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in 1980 polish workers astonished the world by demanding and winning an independent union with the right to strike called solidarity the beginning of the end of the soviet empire jack m bloom s seeing through the eyes of the polish revolution explains how it happened from the imposition to communism to its end based on 150 interviews of solidarity leaders activists supporters and opponents bloom presents the perspectives and experiences of these participants he shows how an opposition was built the battle between solidarity and the ruling party the conflicts that emerged within each side during this tense period how solidarity survived the imposition of martial law and how the opposition forced the government to negotiate itself out of power examines the 1980 solidarity revolution in poland the government s subsequent establishment of martial law in response in 1981 and the eventual transition to democracy in 1989 this book is not only an explanation of the political dynamic that led to the polish revolution and the birth of solidarity in 1980 and 1981 but an extremely important analysis of postwar east central europe although intimately involved with various aspects of solidarity s activities jadwiga staniszki maintains a detached and critical attitude toward the movement dr staniszki was one of seven advisers allowed in the gdansk shipyard during the strikes of august 1980 negotiating on behalf of the workers offering interpretations of events made virtually as they were occurring she is still able to weave these interpretations into an analytic scheme that is clearly the work of a profound and original sociologist the author demonstrates how the authoritarian regime of poland succeeded in incorporating and as it were domesticating developments that would be seen by a less astute observer or by a traditional social scientist as disruptive or threatening to the system s stability moving beyond analyses derived from totalitarian and interest group models for the study of socialist societies she attempts to understand present day poland as a corporatist society a sociologist of organizations she clarifies the intricate system of mechanisms that compensates for the irrationalities produced by the ideological restrictions of polish society sensitive to the symbolic manipulation in social control she analyzes such phenomena as simulation of interest group representation and ritualization of the periodic crises of the regime this work is a major contribution to our understanding of the so called people s democracies jadwiga staniszki received her ph d and habilitation docent in sociology at the university of warsaw her dissertation pathologies of organizational structure won the polish sociological association prize in 1976 dr staniszki visited the united states twice as the fellow of the american council of learned societies and as a recipient of the eisenhower fellowship jan t gross is the author of polish society under german occupation princeton originally published in 1984 the princeton legacy library uses the latest print on demand technology to again make available previously out of print books from the distinguished backlist of princeton university press these editions preserve the original texts of these important books while presenting them in durable paperback and hardcover editions the goal of the princeton legacy library is to vastly increase access to the rich scholarly heritage found in the thousands of books published by princeton university press since its founding in 1905 this book provides a groundbreaking analysis of democratization in poland by placing solidarity in the context of the major democratic upheavals of modernity the french and american revolutions this study undertakes the first full historical comparison of the polish movement

with the ideals and institutions of democracy achieved in the last three centuries solidarity and contention deftly reconstructs the networks of protest in communist poland to show how waves of dissent during the 1950s 1960s and 1970s left an organizational residue that both instructed and enabled solidarity and ultimately the polish revolution using newly available documentary sources maryjane osa shows how political challengers developed an ideological formula to facilitate coalition building in july 1980 two weeks before the gdansk shipyard strikes roman laba arrived in poland as an american graduate student he stayed there for almost two and a half years before he was arrested and expelled from the country for activities noxious to the interests of the polish state laba had set himself the ambitious task of documenting the history of poland s free trade union martial law was in force for the last year of his stay but even during that time he continued his rescue of the unique historical materials that contribute so much to roots of solidarity the book uses this hard earned information to challenge the commonly accepted view of the polish intelligentsia as the driving force behind solidarity and to demonstrate that the roots of the movement go back a decade earlier than the 1980 strikes laba presents compelling evidence that solidarity emerged directly from the activities of workers in the 1970s along the baltic coast it was not the intellectual elite but these workers independent of and unknown to the rest of poland who created three crucial strategies for struggle against oppression the sit down strike the interfactory strike committee and the demand for free trade unions independent of the party state this concise and provocative work is divided into two parts the first is a narrative of the creation of solidarity the second shows how workers resistance to the leninist state gradually generated new forms of democratic organizations and politics laba criticizes elitist ways of understanding social movements and also presents an unusual analysis of solidarity s ritual symbolism in addition new evidence transforms our understanding of the role of the police and the army in a one party state originally published in 1991 the princeton legacy library uses the latest print on demand technology to again make available previously out of print books from the distinguished backlist of princeton university press these editions preserve the original texts of these important books while presenting them in durable paperback and hardcover editions the goal of the princeton legacy library is to vastly increase access to the rich scholarly heritage found in the thousands of books published by princeton university press since its founding in 1905 presents 95 documents on the months between au 1980 when solidarity was founded and dec 1981 when polish authorities declared martial law and crushed the opposition movement the polish movement of solidarity contributed to the collapse of communism in 1989 what is left of solidarity how did it evolve and contribute to the collapse of the old system and to the building of the new these are the question the authors leading specialist on the problems of social movements and social change address in this book the first book to document women s crucial role in the fall of poland s communist regime 95 documents on the events that represent a pivotal moment in modern polish and world history 16 months between august 1980 when the solidarity trade union was founded and december 1981 when polish authorities declared martial law and crushed the nationwide opposition movement that had grown up around the union transcripts of soviet and polish politburo meetings give a detailed picture of the goals motivations and deliberations of the leaders of these countries records of warsaw pact gatherings notes of bilateral sessions of the communist camp provide additional pieces to the puzzle of what moscow and its allies had in mind materials are included from solidarity too the solidarity movement of the early 1980s not only triggered a transformation in polish society it forced a fundamental reconsideration of the nature of

socialism throughout the soviet union and eastern europe seen as one of the most important social movements of the century this pathbreaking study analyses solidarity s significance in soviet societies the unexpected emergence of the solidarity movement in poland has focused western attention on conflicts within socialist states the rapid truncation of solidarity and the rise of a new image of the state as a militarized relatively autonomous repressive apparatus has left several theoretical questions unresolved and raised some new ones this volume draws from historical and political accounts of the events that haunted poland between 1980 and 1984 providing a complex sociological explanation of the major processes that occur within the state society sphere of relationships in part one the authors examine the conflict between social movements and the state in poland the history of solidarity the nature of the political conflict between solidarity and the communist state the institutionalization of the means of control by the party over society the functioning of civil society and the mediating role of the catholic church in part two the authors treat issues that go beyond solidarity the scope of state autonomy legitimacy conflicts within socialist and capitalist states other social movements in poland and the philosophical symbolism of solidarity in the last year the world has been electrified as one soviet bloc government after another has collapsed but ten years before the events of the past year came the first successful challenge to the leninist state the shipworker s strike in gdansk which led to the first free trade union in the communist world here is a fascinating history of the solidarity movement poland solidarity walesa is a three chapter book that details the life and significant contribution of lech walesa of poland lech walesa is the leader of an independent labor organization solidarity the book begins with the background of crisis in poland the peaceful revolution is then described the last chapter elaborates on the concept of lech walesa as the symbol of polish august this book describes the events of the 1980 workers strike in poland and analyzes some of the consequences and implications in the 1980s and 90s renowned polish economist tadeusz kowalik played a leading role in the solidarity movement struggling alongside workers for an alternative to really existing socialism that was cooperative and controlled by the workers themselves in the ensuing two decades really existing socialism has collapsed capitalism has been restored and poland is now among the most unequal countries in the world kowalik asks how could this happen in a country that once had the largest and most militant labor movement in europe this book takes readers inside the debates within solidarity academic and intellectual circles and the communist party over the future of poland and competing visions of society kowalik argues that the failures of the communist party combined with the power of the catholic church and interference from the united states subverted efforts to build a cooperative and democratic economic order in the 1990s instead poland was subjected to a harsh return to the market resulting in the wildly unequal distribution of the nation s productive property often in the hands of former political rulers who along with foreign owners constitute the new capitalist class kowalik aptly terms the transformation from command to market economy an epigone bourgeois revolution and asks if a new social transformation is still possible in poland in recovering solidarity gerald j beyer provides a contextualized theological and ethical treatment of the idea of solidarity he focuses particularly on the polish solidarity movement of the 1980s and the ways in which that movement originally embodied but during the country s transformation to a capitalist democratic society soon abandoned this important aspect of the catholic social tradition using poland as a case study beyer explores the obstacles to promoting an ethic of solidarity in contemporary capitalist societies and attempts to demonstrate how the moral revolution of the early solidarity movement can be revived both in its country

of origin and around the world recovering solidarity is widely interdisciplinary utilizing catholic social tradition philosophical ethics developmental economics poverty research gender studies and sociology it will appeal to those interested in the problems of poverty and justice recovering solidarity raises an eloquent much needed challenge for all nations today both developed and developing beyer paints a poignant picture of how the inspiring movement that brought freedom to poland died at the hands of supporters of unlimited market freedom solidarity and participation remain essential ethical supports for true freedom and will be indispensable to addressing the new poverty in poland today required reading for all concerned with the role of the market throughout the post 1989 world david hollenbach s j boston college recovering solidarity uses a multidisciplinary approach to probe poland s resistance movement for a deeper understanding of the potential of solidarity in modern society this book shines a light on the contradictions of the phenomenon both in our understanding of what it means to act in solidarity and in the development of poland s social movement beyer s sophisticated and subtle treatment of the dimensions of poverty in contemporary poland helps the reader understand its broader implications maryjane osa northwestern university this volume is enormously valuable in the classroom no other book grounds a theological and ethical discussion of solidarity in the lived history of the polish solidarity movement a history that includes the collision of the ideals of solidarity with the neoliberal economic programs enacted by the solidarnosc government when it came to power the book leaves students facing poland s stark problem and our own how to act upon solidarity in an economy that systematically obscures our mutual interdependence and the common good vincent j miller university of dayton part of two basic studies on eastern europe focusing on polish problems and developments by an eminent student of poland and eastern european politics and history this book provides a groundbreaking analysis of democratization in poland by placing solidarity in the context of the major democratic upheavals of modernity the french and american revolutions this study undertakes the first full historical comparison of the polish movement with the ideals and institutions of democracy achieved in the last three centuries an insider s account of the polish solidarity movement that concisely explains the spirituality philosophy and social thinking of the most significant human rights movement of our time jacket the history of eastern europe during the cold war is one punctuated by protest and rebellion revolution and resistance in eastern europe covers these flashpoints from the stalin tito split of 1948 to the dramatic collapse of the berlin wall in 1989 covering east germany czechoslovakia hungary yugoslavia poland and romania the authors provide comprehensive critical analysis of the varying forms of dissent in the east european socialist states they take a comparative approach and show how the different movements affected one another incorporating archival material only accessible since 1989 they discuss issues such as the diverse manifestations of non conformity among different strata of the population the complex relationship between moscow and the national communist parties the loosening of soviet control after 1985 and everyday resistance to state authority this book offers a firm grounding in the tumultuous decades of communist rule which is essential to understanding the contemporary politics of eastern europe the collapse of communism in central and eastern europe the revolution of 1989 was a singularly stunning event in a century already known for the unexpected how did people divided for two generations by an iron curtain come so suddenly to dance together atop the berlin wall why did people who had once seemed resigned to their fate suddenly take their future into their own hands some analysts have explained the revolution in economic terms arguing that the warsaw pact countries could no longer compete with the west

but as george weigel argues in this thought provoking volume people don't put their lives and their children's futures in harm's way simply for better cars refrigerators and tvs something else something more had to happen behind the iron curtain before the wall came tumbling down in the final revolution weigel argues that that something was a revolution of conscience the human turn to the good to the truly human and ultimately to god was the key to the political revolution of 1989 weigel provides an in depth exploration of how the catholic church shaped the moral revolution inside the political revolution drawing on extensive interviews with key leaders of the human rights and resistance movements he opens a unique window into the soul of the revolution and into the hearts and minds of those who shaped this stirring vindication of the human spirit weigel also examines the central role played by pope john paul ii in confronting what václav havel called communism's culture of the lie and he suggests what the future role of the church might be in consolidating democracy in the countries of the old warsaw pact the final revolution is not the end of history weigel concludes it is the human quest for a freedom that truly satisfies the deepest yearnings of the human heart the final revolution illustrates how that quest changed the face of the twentieth century and redefined world politics in the year of miracles 1989 the dramatic untold story of one of the cia's most successful cold war intelligence operations december 1981 the cia receives word that the polish government has cut telephone communications with the west and closed the polish border the agency's leaders quickly inform president ronald reagan who is enjoying a serene weekend at camp david within hours prime minister wojciech jaruzelski has appeared on polish national television to announce the establishment of martial law a new era in cold war politics has begun washington and moscow are on a collision course in this gripping narrative history seth g jones reveals the little known story of the cia's subsequent operations in poland which produced a landmark victory for democracy during the cold war while the soviet backed polish government worked to crush a budding liberal opposition movement the cia began a sophisticated intelligence campaign code named qrhelpful that supported dissident groups the most powerful of these groups was solidarity a trade union that swelled to a membership of ten million and became one of the first legitimate anti communist opposition movements in eastern europe with president reagan's support the cia provided money that helped solidarity print newspapers broadcast radio programs and conduct a wide ranging information warfare campaign against the soviet backed government qrhelpful proved vital in establishing a free and democratic poland long overlooked by cia historians and reagan biographers the story of qrhelpful features an extraordinary cast of characters including spymaster bill casey cia officer richard malzahn polish speaking cia case officer celia larkin solidarity leader lech walesa and pope john paul ii based on in depth interviews and recently declassified evidence a covert action celebrates a decisive victory over tyranny for u s intelligence behind the iron curtain one that prefigured the soviet collapse

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The Polish Revolution 1983

examines the 1980 solidarity revolution in poland the government s subsequent establishment of martial law in response in 1981 and the eventual transition to democracy in 1989

Seeing Through the Eyes of the Polish Revolution 2013-09-13

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Revolution and Counterrevolution in Poland, 1980–1989 2015

solidarity and contention deftly reconstructs the networks of protest in communist poland to show how waves of dissent during the 1950s 1960s and 1970s left an organizational residue that both instructed and enabled solidarity and ultimately the polish revolution using newly available documentary sources maryjane osa shows how political challengers developed an ideological formula to facilitate coalition building

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Solidarity and Contention 2003

the polish movement of solidarity contributed to the collapse of communism in 1989 what is left of solidarity how did it evolve and contribute to the collapse of the old system and to the building of the new these are the question the authors leading specialist on the problems of social movements and social change address in this book

The Polish Revolution 1833*

the first book to document women s crucial role in the fall of poland s communist regime

The Roots of Solidarity 2014-07-14

95 documents on the events that represent a pivotal moment in modern polish and world history 16 months between august 1980 when the solidarity trade union was founded and december 1981 when polish authorities declared martial law and crushed the nationwide opposition movement that had grown up around the union transcripts of soviet and polish politburo meetings give a detailed picture of the goals motivations and deliberations of the leaders of these countries records of warsaw pact gatherings notes of bilateral sessions of the communist camp provide additional pieces to the puzzle of what moscow and its allies had in mind materials are included from solidarity too

Solidarity in Poland, 1980-1981 and the Perspective of Political Revolution 1989

the solidarity movement of the early 1980s not only triggered a transformation in polish society it forced a fundamental reconsideration of the nature of socialism throughout the soviet union and eastern europe seen as one of the most important social movements of the century this pathbreaking study analyses solidarity s significance in soviet societies

Festival of the Oppressed 1986

the unexpected emergence of the solidarity movement in poland has focused western attention on conflicts within socialist states the rapid truncation of solidarity and the rise of a new image of the state as a militarized relatively autonomous repressive apparatus has left several theoretical questions unresolved and raised some new ones this volume draws from historical and political accounts of the events that haunted poland between 1980 and 1984 providing a complex sociological explanation of the major processes that occur within the state society sphere of relationships in part one the authors

examine the conflict between social movements and the state in poland the history of solidarity the nature of the political conflict between solidarity and the communist state the institutionalization of the means of control by the party over society the functioning of civil society and the mediating role of the catholic church in part two the authors treat issues that go beyond solidarity the scope of state autonomy legitimacy conflicts within socialist and capitalist states other social movements in poland and the philosophical symbolism of solidarity

Power of Symbols Against the Symbols of Power **2010-11-01**

in the last year the world has been electrified as one soviet bloc government after another has collapsed but ten years before the events of the past year came the first successful challenge to the leninist state the shipworkers strike in gdansk which led to the first free trade union in the communist world here is a fascinating history of the solidarity movement

From Solidarity to Martial Law 2007-01-01

poland solidarity walesa is a three chapter book that details the life and significant contribution of lech walesa of poland lech walesa is the leader of an independent labor organization solidarity the book begins with the background of crisis in poland the peaceful revolution is then described the last chapter elaborates on the concept of lech walesa as the symbol of polish august

The Polish Solidarity Movement in Retrospect 2009

this book describes the events of the 1980 workers strike in poland and analyzes some of the consequences and implications

The Polish Challenge 1982

in the 1980s and 90s renowned polish economist tadeusz kowalik played a leading role in the solidarity movement struggling alongside workers for an alternative to really existing socialism that was cooperative and controlled by the workers themselves in the ensuing two decades really existing socialism has collapsed capitalism has been restored and poland is now among the most unequal countries in the world kowalik asks how could this happen in a country that once had the largest and most militant labor movement in europe this book takes readers inside the debates within solidarity academic and intellectual circles and the communist party over the future of poland and competing visions of society kowalik argues that the failures of the communist party combined with the power of the catholic church and interference from the united states subverted efforts to build a cooperative and democratic economic order in the 1990s instead poland was subjected to a harsh return to the market resulting in the wildly unequal distribution of the nation's productive property often in the hands of former political rulers who along with foreign owners constitute the new capitalist class kowalik aptly terms the transformation from command to market economy an epigone bourgeois revolution and asks if a new social transformation is still possible in poland

The Legacy of Polish Solidarity 2015

in recovering solidarity gerald j beyer provides a contextualized theological and ethical treatment of the idea of solidarity he focuses particularly on the polish solidarity movement of the 1980s and the ways in which that movement originally embodied but during the country s transformation to a capitalist democratic society soon abandoned this important aspect of the catholic social tradition using poland as a case study beyer explores the obstacles to promoting an ethic of solidarity in contemporary capitalist societies and attempts to demonstrate how the moral revolution of the early solidarity movement can be revived both in its country of origin and around the world recovering solidarity is widely interdisciplinary utilizing catholic social tradition philosophical ethics developmental economics poverty research gender studies and sociology it will appeal to those interested in the problems of poverty and justice recovering solidarity raises an eloquent much needed challenge for all nations today both developed and developing beyer paints a poignant picture of how the inspiring movement that brought freedom to poland died at the hands of supporters of unlimited market freedom solidarity and participation remain essential ethical supports for true freedom and will be indispensable to addressing the new poverty in poland today required reading for all concerned with the role of the market throughout the post 1989 world david hollenbach s j boston college recovering solidarity uses a multidisciplinary approach to probe poland s resistance movement for a deeper understanding of the potential of solidarity in modern society this book shines a light on the contradictions of the phenomenon both in our understanding of what it means to act in solidarity and in the development of poland s social movement beyer s sophisticated and subtle treatment of the dimensions of poverty in contemporary poland helps the reader understand its broader implications maryjane osa northwestern university this volume is enormously valuable in the classroom no other book grounds a theological and ethical discussion of solidarity in the lived history of the polish solidarity movement a history that includes the collision of the ideals of solidarity with the neoliberal economic programs enacted by the solidarnosc government when it came to power the book leaves students facing poland s stark problem and our own how to act upon solidarity in an economy that systematically obscures our mutual interdependence and the common good vincent j miller university of dayton

Solidarity's Secret 2005

part of two basic studies on eastern europe focusing on polish problems and developments by an eminent student of poland and eastern european politics and history

Polish Solidarity movement 1983

this book provides a groundbreaking analysis of democratization in poland by placing solidarity in the context of the major democratic upheavals of modernity the french and american revolutions this study undertakes the first full historical comparison of the polish movement with the ideals and institutions of democracy achieved in the last three centuries

From Solidarity to Martial Law 2007-01-10

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Professionals, Power and Solidarity in Poland 1991-02-14

the history of eastern europe during the cold war is one punctuated by protest and rebellion revolution and resistance in eastern europe covers these flashpoints from the stalin tito split of 1948 to the dramatic collapse of the berlin wall in 1989 covering east germany czechoslovakia hungary yugoslavia poland and romania the authors provide comprehensive critical analysis of the varying forms of dissent in the east european socialist states they take a comparative approach and show how the different movements affected one another incorporating archival material only accessible since 1989 they discuss issues such as the diverse manifestations of non conformity among different strata of the population the complex relationship between moscow and the national communist parties the loosening of soviet control after 1985 and everyday resistance to state authority this book offers a firm grounding in the tumultuous decades of communist rule which is essential to understanding the contemporary politics of eastern europe

Poland After Solidarity 1985-01-01

the collapse of communism in central and eastern europe the revolution of 1989 was a singularly stunning event in a century already known for the unexpected how did people divided for two generations by an iron curtain come so suddenly to dance together atop the berlin wall why did people who had once seemed resigned to their fate suddenly take their future into their own hands some analysts have explained the revolution in economic terms arguing that the warsaw pact countries could no longer compete with the west but as george weigel argues in this thought provoking volume people don't put their lives and their children's futures in harm's way simply for better cars refrigerators and tvs something else something more had to happen behind the iron curtain before the wall came tumbling down in the final revolution weigel argues that that something was a revolution of conscience the human turn to the good to the truly human and ultimately to god was the key to the political revolution of 1989 weigel provides an in depth exploration of how the catholic church shaped the moral revolution inside the political revolution drawing on extensive interviews with key leaders of the human rights and resistance movements he opens a unique window into the soul of the revolution and into the hearts and minds of those who shaped this stirring vindication of the human spirit weigel also examines the central role played by pope john paul ii in confronting what václav havel called communism's culture of the lie and he suggests what the future role of the church might be in consolidating democracy in the countries of the old warsaw pact the final revolution is not the end of history weigel concludes it is the human quest for a freedom that truly satisfies the deepest yearnings of the human heart the final revolution illustrates how that quest changed the face of the twentieth century and redefined world politics in the year of miracles 1989

Breaking the Barrier 1991

the dramatic untold story of one of the cia s most successful cold war intelligence operations december 1981 the cia receives word that the polish government has cut telephone communications with the west and closed the polish border the agency s leaders quickly inform president ronald reagan who is enjoying a serene weekend at camp david within hours prime minister wojciech jaruzelski has appeared on polish national television to announce the establishment of martial law a new era in cold war politics has begun washington and moscow are on a collision course in this gripping narrative history seth g jones reveals the little known story of the cia s subsequent operations in poland which produced a landmark victory for democracy during the cold war while the soviet backed polish government worked to crush a budding liberal opposition movement the cia began a sophisticated intelligence campaign code named qrhelpful that supported dissident groups the most powerful of these groups was solidarity a trade union that swelled to a membership of ten million and became one of the first legitimate anti communist opposition movements in eastern europe with president reagan s support the cia provided money that helped solidarity print newspapers broadcast radio programs and conduct a wide ranging information warfare campaign against the soviet backed government qrhelpful proved vital in establishing a free and democratic poland long overlooked by cia historians and reagan biographers the story of qrhelpful features an extraordinary cast of characters including spymaster bill casey cia officer richard malzahn polish speaking cia case officer celia larkin solidarity leader lech walesa and pope john paul ii based on in depth interviews and recently declassified evidence a covert action celebrates a decisive victory over tyranny for u s intelligence behind the iron curtain one that prefigured the soviet collapse

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