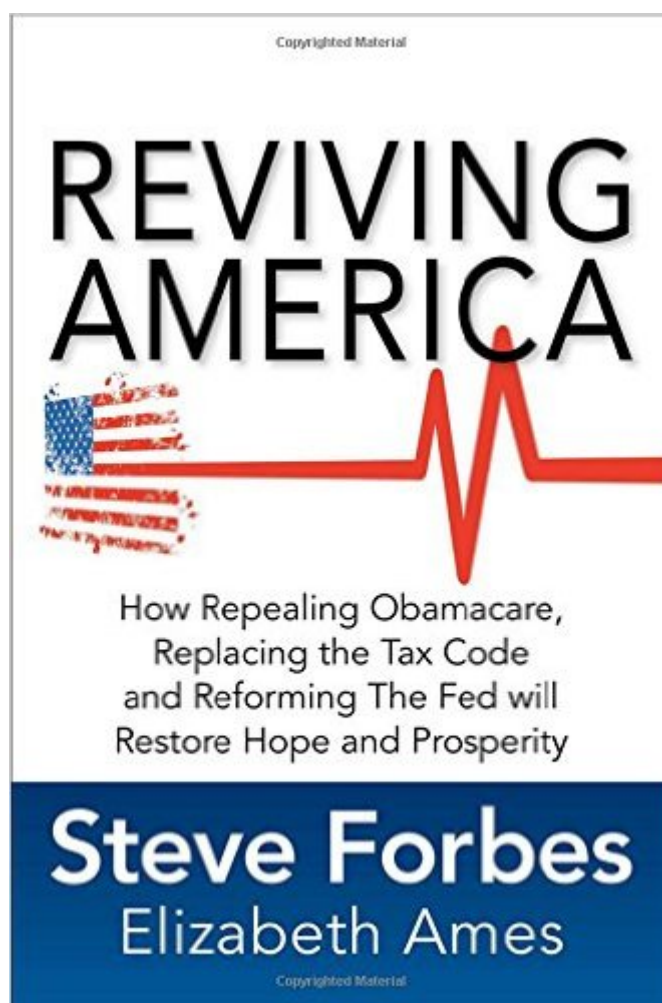


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# Reviving America: How Repealing Obamacare, Replacing The Tax Code And Reforming The Fed Will Restore Hope And Prosperity



## Synopsis

Conservative icon Steve Forbes returns with his most powerful and provocative ideas yet. The United States has been through one of the most tumultuous decades in recent history. Polls show people on both sides of the ideological divide believe that the country has gone off track. If something isn't done quickly, Americans face a bleak future—a continuing decline and disarray in a world that grows ever more dangerous. Steve Forbes, two-time candidate for the GOP presidential nomination and Forbes Media Chairman, explains how today's malaise has been caused by years of Obama's destructive policies, a broken tax system, and the Federal Reserve's Soviet-style controls over credit and money. The problems are challenging. But Forbes tells us that, with the right policies, the country can bounce back faster than people think. In this compelling and much-needed book, he sets forth a three-part plan to revive America.

**• Patient-Driven Healthcare:** The problem with healthcare, Forbes says, is that Big Government, health insurance companies, and employers are in control, not you, the patient. The key to getting high-quality, affordable healthcare is increasing competition and choice, and putting patients in charge.

**• Enact a Flat Tax:** Today's complex, corrupt tax code must be scrapped. The best answer is a simple Flat Tax. Forbes shows how this very bold reform would free America from the IRS and unleash an unprecedented wave of prosperity.

**• A Sound Dollar as Good as Gold:** With its ever-fluctuating fiat dollar, the Federal Reserve has blocked a real recovery and is the prime cause of today's stagnant, crisis-ridden economy. The answer? Take the dollar out of the hands of the Washington politicians by returning to a monetary system with the value of the dollar linked to gold.

A clear and vital guide, *Reviving America* shows how the United States can recover the optimism and entrepreneurial dynamism that made it the greatest nation in history. These are 21st century solutions—not the failed ideas of the recent past. Forbes offers specific ideas and plans, not generalities and bromides, and is challenging policy makers to do the same.

Steve Forbes is Chairman and Editor-in-Chief of Forbes Media. The company encompasses ForbesLife, Forbes Europe, Forbes Asia and Forbes licensee editions published in over 37 countries. The company also publishes a number of investment newsletters. Forbes.com reaches nearly 70 million users each month. The company's flagship publication, Forbes, is the nation's leading business magazine, with a circulation of more than 900,000. A widely respected economic prognosticator, Mr. Forbes is the only writer to have won the highly prestigious Crystal Owl Award four times. The prize was formerly given by U.S. Steel Corporation to the financial journalist whose economic forecasts for the coming year proved most accurate. In both 1996 and 2000, Mr. Forbes campaigned vigorously for the Republican nomination for the presidency. Key to

his platform were a flat tax, medical savings accounts, a new Social Security system for working Americans, parental choice of schools for their children, term limits and a strong national defense. Mr. Forbes continues to energetically promote this agenda. Mr. Forbes's book, *Money: How the Destruction of the Dollar Threatens the Global Economy and What We Can Do About It*, co-authored by Elizabeth Ames (McGraw-Hill Professional), was published in June 2014 and received the coveted Leonard E. Read Book Award. His other books include *Freedom Manifesto: Why Free Markets are Moral and Big Government Isn't*, co-authored by Elizabeth Ames (Crown Business, August 2012); *How Capitalism Will Save Us: Why Free People and Free Markets Are the Best Answer in Today's Economy*, co-authored by Elizabeth Ames (Crown Business, November 2009); and *Power Ambition Glory: The Stunning Parallels between Great Leaders of the Ancient World and Today and the Lessons You Can Learn*, co-authored by John Prevas (Crown Business, June 2009). He also wrote: *Flat Tax Revolution: Using a Postcard to Abolish the IRS* (Regnery, 2005); and *A New Birth of Freedom* (Regnery, 1999), a book of bold ideas for the new millennium. In 1985, President Reagan names Mr. Forbes Chairman of the bi-partisan Board for International Broadcasting (BIB). In this position, he oversaw the operations of Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty. Broadcasting behind the Iron Curtain, Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty were praised by Poland's Lech Walesa as being critical to the struggle against communism. Mr. Forbes was reappointed to his post by President George H. W. Bush and served until 1993. Steve Forbes was born on July 18, 1947, in Morristown, New Jersey. He received a B.A. in history from Princeton in 1970. Elizabeth Ames has co-authored three previous books with Steve Forbes: *Money: How The Destruction of the Dollar Threatens The Global Economy and What We Can Do About It*; *Freedom Manifesto: Why Free Markets Are Moral and Big Government Isn't*; and the Wall Street Journal bestseller, *How Capitalism Will Save Us: Why Free People and Free Markets Are The Best Answer In Today's Economy*.

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## Customer Reviews

"Reviving America" arrived yesterday. I devoured it. It might have been titled "Just What the Doctor Ordered." The book is broken down into three parts - Obamacare, Flat Tax and the Fed. It is a road map of specifics as to how to rekindle America's entrepreneurial spirit. Forbes deals with Obamacare and the importance of starting over and developing a free marketplace allowing patients to cross state lines. Tax-Free Health Savings Accounts are explained and advocated. It is refreshing to have an economist speak to our medical insurance issues instead of politicians. What I believe to be the best part of the book dwells on Forbes' Flat Tax plan. The book changes format when discussing a Flat Tax and deals with the many "myths" that surround the plan (charitable giving for one). Forbes lays out figures to prove how fair and pro-market his plan is. WHY we are not already on a Flat Tax system is beyond me as it is simple and fair. The book is full of specifics yet easy to read (only 165 pages of reading). Perhaps the most provocative part of the book is the part that deals with the Fed. Forbes explains how the Fed has distorted our market place and calls for lending to reflect the market place and not politics. He also deals with over regulation and a return to stable standards such as gold. I recommend the book highly.

Forbes™ takes a refreshing look at some of the major policy issues facing our country today and offers a practical solution that Republicans and Democrats should get behind. With each page, Forbes™ views come across clear and concise that even a policy novice will understand what he is outlining. Every member of Congress should add this book on their holiday reading list. Washington can clearly learn a thing or two from Mr. Forbes.

Steve Forbes has done it again – putting pen to paper on a comprehensive plan to set America on a path to permanent economic recovery. This captivating read lays out a clear and concise roadmap to restore America's economy and our ever-failing health care system. Every policy maker and anyone thinking about running for office should read this book and learn from Mr. Forbes™ expertise. We can make America great again and Mr. Forbes shows us how.

From Ned's wife: only part way through (I'm a serial reader, keep 3-4 books going at a time) but am enjoying it. Mr. Forbes remains a sane person in a time of craziness...ObamaCare, with its 20,000 pages of additional bumph added since it was passed, has been a financial, medical and moral disaster. When it went into effect, I was scheduled out of my sleep apnea coverage. Had to apply for low-income pharmacy coverage bec my asthma medication went to 300.00 a month. I was taking it at a half dose to make it last longer. ObamaCare is a criminal idea finally brought to realization. I feel sorry for anyone in the medical profession...the robber barons of our day are in the hospital, pharmaceutical, and insurance rip-offs.

Steve Forbes provides interesting insights in making the United States an economic forerunner of global nations again in his book "Reviving America." His comments and suggestions related to repealing Obamacare, implementing a flat tax, and reforming the Federal Reserve are ideas that politicians should consider and businesses should back. The book was in three parts so each was like reading a mini-book. The overall book format was easy to read and presenting in a way that was also easy to follow. Everyone should read this book for themselves before voting in the next election and then form their own opinions as to whether or not the following makes sense for America: 1. The current insurance program that was meant to reform healthcare causes more administrative red tape and therefore increases the cost to healthcare providers, as well as putting a financial burden on people who cannot afford the expense. 2. Over time, implementing a tax rate that is the same for everyone seems more fair and easier to administrate, thus saving time and money in the long run. 3. Changing the Federal Reserve back to an agency that helps the banking system rather than controlling bank funding and interest rates to boost the economy and in the long run create jobs.

Steve Forbes follows up on his last book to show how America can have another economic boom. Revamp healthcare. Enact the Flat Tax. Bring back the gold standard. Innovation and entrepreneurship will create new industries, jobs and wealth.

Mr. Forbes filters down into simple language complex theories and economic malaise that give real proven solutions for growth--that serious lawmakers should discuss/champion on both sides of the isle, and that high school and college students should be arguing for. I have a MBA and have read lots of books, discussed a lot of economic theories, and looked at several statistics and formulas for reviving our 1-2% economy, okay. And, I have to agree wholeheartedly with Mr. Forbes' perspectives, for both moral and financial reasons. The patient (who is last on the food chain)

should be in charge of their own care (and through saving accounts), not goliath/greedy insurance agencies and their dictates to hospitals, doctors, and clinics. Medical care service providers from every area of the industry ought to be able to compete for opportunities; insurance companies, for example, that transcend state borders, monopolies, and Washington cronyism. We can curb the declining rate of doctors leaving Medicare etc. by paying them what they justifiably deserve, not pennies on the dollar. Secondly, the argument to replace our current tax code with a Flat Tax is discussed in simple terms. And, Forbes substantiates this argument by introducing to us several examples of improved economies/countries, where the Flat Tax has clearly accelerated economic engines, jobs, and therefore, rapid, stable, economic growth. Again, Forbes correctly argues for reforming the Federal Reserve--drastically. We need to get back to the Gold Standard! Today's monetary policies (experiments) just don't work ie. look at quantitative easing (QE), zero-to-negative interest rates, the hyper-regulation of banks, etc., In particular, finally, I like Forbes' impassioned advocacy to help small and new business entrepreneurs to be able to acquire adequate credit. Thank you Mr. Forbes!

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