

# Why America Is Not New Rome: The Case for American Exceptionalism

By Victor Davis Hanson



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In his new book, *Why America Is Not New Rome*, Victor Davis Hanson argues that America is not the new Rome. While both nations share some similarities, such as their size, power, and global reach, there are also key differences that make America unique. Hanson argues that these differences make America a more exceptional nation than Rome ever was.

One of the most important differences between America and Rome is their founding principles. America was founded on the principles of liberty, equality, and democracy. These principles are enshrined in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. Rome, on the other hand, was founded on the principles of conquest and domination. The Roman Empire was a vast and powerful empire, but it was also a brutal and oppressive regime.

Another key difference between America and Rome is their political systems. America has a representative democracy, while Rome had an oligarchy. In a representative democracy, the people elect representatives to make decisions on their behalf. In an oligarchy, a small group of wealthy and powerful individuals control the government.

The American political system is based on the principle of checks and balances. This system ensures that no one branch of government can become too powerful. The Roman political system, on the other hand, was based on the principle of absolute power. The emperor had absolute power over the government and the people.

The American economy is also very different from the Roman economy. America has a free market economy, while Rome had a centrally planned economy. In a free market economy, the prices of goods and services are determined by the forces of supply and demand. In a centrally planned economy, the government sets the prices of goods and services.

The American economy is one of the most dynamic and prosperous economies in the world. The Roman economy, on the other hand, was relatively stagnant. The Roman government heavily regulated the economy, and this stifled innovation and growth.

Finally, America and Rome have very different cultures. American culture is based on the values of individualism, self-reliance, and hard work. Roman culture, on the other hand, was based on the values of collectivism, obedience, and loyalty.

American culture is a vibrant and diverse culture. It is a culture that celebrates creativity, innovation, and freedom. Roman culture, on the other

hand, was a more rigid and conformist culture. It was a culture that emphasized duty, honor, and tradition.

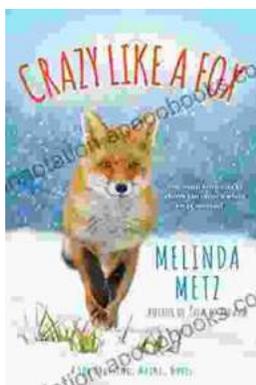
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