



Andrew Yang Hires Al Womble as Iowa Campaign Chair



Third Congressional District Chair for the Iowa Democratic Party and State Central Committee Member Al Womble is Yang's latest hire for his growing team.

DES MOINES, IOWA — Making waves and drawing crowds in the thousands for rallies across the country, Andrew Yang is staffing up.

Al Womble, the Democratic chairman in Iowa's third congressional district, will serve as Iowa Campaign Chair.

On joining the Yang Gang, Al said: "When my wife and I first met Andrew at the Iowa Democratic Wing Ding, I asked her, 'what do you think of Andrew Yang?' She put it best: 'he's the only candidate offering real solutions to the problems working people face.'"

"Andrew has a bold new vision for an economy that puts people first. If we keep going with the same approach, we're going to wind up with the same results. Andrew is a leader who listens to people first and foremost. Some folks are offering to turn the dial up a little; Andrew's turning the volume up to 10 and really making it a party," Womble said.

Zach Graumann, Campaign Manager, stated: "Al was one of the campaign's earliest and best champions in the Hawkeye State. We're beyond thrilled to have him on the team."

The Yang Gang continues to catch fire nationwide.

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華人觀點楊安澤是盞探照燈

From APAPA 俄亥俄

個人以為楊安澤（Andrew Yang）競選美國總統成功可能性不大，卻有探照燈的作用。我們可以看看競選中的操作，地形和坑。這是一個好的 case study(案例分析),是華人近距離學習大選的好機會。楊安澤這次競選美國總統有幾點是比較有示範意義的。

1) 楊安澤之前有個夏威夷的華裔共和黨參議員鄭友良(Hiram Fong)參選美國總統,1964 年共和黨初選他拿到了夏威夷和阿拉斯加州的 delegations(選舉人票),但離 nomination(黨內提名)還很遠。

Vice President Richard Nixon (right) congratulates Oren E. Long (left) and Hiram L. Fong after swearing them in as Senators

from the new State of Hawaii in August 1959 (flickr.com)

2) 楊安澤策略主攻 rust belt（鐵銹帶）；在 Ohio 三個城市,Cincinnati, Columbus, Cleveland 演講。Cincinnati 有個活動在 Rhinegeist Brewery Taproom, 是他以前的公司天使投資的一個項目,場面火爆,來了很多年輕人。這個策略應該不錯。

Andrew Yang at Rhinegeist Brewery Taproom, Cincinnati, Ohio on Feb. 23, 2019

3) 只要楊安澤能夠拿下更多搖擺州的選票,民主黨提名他即使落榜,也有些政治資本。特別是如果他能夠代表中西部州,鐵銹帶的工人聲音和利益,以後可能可以進民主黨內閣。勞工部,科技部,甚至副總

我看Andrew Yang 的 Town Hall Meeting

From: Arwen Zhang APAPA 俄亥俄

What I Saw, Heard, and Thought at Andrew Yang's Town Hall Meeting

Everyone's heard of the 2016 election. Everyone has. It is the election that has caused controversy and sparked rage. It is also the election where I first started noticing what was going on in Washington, DC and our country in general.

Andrew Yang's town hall meeting in Columbus, Ohio on Feb. 23, 2019 was a unique experience, and there were many things that I saw, hear, and thought at the rally.

I'd never gone to anything really political before, so I wasn't sure exactly what I'd see. At the event, I saw a lot of my fellow peers from school, and their parents. After leading the Pledge of Allegiance, I sat down quietly and listened to Andrew Yang speak. My dad passed me a packet detailing what Mr. Yang wanted to do, and his plans as president.

There were around three hundred people listening to him that day. He talked for a little bit and soon began to take questions.I heard a lot of different people asking questions. There were college students, high schoolers, parents, business workers, all sorts of people.

I didn't understand some of the

questions, but I did understand part of what was being asked by using the information that I had seen on the news, what I had heard my parents talking about, and used my school-taught social studies knowledge. Words like GDP and taxes were thrown around, and he explained what he wanted to do fairly well. I decided that I wanted to ask a question.

I had two questions for Mr. Yang - what was it like running as an Asian-American, and what were his plans to deal with the gun-violence in our schools?

My first question was because, as an Asian-American myself, I wanted to know what he had gone through. I actually really enjoy public speaking and debating, and I want to one day (hopefully) have a career in politics because, if there's anything I've learned in my life, it's that if you want change, you can't wait for someone else to do it for you.

My second question was a little more because of the current news. It is saddening to know that as a Generation Z-er, I've grown up with mass shootings occurring in our schools. This stuff isn't news to me. It is also frightening to know that one day I could be killed at school. And while my neighborhood and town is

a very safe place, it is still a terrifying prospect.

For me, seeing an Asian-American like me running for president made me very inspired. It made me rethink my goal to run for president one day seem a lot more believable because I had finally seen someone who was like me run for president. I really want to see more Asian- Americans in politics because I really want to see more representation. Throughout my life, whether it was in Barbie dolls or in cartoons, I never saw somebody else who looked like me. Even when I did, it was a horrible Asian stereotype that was not like me at all. So, I would love to see more Asian-Americans in politics.

In conclusion, Mr. Yang's town hall meeting was an interesting event that has helped me become more involved in our society's politics. I saw, heard, and thought many things during and after the event. I hope that the generation before mine can work hard to solve the pressing problems in our society today, so that my generation will be able to have a future to even look at. Best of luck to Mr. Yang as he continues his campaign around the country!



摘要這本書的巨大價值尚未被世界各地的讀者所認識,特別是那些仍在尋找美國人為什麼在 2016 年選擇了唐納德·特朗普,這個最不适合於民主國家領導者的人做總統的答案的人們,如果你讀了這本書,搜索肯定會停止,因為答案全在其中。事實上,正象書中開篇所說,楊安澤寫這本書和出來競選美國總統,同樣也是出于為特朗普的當選而感到困惑不解和焦慮不安。唯一不同的是,他不是只在一旁嘆息,而是大膽走出自己的舒服區,進入總統位置角逐!不少人認為他的機會不大;我說,那是因為你還沒看過他的這本書。

"The War on normal people"書評: 揭開失業的真實故事,解釋為什麼以人為本的資本主義是答案

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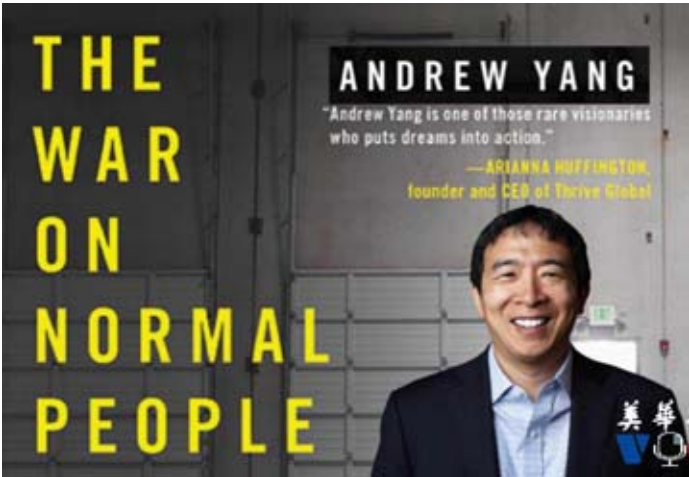
我是從當地圖書館借的音頻版本(作者楊安澤本人閱讀)開始讀這本書的。在完成了這本音書後,我從亞馬遜購買了一個紙質版本,另一個從作者網站上購買了一個簽名版本,作為對他總統競選的捐贈。毫無疑問,這本書的知名度將隨着楊安澤民主黨總統候選人競選活動而飆升。事實上,我是從喬·羅根經驗 (Joe Rogan Experience) 播客採訪楊安澤談話中得知這本書的,我和數百萬 JRE 觀眾一樣,在聽了他兩個小時的談話,講述他為什麼出來競選美國總統,和如何解決美國目前存在的問題的基本方案後而被楊深深吸引住了。那次兩個小時的採訪基本上是他這本音書的濃縮版,也是他第一次向美國人民最全面,最詳細地介紹他的競選大綱。現在我手里拿着這本書,感覺它不尋常得沉重的同時也感到莫大的啟蒙和鼓舞。

沉重,是因為它講的那些因人工智能和機器人而失業的鐵銹帶美國人

的故事觸目驚心,比我想象的糟糕很多;那破舊不堪的商城和關門的商店、空蕩蕩的街道和破敗的基礎設施、吸毒成癮和不斷上升的自殺率、受不到正常教育的兒童和破碎的家庭、創紀錄的低結婚率和創紀錄的低流動性,如書的第一部分所做的結論,都是長期失業直接和間接的結果,有的是全球化造成的,但最近十年主要是由於 AI 和產業自動化造成的;同時,衆多實體店因象亞馬遜這樣的 AI 驅動的在線零售商擠壓而紛紛倒閉。作為美國風險組織 ("Venture

for America") 的創建者和首席執行官,楊安澤具有獨特的機會,長期(7 年)不斷地穿梭于美國經濟廢區城鎮,親眼目睹了大批失業者 and 受影響者的絕望。記得他在書中說的話,"我有時從出差返回紐約或舊金山,我想知道我是否還在同一個國家"。這說明,經濟繁榮的沿海和銹迹斑斑的城鎮之間,"富"人和"窮"人之間的距離已經遠到你不可想象的地步!作為一名經濟專業的畢業生和企業老闆,楊安澤以迫急的語氣講述了那些長期被忽視的美國人的真實故事,不是靠空談嚇唬人而是以大量的數據和自己的親身經歷說話。

與硅谷和紐約市的科技精英關係密切,讓作者對機器人以前所未有的威脅速度向我們逼近有個近距離的視角。他在這本書中用來描繪 AI 浪潮的到來的一個例子,讓我猶如看到丹·布朗(Dan Brown)的小說書"起源"(Origin)中的虛擬 AI 角色"溫斯頓"(Winston)踏入現實世界一般——天在曼哈頓,楊安澤給他的朋友大衛發郵件,邀請他參加午餐會。他立即得到了大衛名叫"艾米"的"秘書"的回應,她瞬間給出大衛多種的預約選擇,甚至還提出了一些非常典型的秘書問題。楊對大衛的秘書的效率感到驚訝,後來他意識到這位秘書實際上是一個聊天機器人,這是一個 AI 軟件,它自動觸發了大衛日曆中的搜索,並在一秒鐘內找到了所有的空缺。"機器人來了"——正如一些人所說的那樣,現代版本的保羅·里維爾(Paul Revere)楊安澤在書中警告說, AI 和自動化不僅將會取代一些不需要大學教育的工作,比如卡車和 Uber 司機,行政職員,和零售人員,而且也將衝擊許多高薪領域的工作,如放射科醫生,病理學家,新聞主持人和作家,某些類型的記者。。等等,總之基本



和目標感到歡欣鼓舞。這本書中解決方案部分的中心主題是"以人為本的資本主義"或簡稱"人文資本主義",也成了現在他總統競選綱領的核心。雖然人文資本主義不是他的發明,但楊安澤在這本書中非常清楚地闡述了它,佐以令人信服的證據和真實的個人故事,把它提陞到一個前所未有的高度,讓我們都能看到它的重要性以及為什麼我們現在特別需要它。正如書中的圖表和數據所顯示,以盈利為唯一動力的資本主義已被證明只對最富裕的 1 0% 的美國人有利。大公司的股東們要求利潤年復一年地,季度復季度地不斷增長;對利潤的無止境的慾望已經讓數百萬美國人失業;隨着 AI 技術的成熟和機器人價格的不斷下降,這種趨勢將有增無減。該書列舉了政府贊助的就業再培訓項目失敗 75% 的例子。正如楊安澤在書中和接受 JRE 採訪時所說,"你能想象訓

練一個 45 歲的煤礦工人編寫代碼 (計算機程序)嗎?",或者, "如果有人連家人都無法提供基本生活保障,你怎么能指望他搬遷去其他地方呢?"

楊安澤認為,要他拯救資本主義最直接的辦法是給每一個 18 歲及以上的美國公民每月發 1000 美元的全民基本收入 (UBI) (也稱自由紅利),不帶任何附加條件。為此,才能防止失業公民陷入更多的絕望和造成社會的動蕩(記得"無產階級革命性最徹底"這句話嗎?)當被批評這是社會主義行為時,楊指出,"資本主義是市場經濟對吧?那好,如果人們沒有消費能力,哪里還有市場?"恰恰相反,他的目標是把人民的消費力注入市場而不是將其抽出。他認為,UBI 正是重振資本主義,使其免于死亡而急需的一劑救心針!

我也很喜歡這本書的乾淨,簡單,敘事的風格;讀者可以很容易地順着作者的故事情節和思維過程而達至自己的結論。沒有大話,也沒有激烈的政治口號;所有的都是數據和事實,充滿了大量的智慧、創造力,甚至一些笑話。說實話,我覺得不可思議的是,一些當地的書店甚至沒有聽說過這本書或沒有準備進貨。我很感激 JRE 對楊的推出介紹,因為就是在那里,我偶然發現了這個隱蔽的寶藏。這本書的巨大價值尚未被世界各地的讀者所認識,特別是那些仍在尋找美國人為什麼在 2016 年選擇了唐納德·特朗普,這個最不适合於民主國家領導者的人做總統的答案的人們,如果你讀了這本書,搜索肯定會停止,因為答案全在其中。事實上,正象書中開篇所說,楊安澤寫這本書和出來競選美國總統,同樣也是出于為特朗普的當選而感到困惑不解和焦慮不安。唯一不同的是,他不是只在一旁嘆息,而是大膽走出自己的舒服區,進入總統位置角逐!不少人認為他的機會不大;我說,那是因為你還沒看過他的這本書!