

Praise for Megachange

Centuries from now, when the historians of the future identify our time as the great inflection point in human history -- the moment when the pace of change began to accelerate dramatically in the inter-connected spheres of technology, politics, international relations, religion, health, the environment, and gender roles -- they will say one forward-looking American intellectual understood exactly what was happening at the time, grasped its larger meaning, offered wise counsel for how to manage it, and encapsulated his insights in a short, timely, and eminently readable book. That scholar, they will say, was Darrell West, and that book was Megachange.

James Rosen, Fox News chief Washington correspondent

West's Megachange is an extraordinary study of a world in unpredictable flux, an exploration of every headline-catching change, and a bracing plea for understanding a future we still have a chance to control and build. Hooray for a book every policymaker should read, also every citizen concerned about tomorrow's peril and promise.

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This wide-ranging account identifies and analyzes today's disorienting transformations with uncommon acuity. Its power lies not only in fascinating accounts of difficult and vexing instances, but in showing how the constellation of these diverse but reinforcing occurrences is generating fierce and profound uncertainty.

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