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## The LNT Report: How Bad Science Made The World Afraid of Nuclear Power

Author: Mike Conley

This book uncovers the bad faith, muddled thinking, and ideological prejudice that led to a false and injurious conclusion: nuclear radiation is risky in any dosage, no matter how low.

The truth, finally made clear by years of careful scientific criticism, is that low doses of radiation are harmless, and even beneficial to health.

While radiation can indeed be dangerous at high levels, the issue has been blown out of proportion by an unsupported model of nuclear risk assessment called Linear No-Threshold or LNT.

*The LNT Report* traces the twists and turns of LNT's reception and dissemination by politicians, media, and the public.

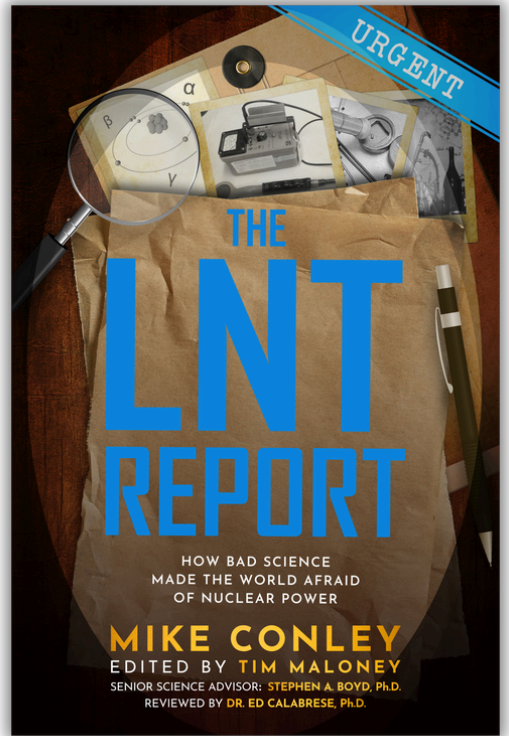
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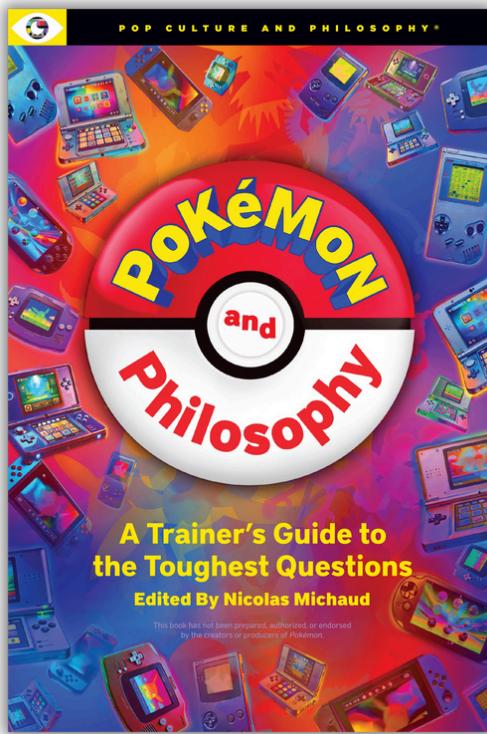
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**Mike Conley**, a lifelong science nerd, became interested in nuclear power in 2010, and quickly saw that the field was in dire need of writers who could explain the technology to the average reader. So he joined the Thorium Energy Alliance, met dozens of scientists and engineers, and made them an offer: “You explain it to me and I’ll explain it to the world.” The son of a career naval officer, Mike Conley has lived in Yokohama, Oslo, Idaho, Washington, Nevada, Arizona, Illinois, Maryland, Hawaii, and California, and has backpacked through Thailand and Cambodia. Born in Chicago, he’s been a resident of Southern California since 1967 and has lived in the Echo Park Hills of Los Angeles since 1994, working on screenplays for Hollywood.

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## Pokémon and Philosophy

Author: Nicolas Michaud

Pokémon is one of the most amazing pop culture phenomena of our epoch, with deep metaphysical roots and profound philosophical implications.

*Pokémon and Philosophy* celebrates this cultural icon while helping its readers unpack the hidden secrets of Pokémon.

In this collection of essays, modern-day philosophers examine and dissect the video game extravaganza. They explore its creators' original intent to entertain audiences, as well as examine the expansion of the Pokémon empire and its various wide-reaching effects on Western popular culture.

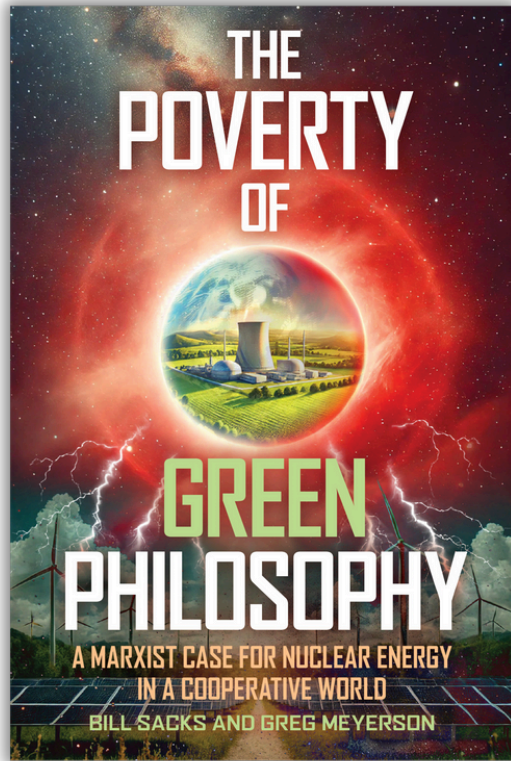
Using a collection of diverse backgrounds, cutting-edge arguments, and convictions, *Pokémon and Philosophy* encourages its readers to stay curious and to explore the world of Pokémon a little further in our attempt to philosophically 'catch 'em all'! This is the latest edition in our series, Pop Culture and Philosophy.

**Nicolas Michaud** is an assistant professor of philosophy at Florida State College. Nicolas Michaud has edited *Batman, Superman, and Philosophy: Badass or Boyscout* (2016), *Discworld and Philosophy: Reality Is Not What It Seems* (2016), and *Frankenstein and Philosophy: The Shocking Truth* (2013). He co-edited, with Jennifer Watkins, *Iron Man vs. Captain America and Philosophy: Give Me Liberty or Keep Me Safe* (2018). Dr. Michaud regularly appears on WJCT Jacksonville radio discussing film and philosophy, and currently resides in Jacksonville, FL.

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## **The Poverty of Green Philosophy: A Marxist Case for Nuclear Energy in a Cooperative World**

Authors: Bill Sacks and Greg Meyerson

Humanity has a problem: human-caused global warming. In *The Poverty of Green Philosophy*, two progressive intellectuals with a profound knowledge of science, technology, and capitalism give us a fresh and iconoclastic take on the energy dilemma confronting our species.

Sacks and Meyerson rigorously demonstrate that the only practical solution to the environmental energy problem is the greatly expanded use of nuclear power.

Their argument combines a devastating exposure of the wishful thinking and scientific ignorance that lies at the heart of any reliance on “renewables,” a sober examination of the real risks and true merits of nuclear energy, and an exposure of the capitalist system as an obstacle to human betterment.

**Bill Sacks** and **Greg Meyerson** have published numerous articles on nuclear power and related issues. Before retirement, Sacks was a diagnostic radiologist and medical officer. Meyerson is Professor of English at the University of North Carolina Greensboro.

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## FDR: A New Political Life

Author: David T. Beito

David Beito's path-breaking new book brings to bear the latest historical scholarship to shed light on the life and achievements of Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Professor Beito traces the irresistible political rise of Roosevelt, a scion of inherited wealth who never posed as a man of the people but was always perceived as a genial aristocrat.

As well as eyebrow-raising disclosures on FDR's private life, Beito's gripping narrative brings out Roosevelt's ruthless opportunism, and his susceptibility to all the prejudicial views fashionable at the time, on race, sex, nationalism, and economics.

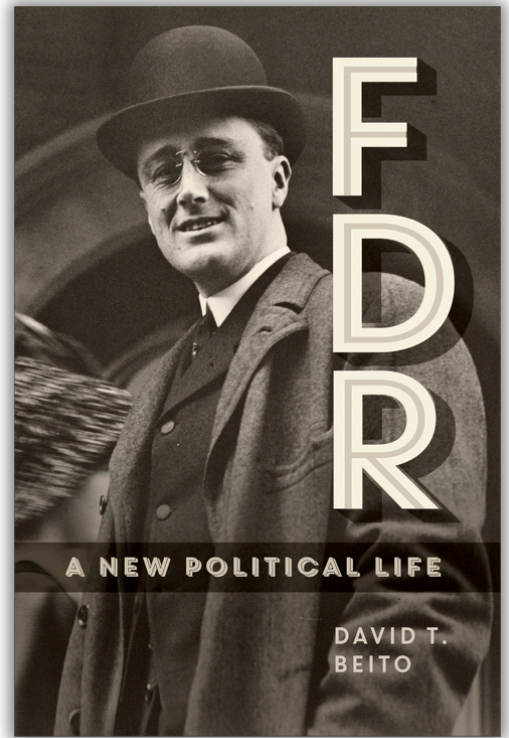
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An iconoclastic and acclaimed historian, **David T. Beito** is Professor Emeritus at the University of Alabama. He is author of *The New Deal's War on the Bill of Rights: The Untold Story of FDR's Concentration Camps, Censorship, and Mass Surveillance* (2023), *T.R.M. Howard* (biography of the civil rights pioneer, 2018), and *Taxpayers in Revolt* (1989, on tax resistance in the 1930s), as well as numerous scholarly and popular articles.

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## The General Theory of Liberty

Author: J.C. Lester

At first glance, interpersonal liberty looks to be about the absence of interpersonal or social constraints: people not interfering with (or constraining) each other in certain ways.

We see how it promotes human welfare as the satisfaction of wants or preferences: people don't want to be imposed on and do want the products of free markets.

But we still have a big problem. Liberty, property, and welfare (well-being) have been conflated. What is the abstract theory of liberty that is being presupposed, independently of property and human well-being? How does that theory relate to property and well-being or prosperity?

J.C. Lester's new book starts by explaining and defending the abstract theory of liberty and then applying it until Libertarian property is eventually derived.

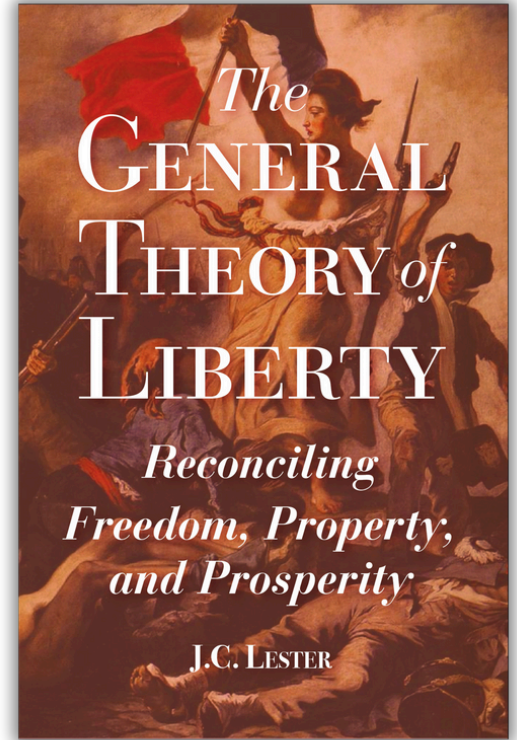
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