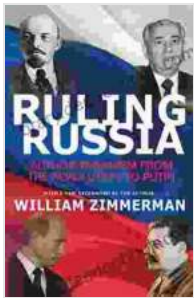


Ruling Russia: Authoritarianism From The Revolution To Putin

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The Russian Revolution of 1917 was a watershed moment in the country's history. The revolution led to the overthrow of the tsarist regime and the

establishment of the Soviet Union. The Soviet Union was a communist state that was ruled by a single party, the Communist Party of the Soviet Union (CPSU). The CPSU controlled all aspects of Soviet society, from the economy to the media to the arts.

The Soviet Union was a highly authoritarian state. Political dissent was not tolerated, and human rights were severely restricted. The government used a variety of methods to suppress dissent, including secret police, forced labor camps, and psychiatric hospitals.

The Soviet Union collapsed in 1991. The collapse of the Soviet Union led to a period of political and economic chaos in Russia. In the early 1990s, Russia experimented with democracy, but these efforts were unsuccessful. In 1999, Vladimir Putin was elected president of Russia. Putin has been in power ever since.

Putin is a former KGB officer. He has used his KGB training to establish a highly authoritarian regime in Russia. Putin has suppressed dissent, curtailed civil liberties, and increased the power of the state.

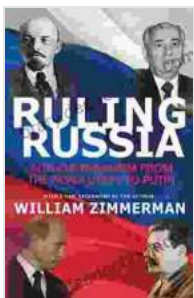
There are a number of factors that have contributed to the rise of authoritarianism in Russia. These factors include:

- Russia's vast size and diverse population
- The legacy of the Soviet Union
- Vladimir Putin's KGB training
- The weakness of democratic institutions in Russia

The rise of authoritarianism in Russia is a serious threat to human rights and democracy. Authoritarianism has led to the suppression of dissent, the curtailment of civil liberties, and the increase in the power of the state. It is important to understand the factors that have contributed to the rise of authoritarianism in Russia in order to develop strategies to combat it.

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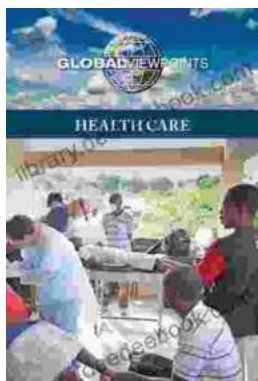
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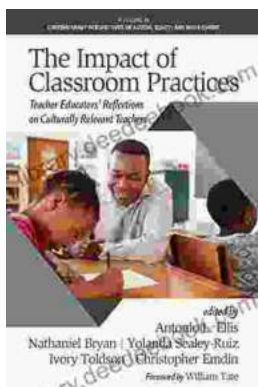
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