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Coates is an expert on U.S. domestic and foreign policy. He can comment on liberal politics and elections.

Description

Whether he's going head to head against a conservative talk radio host or providing instant analysis of breaking news, David Coates is not afraid to voice his opinion. Well-versed on key policy issues, Coates has been interviewed by the PBS News Hour, Investors Daily, Newsweek, and many other media outlets.

Coates can comment on the Democratic presidential candidates (Hillary Clinton, Bernie Sanders and Martin O'Malley) and the Democratic Party platform for the 2016 election. He is the author of the 2014 book, *America in the Shadow of Empires*, which calls for a renewed national conversation about the nature of U.S. foreign policy and its domestic consequences. As in those imperial and global powers before ours, he says, the pursuit of foreign dominance ultimately erodes the strength of the domestic economy. Coates is the author of numerous books, articles and blog posts on politics, history and economics. His books include *Answering Back: Liberal Responses to Conservative Arguments* and *Making the Progressive Case: Towards a Stronger U.S. Economy*. His political and historical expertise encompasses the American economy, foreign policy, trade agreements, military spending and deployment, healthcare, education, the emerging presidential candidates, and relationships with our allies, particularly the U.K. More about Coates and a complete list of recent blogs and publications can be found at www.davidcoates.net.

Topics

U.S. Public Policy, Progressive Politics, UK Politics, The Obama Administration, The U.S. and UK Financial Crisis, The Case for a Green Economy, The Case for Managed Trade

Education

University of Oxford

D.Phil. Politics

University of York

B.A. Politics

Media Appearances

Challenging Republican premises: On the cutting of taxes

The Huffington Post

2015-10-04

One of the great dangers of the seemingly never-ending media coverage of the Republican presidential circus is that it facilitates the steady drip into the popular consciousness of a set of problematic conservative assertions that any serious progressive politics needs to question and refute...

Taking Donald Trump seriously

The Huffington Post

2015-09-04

The initial response to Donald Trump's pursuit of the American presidency, certainly among many more moderate members of the Republican Party, was to wait for his pursuit to implode. It seemed to many seasoned observers of such campaigns that this one was not serious; or that if it was, it was inherently flawed. There was no need to take Donald Trump seriously, so the argument ran, because Donald Trump himself was not a serious candidate...

Jeremy who? The Bernie Sanders phenomenon at home and abroad

The Huffington Post

2015-08-26

If you watch virtually any major American news channel right now, you could be forgiven for thinking that the only political development worthy of note was the on-going presidential campaign of Donald Trump. But you would be wrong...

The Republican juggernaut marching us to war

The Huffington Post

2015-08-07

The over-riding temptation in the wake of the first debate between Republican presidential hopefuls may be to focus on the Trump opening gaffe, or to join the mainstream media in ranking candidate performance and picking winners. But the temptation to focus on the differences on display in Cleveland should be avoided -- by progressive commentators at least -- when the bigger story is surely that of the level of agreement between the vast majority of the candidates who spoke...

Trade deals and the importance of political gridlock

The Huffington Post

2015-06-20

For a political capital renowned for gridlock, there are times when Washington D.C. looks poised for too much action rather than for too little. This is one such time.

Moves seem well underway in the Republican-controlled Senate to fast-track the vote on fast-tracking -- maybe as early as this coming Tuesday -- a move that will then open the way to a vote on the TPP trade deal in which the Obama Administration is now investing such a large quantity of its own rapidly diminishing political capital...

Articles

Paradigms of explanation

Varieties of Capitalism, Varieties of Approaches

Today the vast majority of economists and sociologists are largely ignorant of each other's work and intellectual inheritance and, despite significant encroachments from each side into the other's territory, the core of the two subjects are moving apart. On balance, I believe ...

The internal and external face of New Labour's political economy

Government and Opposition

To grasp fully the nature and significance of the economic policies at the heart of dominant political projects, those policies have to be studied in the round. They have to be grasped as complex totalities which touch all aspects of the political agenda ...

Capitalist models and social democracy: the case of New Labour

The British Journal of Politics and International Relations

Some of the more critical readings of the adequacy and effectiveness of New Labour in power have been developed by scholars willing to link arguments about the trajectory of Labour politics to wider arguments about the character of the contemporary ...

Models of capitalism in the new world order: The UK case

Political Studies

In the debate over economic performance which has preoccupied UK policy makers for the last four decades, foreign models' of more successful capitalisms elsewhere have been an important point of reference. Those models have been variously market-led (USA) ...

Labour governments: old constraints and new parameters

New Left Review

This is an amended version of a paper first presented to a seminar at the International Centre for Labour Studies in the University of Manchester. The author is grateful for the advice and comments given by members of the Centre who attended that seminar; and for ...

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