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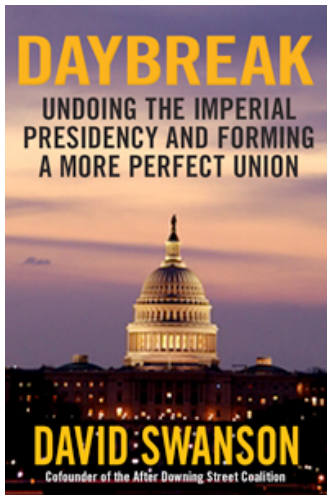
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“*Daybreak* offers a powerful and compelling picture of what real change in America could look like. The world needs more true advocates of democracy like David Swanson!”

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How the Bush years fundamentally changed US government, and what America must do to reconstitute democracy.



DAYBREAK

**Undoing the Imperial Presidency
and Forming a More Perfect Union**

by **David Swanson**

Co-Founder of the After Downing Street Coalition

With a Foreword by John Nichols

“*Daybreak* is an eye-opener about how our nation was hijacked by the Bush administration and how much repair work we, as citizens, must do. David Swanson, who has been a one-man wonder leading the charge for accountability, writes a compelling narrative that inspires not just outrage, but ACTION.”

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“[*Daybreak* is] a useful guide to restore the balance of powers and reclaim our constitutional system of government.”

—**Marjorie Cohn**, President of the National Lawyers Guild

“*Daybreak* urgently reminds us that good political intentions are not sufficient to ensure the continuation of our democracy; informed vigilance is vital to that task.”

—**Mark Karlin**, Editor of Buzzflash.com

“David Swanson is the most thoughtful, determined, and energetic progressive activist in America, and one of the most important voices of his generation. He's also a unique bridge between traditional real-world organizing and the brand new world of online activism. His combination of cheerful organizing, passionate speaking, and brilliant blogging is an inspiration to everyone who craves a more just, peaceful, and sustainable world.”

—**Bob Fertik**, President of Democrats.com

Throughout the ferment of the Bush-Cheney years, the calls for change that followed, and the new moment we are all hoping to seize, David Swanson has stood at the forefront of citizens movements for a more just America. Popular blogger, a leader of the antiwar and pro-impeachment movements, and a star progressive, Swanson is, as John Nichols calls him, “the true heir of the most radical—and thus the most American—of our Founders.”

His first book *Daybreak: Undoing the Imperial Presidency and Forming a More Perfect Union* (Seven Stories Press; September 15, 2009) is an assessment of how Bush/Cheney fundamentally altered the way our government works, inflated the powers of the executive, and deteriorated the Constitution and Bill of Rights. Only through the active efforts of citizens, Swanson argues, can we restore our rights, and expand our conception of political rights to meet new challenges. *Daybreak* offers a shocking and inspirational breakdown of all that we have lost, and all that we have to gain.

What powers were stripped from Congress and handed to the White House, and what will it take to permanently move them back? Which of these powers is Barack Obama making use of or even expanding upon? And in the future, how can we embellish our rights, create democratic representation in Congress, and make presidents into executives rather than emperors?

Daybreak is a citizen’s guide to the long-term task of putting an end to the all-powerful executive, and reasserting our democracy. Major structural changes are needed. Here we have clear plans for how we may declare our rights, and *truly* set out for a new America.

DAVID SWANSON is co-founder of AfterDowningStreet.org, creator of ProsecuteBushCheney.org, the Washington Director of Democrats.com, and a board member of Progressive Democrats for America. He served as press secretary for Dennis Kucinich’s 2004 presidential campaign and has been a leading voice for the prosecution of Bush and Cheney for war crimes. www.davidswanson.org

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47-City *Daybreak* Author Tour

Aug. 30 Wheaton, MD
Sept. 1 Charlotte, NC
Sept. 3 Charlottesville, VA
Sept. 6 Kent, OH and Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Sept. 8 Cleveland, OH
Sept. 9 Columbus, OH
Sept. 10 Toledo, OH
Sept. 13 Washington, DC
Sept. 17 Kansas City, MO
Sept. 18 Oklahoma City, OK
Sept. 19 Dallas, TX
Sept. 27 Fire Dog Lake Book Salon
Oct. 3 Washington, D.C., WhoDecidesAboutWar.org
Oct. 9, 10, 11 Albuquerque, Santa Fe, & Taos, N.M.
Oct. 12, 13 Tampa / St. Petersburg, FL
Oct. 14 Miami, FL
Oct. 15 Orlando, FL
Nov. 3 Philadelphia PA
Nov. 4 Kutztown, PA
Nov. 5 Bangor, ME
Nov. 6 Portland, ME
Nov. 7 M's Vineyard, MA
Nov. 19 Davis, CA
Nov. 20, Nevada City, CA
Nov. 21, Fresno and Fair Oaks, CA
Nov. 22, Bay Area, CA
Nov. 23, Los Angeles, CA
Nov. 24, Orange County, CA
Dec. 1, New York City, NY

Jan. 5 Seattle, WA
Jan. 6 Portland, OR
Jan. 7 Lincoln City, OR
Jan. 8 Corvallis, OR
Jan. 13 Santa Rosa, CA
Jan. 14, 15 San Diego, CA
Jan. 16 Ventura, CA
Jan. 17 Phoenix, AZ
Feb. 19 Oxford, MS
Feb. 20 Atlanta, GA
Feb. 21 Woodstock, NY
Feb. 22 St. Louis, MO
Feb. 23 Chicago, IL
Feb. 24 Boston, MA

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David Swanson, blogger, activist and a new star among progressives, is most famous for co-founding in 2005 After Downing Street, a nonpartisan antiwar group that helped break the story of the Downing Street Memos—meeting minutes revealing that President George W. Bush had decided to overthrow Saddam Hussein in the summer of 2002. After Downing Street has grown into a nonpartisan coalition of over 200 veterans groups, peace groups, and

political activist groups that have been hugely influential in turning the US from a country calling out for war to one clamoring for its end. The group's website was named a **Most Valuable Progressive Internet Site** by the *Nation* Magazine's John Nichols in 2005, 2006, and 2007.

Swanson has been a leading voice for the prosecution of Bush and Cheney for war crimes. He is creator of ProsecuteBushCheney.org; Washington Director of Democrats.com; a board member of Progressive Democrats of America, the Backbone Campaign, and Voters for Peace; a convenor of the legislative working group of United for Peace and Justice; and chair of the accountability and prosecution working group of United for Peace and Justice. He has published articles in the *Baltimore Sun*, *Washington Examiner*, *Humanist Magazine*, Truthout.org, Alternet.org, TomPaine.com, HuffingtonPost.org, and DailyKos.org, and he has appeared on Fox, CNN, PBS, C-Span, Democracy Now!, Free Speech TV, RealNews.com, and many more. He has also hosted programs on Pacifica, and a long-running show on *The People Speak Radio*.



Swanson holds a master's degree in philosophy from the University of Virginia. He has worked as a newspaper reporter and as a communications director, with jobs including press secretary for Dennis Kucinich's 2004 presidential campaign, media coordinator for the International Labor Communications Association, and three years as communications coordinator for ACORN, the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now.

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