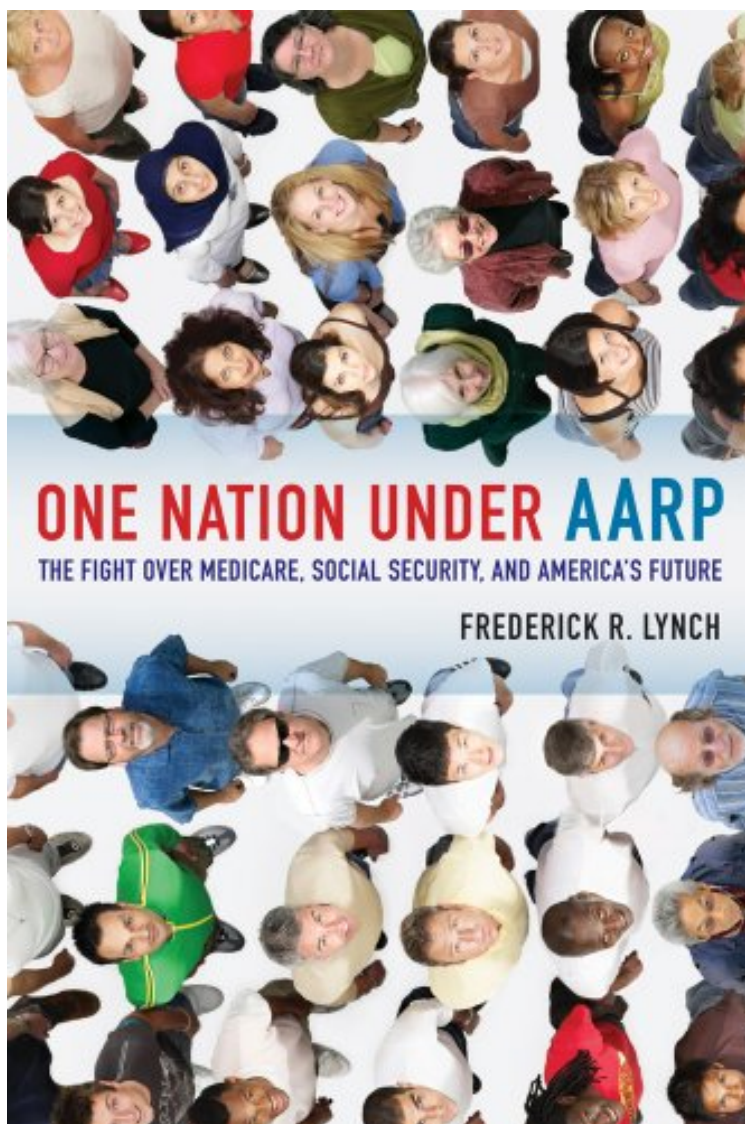


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NurileeI do like the book and appreciate the amount of time and research that went into writing it. It did however, make me even more skeptical of the motives behind modern day AARP's representation of ALL older Americans. In reality we are living in such a divided nation, why think AARP would have any mystical powers to bridge that challenge, too. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Some good points, but repetitive

By Ken DekenI am interested in the issues facing the country with growth in the cost of Medicare and Social Security squeezing our national budget. The book addressed these issues to a degree and provided some useful insights. Some portions addressed the shared experiences and potential for Baby Boomers to coalesce into a voting block to protect their interests. They may be forced to do so, though Baby Boomers today remain quite fragmented, as younger voters will challenge the cost of benefits to seniors in the future. The book suggests that AARP has the motivation and the capability to lead the Baby Boomers to fight the challenge. In my opinion, the book proved to be worth the time and cost but it seemed to repeat many points several times, almost as if in an effort to fill pages.

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Interesting, insightful and lively

By DSIf you are over 50 and have a real mailbox, you know AARP, and this is the book you should read about this influential organization and the age group it represents. The book is lively, well written and very interesting, with insights about AARP and the "boomer generation" that I found fascinating. Fred Lynch goes well beyond the stereotypes of AARP and the "boomers", placing both in a broader perspective. With access to the leadership of AARP and interviews with many contemporary thinkers, Lynch shows how AARP has worked hard to overcome its image as a glorified insurance broker representing greedy seniors, and how 50 to 65 year-olds are far from a homogeneous group. Certainly some people now approaching retirement were protesters and involved in the social upheavals of the 1960s and early 1970s. But others were on the other side of these issues and have more traditional social views. As America debates its financial future, this book could not be more timely. Lynch clearly describes the differences in background and priorities between the "AARP generation" and those who are younger and are being asked to carry much of the financial burden for seniors who are generally unprepared for retirement. As these generational conflicts heat up, AARP may end up as a powerful uniting force for seniors. If you want to understand this important aspect of the future of our society, read this book!

This book provides a fresh and even-handed account of the newly modernized AARP (formerly the American Association of Retired Persons) the 40-million member insurance giant and political lobby that continues to set the national agenda for Medicare and Social Security. Frederick R. Lynch addresses AARP's courtship of 78 million aging baby boomers and the possibility of harnessing what may be the largest ever senior voting bloc to defend threatened cutbacks to Social Security, Medicare, and under-funded pension systems. Based on years of research, interviews with key strategists, and analyses of hundreds of documents, *One Nation under AARP* profiles a largely white generation, raised in the relatively tranquil 1950s and growing old in a twenty-first century nation buffeted by rapid economic, cultural, and demographic change. Lynch argues that an ideologically divided boomer generation must decide whether to resist entitlement reductions through its own political mobilization or, by default, to empower AARP as it tries to shed its greedy geezer stereotype with an increasingly post-boomer agenda for multigenerational equity.

An engaging, insightful portrait of America's retiring baby boomers and the way they are changing the politics of aging.