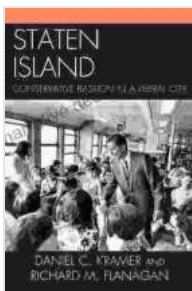# Staten Island: A Conservative Bastion in a Liberal City

Staten Island is often referred to as the forgotten borough of New York City, but it is also home to a large and vocal conservative population. This article explores the history and demographics of Staten Island and examines the reasons for its conservative leanings.

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History of Staten Island

Staten Island was first settled by Europeans in the early 17th century. The island was originally part of New Netherland, a Dutch colony. In 1664, New Netherland was conquered by the British, and Staten Island became part of the Province of New York.

After the American Revolution, Staten Island became part of the United States. The island was initially a rural area, but it began to develop rapidly in the 19th century. The construction of the Staten Island Ferry in 1817

made it easier for residents to commute to Manhattan, and the island's population grew rapidly. By the early 20th century, Staten Island was a thriving industrial center.

In the years following World War II, Staten Island underwent a significant demographic shift. Many working-class families left the island for the suburbs, and the island's population became more affluent. This shift in demographics contributed to Staten Island's conservative leanings.

Demographics of Staten Island

Staten Island is the least populous borough of New York City, with a population of just over 475,000. The borough is home to a diverse population, but it is also one of the most racially segregated areas in the city. White residents make up a majority of the population, followed by African Americans, Hispanics, and Asians.

Staten Island is also home to a large number of Italian Americans. In fact, Staten Island has the highest concentration of Italian Americans of any county in the United States. This large Italian-American population has helped to shape Staten Island's conservative politics.

Reasons for Staten Island's Conservative Leanings

There are a number of reasons for Staten Island's conservative leanings. First, the borough has a large population of white voters, who are more likely to vote for conservative candidates than non-white voters. Second, Staten Island has a high concentration of Italian Americans, who are also more likely to vote for conservative candidates. Third, Staten Island is a relatively affluent borough, and affluent voters are also more likely to vote for conservative candidates.

In addition to these demographic factors, Staten Island also has a strong tradition of conservatism. The borough has been home to a number of conservative politicians, including former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani and former Congressman Vito Fossella. This tradition of conservatism has helped to reinforce the borough's conservative leanings.

Staten Island is a unique and fascinating borough of New York City. It is home to a diverse population and a rich history. The borough's conservative leanings are due to a number of factors, including its demographics, its political tradition, and its unique culture.
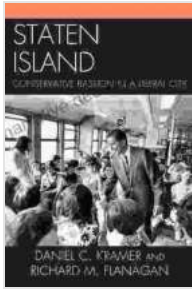

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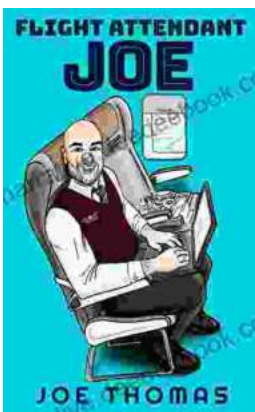★★★★☆ 4.7 out of 5

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