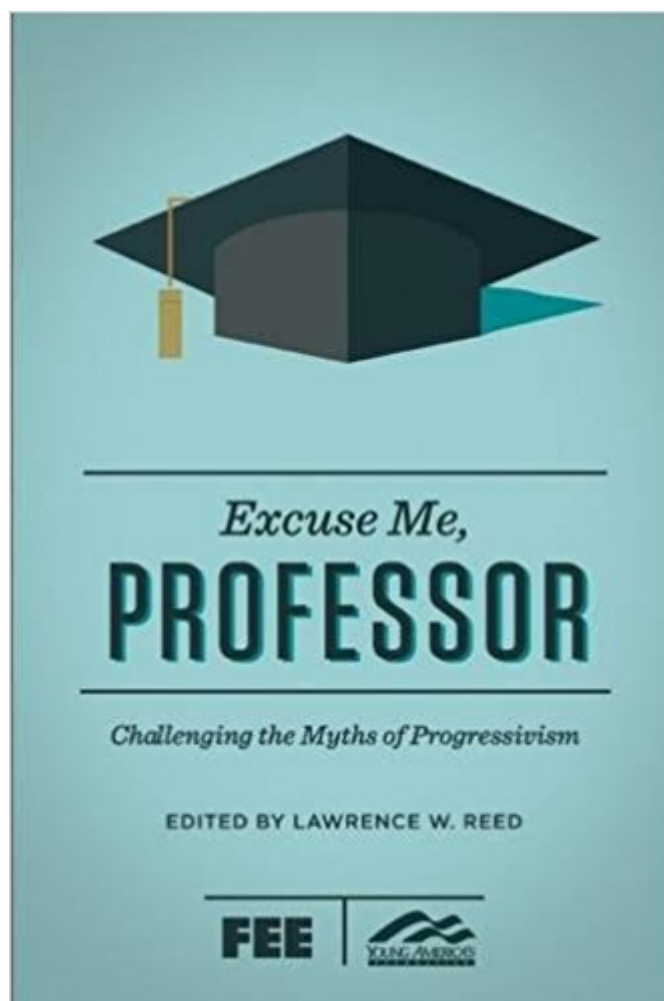


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# Excuse Me, Professor: Challenging The Myths Of Progressivism



## Synopsis

There's little truly "progressive" about Progressivism. True progress happens when humans are free, yet the Progressive agenda substantially diminishes freedom while promising the unachievable. Excuse Me, Professor provides a handy reference for anyone actively engaged in advancing liberty, with essential essays debunking more than 50 Progressive clichés. Does the free market truly ignore the poor? Are humans really destroying the Earth? Is the government truly the first best source to relieve distress? Compiled and edited by Lawrence W. Reed in collaboration with the Foundation for Economic Education and Young America's Foundation, this anthology is an indispensable addition to every freedom lover's arsenal of intellectual ammunition.

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Lawrence W. "Larry" Reed became president of the Foundation for Economic Education (FEE) in 2008. Previously, he served as president of the Mackinac Center for Public Policy in Midland, Michigan, and chaired Northwood University's department of economics from 1982 to 1984. Reed has authored more than 1,000 newspaper columns and articles and dozens of articles in magazines and journals worldwide.

It seems like just yesterday (although it's been over 20 years) when I was verbally battling with my liberal college professors. By the end of my first semester of college, I realized that many of my profs had political agendas that influenced what they were teaching the students. The economics

professors were, by and large, teaching Keynesian economics. As someone who had started his own business at the age of eleven, I knew that much of what they were preaching as gospel didn't really correspond to reality. By my senior year, I had had enough. On my own, I had discovered the writings of Milton Friedman and his best-selling book *Free To Choose*. I made a point of bringing it to class with me and reading passages from the book to refute the stupid things my professors were stating. At first, they tried to laugh it off, as though Friedman (who had won the Nobel Prize in economics) wasn't to be taken seriously. But I noticed something very interesting: when I would read the passages, many of my fellow students (who had kept silent) started to nod their heads in agreement. It wasn't long before the professors began to tone down the rhetoric. Lawrence Reed has given a new generation of frustrated college students the same type of intellectual ammunition with *Excuse Me, Professor*. As the title suggests, the book is intended to provide college students with thoughtful answers to the biased opinions of their profs. It isn't hard to imagine hundreds of these books on every college campus in America as groups like Students for Liberty and Young Americans for Liberty continue to grow exponentially. The lesson I learned over twenty years ago is that the progressive myths that many college professors espouse can be easily refuted with the right ideas. *Excuse Me, Professor* is a book every thinking college student should read -- and have setting atop their desks to reference whenever their liberal professors go off the deep end. I highly recommend this book.

I was just nodding my head in agreement as I read this book. It's just plain common sense. The book itself is easy to read as each chapter deals with one topic or subject and is fairly short; the author presents excellent and as I said, common sense refutations of various aspects of the "progressive" platform. Now will it serve to change the minds of progressives? If one reads the chapters with an objective and open mind, I think the logic therein will be convincing. It also is good for summarizing the logical arguments to use when discussing these issues with people who see things in a different light.

Though English is not my native language, I've really enjoyed reading this well thought through collection of essays and articles, challenging various ideas of the progressivists/socialists/statetists. One might be surprised how many 'social axioms' preached nowadays by the universities and media, are actually the myths or illogical constructions born in emotions of envy and hate. I recommend this reading to anyone interested in understanding the human activities, either 'social' or 'economical'. One doesn't have to be a libertarian to understand the simple truth of this book.

This book was written to provide "the other side" for those who only seem to be fed political "information" from the media or from the liberal teachings of school professors. Sadly, our children are receiving political diatribe from their professors and are led to believe that it is truth. Yes, they may question, however, where else are they going to get answers? Who knows this better than the professor, right? Well, depends upon your school. Yes, I am absolutely a Republican. However, I don't blindly vote based upon Red or Blue. I have values and a brain, and I am always questioning why. This book really helps me put many things that I believe, into a supportable argument. It also makes me feel less "opinionated" and more substantiated. Even if you're a Democrat, you need to know the other side of the argument. This could very well open a dialog from both sides of the political fence that would help lessen the continuous inflation of government and devaluation of the individual.

Give every high school senior this book. Actually these days start ready kit to your five year old every until they start high-school then make required read each month to get their allowance. Then maybe can get the education system back fromm the liberal professors

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