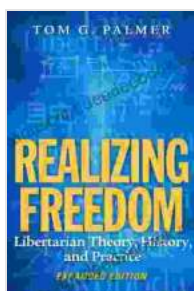


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Libertarians also believe that the government's primary role should be to protect individual rights. They argue that the government should only be allowed to do those things that are necessary to protect individual rights, and that it should not be allowed to interfere in people's lives in any other way.

Libertarian History

The history of libertarianism can be traced back to the classical Greek and Roman philosophers. These philosophers argued that individual freedom is the highest good, and that the government's primary role should be to protect individual rights.

In the 17th and 18th centuries, libertarian ideas were developed by philosophers such as John Locke, Adam Smith, and Thomas Jefferson. These philosophers argued that individuals are born with certain natural

rights, including the right to life, liberty, and property. They also argued that the government's primary role should be to protect these rights.

In the 19th and 20th centuries, libertarianism was championed by thinkers such as Ayn Rand, Milton Friedman, and Friedrich Hayek. These thinkers developed a more comprehensive and systematic libertarian philosophy. They argued that individual freedom is the key to human flourishing, and that the government should be limited to a very narrow role.

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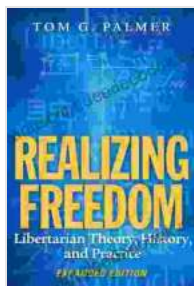
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Libertarian ideas have also been influential in the development of public policy in other countries. For example, the free market reforms that were implemented in Chile in the 1970s and 1980s were based on libertarian principles. These reforms led to a significant increase in economic growth and prosperity in Chile.

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