liberal principles that undergird Western civilization. He explores the organic and evolved nature of human rights, and, in bursts of lilting prose, delights in the infinite possibilities of human creativity and cooperation.

Christopher Cook has done us all a great favor with this book. By labelling fascism as a “right-wing” movement, the Left has long weaponised their own embarrassing relative to discredit conservatives and libertarians.

Brilliantly argued and clearly written, Cook's work is the perfect counter to the left's deliberate distortion of the political spectrum.

—Trevor Loudon (Author filmmaker, public speaker)

But it's not all sunshine and lollipops. Cook pulls no punches in identifying the main threat to human freedom: leftism...in *all* of its manifestations. But even here, his approach is not to castigate, but to uncover truth.

The Freedom Scale is sweeping and relentlessly organized. And yet, peppered with relevant anecdotes, song quotes, and breezy prose, it's never dry. In addition to his own dogged investigations and the works of classical-liberal greats, Cook weaves in wisdom gleaned from random encounters with everyday people...including some surprisingly wise children. The message: the principles of classical liberalism are natural—they are inside us; they are part of the natural order of the universe; and *anyone* can discover them.

Loaded with charts and illustrations, *The Freedom Scale* breaks all the rules and sets new standards for the exploration of politics and philosophy. The end result is a passionate defense of the individual human person and a political spectrum to stand the test of time. In the course of it all, Cook also proposes a new theory of history and identifies a pattern that shows we may be on the cusp of the next revolution in human freedom!

Political books on current events are often written to be relevant for the next hundred days. *The Freedom Scale* is written to speak to people now, 100 years from now, and beyond.

“It's like *The Road to Serfdom* and a college-level textbook had a baby....I want to convince my daughter's future school to use it....I think liberty-minded parents and schools would buy it en masse.” —E. Fessenden

“Absolute genius. One of the most important books of our time.” —G. Moore

“Nothing short of brilliant.” —B. Zinn