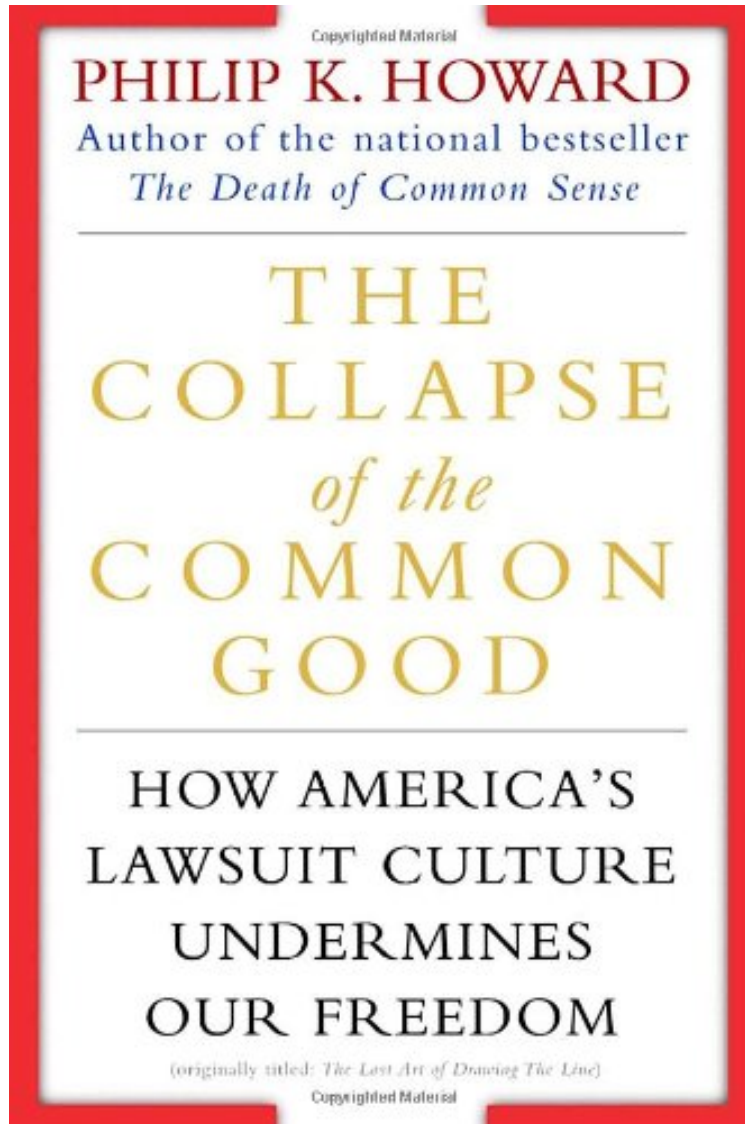


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book title. Yes, we need common good. And, we need judgment restored. But, for that to happen, we must have a moral people. We can only have the concept of common good, if we have a moral people. As morality breaks down, so does the concept of the common good. And, when there is an immoral people in control, the common good can be turned into a means to an end. The book is well written. But, the conclusions wrong in certain cases, especially in granting more authority to judges. Judges already have absolute immunity for complete incompetency, which, in most cases, is what takes place in courtrooms across America, daily. Further, judges wield nearly absolute authority in the courtroom. Absolute immunity + Absolute authority = Complete incompetency + Judicial Bribery (Subtle and Gross) Yes, lawsuits are an issue. Yes, attorneys tax America by seedy legal practices. And, attorneys are allowed to practice fraud by a rogue judiciary. The author believes in the moral authority of judges, and that greater judicial discretion is needed to dismiss "frivolous" cases. From my perspective, granting judges more authority would threaten America's underlying stability even further. No, we must have accountability for decisions made. And, we must hold lawyers and judges accountable for telling the truth. Lying is a common practice. Perjury profitable. In Secret Corruption, which exposes the massive scale of the damage done by the legal system to our nation. But, does not place more faith in the people running the system. Rather, I believe, We the People, must have a voice in governing the system, and holding those in it accountable for their actions. Yes, on author's issues of discerning right and wrong. No, on author's solution: greater judicial authority and discretion. This book is well written. Definitely 4 stars. I like the title "The Collapse of the Common Good" more than "The Lost Art of Drawing the Line". 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Sandra Lea Cole absolutely excellent book 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. breath of fresh air in stifling "politically correct" culture By The beach bum I think this book should be required reading for the College students. In today "politically correct" culture this one is a breath of fresh air. I would strongly suggest to read his other books like "Death of Common sense"

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