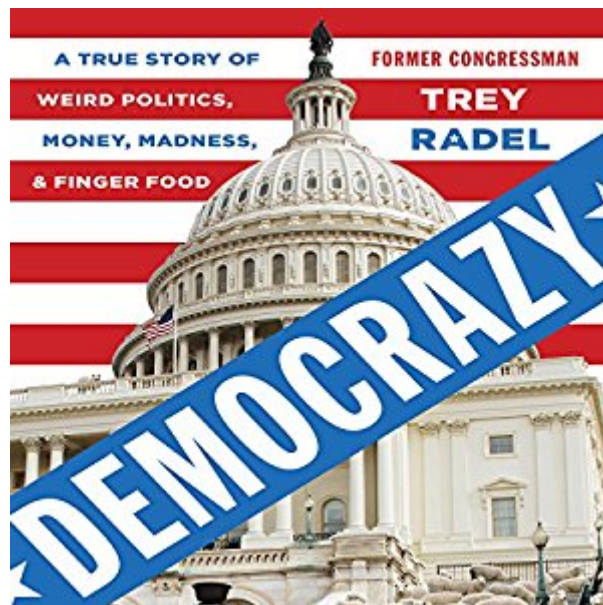


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# Democracy: A True Story Of Weird Politics, Money, Madness, And Finger Food



## Synopsis

How the Washington sausage really gets made: a brutally honest, outrageous memoir by former GOP congressman Trey Radel. In 2013, when Washington, DC, law enforcement learned that Trey Radel, then a Republican congressman from Florida, had bought cocaine, he quickly became the target of a police sting. In October of that year, Radel was arrested for attempting to buy cocaine from an undercover cop and subsequently became the subject of intense media coverage and scrutiny. When Radel resigned in 2014, he left with insider knowledge that remains unknown to most American citizens. *Democracy* is Radel's candid account of the making of a modern political star and the inner workings of Congress. In his memoir, Radel recounts his early days as a TV news reporter and radio show host before running for Congress in 2012, a decision that would launch the infamous new chapter of his life. Radel entered the political sphere with the same ideological fervor of most first-time politicians - he loved America and wanted to serve his country and its people. But Radel's optimism waned as he witnessed the wheelings and dealings of Congress' most powerful members. Told with humor and irreverence, Radel's memoir is an entertaining, fascinating journey of an unlikely politician.

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## Customer Reviews

My wife and I moved to Southwest Florida a few years back from Cleveland. Eventually, it was time to check out some candidates for Congress. We voted for Trey Radel, feeling he was best for our District. I'd listen to 92.5, Daybreak with Drew Steele every morning about all sorts of topics, then

the other shows throughout the day. About a year later, our Congressman was talked about on every show, including TV News everywhere. We road it with him in our district. He may not of known this, but he had a silent cheering section. To me, this book was his way of closure; for himself and for us in District 19. We've all dusted ourselves off, we all still search for balance, we all fight tooth and nail for a sense of peace in life. This book takes us for a ride. Sort of like a ride at Disney. Think, it's a small world after all, yet, replace the song and fill the room with Cigarette smoke and steaks on a stick. The ride takes you on a journey through America, North and South, yet eventually, you see it, to use his words, "Mirrored" in a strange place folks like to call Washington D.C. Democrazy, surrounds us with landscapes that drive the curious side of the mind, then gives you an Uber lift to the side of the seeker point of you that sees the bright side; even if you can't keep up. Open the book, hold on tight, Trey Radel brings you on a trip to Congress. You'll bring with you the past that brought him there while feeling your on a ride that he narrates often as confused as we get about Washington, yet through his eyes. For instance, we see elected officials all the time on TV, or hear them on the radio. But now, for instance, when I see Paul Ryan on TV, I think P90X work outs. If John Boehner ever does an appearance on Fox News, I'd think to myself that he'd be better off with a long drag, completely finishing a cigarette just after lighting, when speaking. Point is, Trey gave us a peak into his life, shows his destined quest for balance, even if he liked it or not. Washington D.C is a Mirror of all 50 states combined and what's within. Democrazy is a mirror of us, District 19. So, final thoughts,.. Great Read and forces a smile, even if you shake you head with a tilt at times while doing so. Can read twice for sure.

Not quite the true story. According to the read, the very first time Radel bought cocaine, on a late evening at an impromptu get-together, when he never even did coke, he was busted by an undercover agent in a sting set up to get him . The truth, according to court documents, was that he was a frequent user and purchaser of cocaine in amounts for personal use. This truth would have been important in his personal story. The Congress stuff was a great inside story read, nut depressing as hell for the future of our country

Great Read... The book is a very down to earth description of how politics works in Washington. While it won't be any surprise to anyone who closely follows politics the details of how the deals are made show great insight into the dealings in Washington. The personal stories he shares of encounters with some well known politicians shows a human side not seen on TV. As a young professional who is balancing career, family, and "networking" I knew many of the feelings he

describes throughout the book. If you are in your late 20's to early 40's career driven and have any awareness of politics this book is a must read. I saw a lot of myself in the pages of this book and I'm sure many others will as well.

I'm a Capitol Hill staffer and I know several of the people mentioned in the book. I guess this was a good way for former Congressman Radel to get his demons out of his system, but I'm not sure it's a book worth reading. Excerpts about how Congress operates should be required reading for every new Member of Congress, but a lot of the personal stuff (and the constant "I'm chill, notice the rapper I just quoted" lines) got old really quickly. This almost seems like 2 books - one dealing with how Congress is dysfunctional and causes further dysfunction, the other a memoir of "I screwed up and how it torpedoed my government career", but I guess the first book wouldn't sell any copies, so you have to wrap the second book (about scandal, since scandal sells) around it in order to get noticed.

Good book regarding politics and Washington, DC. Love the humor but frankness that the author presents throughout the book. This book will have you looking at our elected officials sideways. And some of the bills that are passed...lol...This is a book that you will go back and read again and probaly see something that you missed before. This book will have you laughing and shaking your head. If you like reading about the political arena and/or Washington and the political arena, this is the book for you. Thanks to NetGalley, the author and the publisher for the ARC of this book in return for my honest review.

I am not a political person, understand very little of politics but what I do understand is struggle, strength and determination. In reading this book, I learned a lot about Trey, about the crazy life of a politician, and how it can quickly spiral out of control. He pokes fun at himself and his bad choices, while at the same time, trying to figure out how to pick up the pieces of his life. All of us have struggles, it just so happened his were out in front of the world. Yes, his bad choices led to his downfall, but taking responsibility for them helped him get back up. People focus on the mistakes and judge because of them but none of us are free from mistakes. It took strength and family support for him to get through the dark times, face it head on, admit his mistakes and come back stronger than ever. Great read for anyone, no matter which political party you are with, also inspirational because we all have the power to overcome our demons. Proud of you Trey. Stay Strong.

Do some cocaine, go to rehab on the tax payers dime. Try to stay but gets shamed into resigning and now you get a book deal and your radio job back and act like nothing happened. Sounds about right.

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