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The Soul of the Citizen awakens in us the desire and ability to hear our voices and our actions count. We can lead a life worthy of our beliefs. A book of inspiration and honesty, Soul of a Citizen is an antidote to the twin scourges of modern life – powerlessness and cynicism. In his evocative style, Paul Loeb tells the moving stories of ordinary Americans who have found unexpected fulfillment in social engagement. Through their example and Loeb's own wise and powerful lessons, we are forced to move from passivity to participation. The reward of our action, as we learn, is no less than a sense of connection and purpose that is not found in a purely personal life. Soul of a Citizen has become a textbook for budding social activists, veteran organizers, and anyone who wants to make a change — big or small — in the world around them. At this critical historical time, paul loeb's completely revised edition and inspirational message is more urgently important than ever. Soul of a Citizen: Living with Conviction in Challenging Times is a good book - with a big, shorter book inside that tries to get out. All that would take would be a little lost art: editing. Writer-activist Paul Rogat Loeb is never happy with one example when two or three do it. He abandons his name as if he were the host of the show. He drops names as if he were an award-show host. (On page 320 alone, recalls Sojourners editor Jim Wallis, civil rights activist Ysaye Barnwell, Billie Holiday, Rosa Parks and Nelson Mandela.) It's his thing to go from quote to quote and anecdote to anecdote, grasping with a sometimes stunning array of perspectives. This kind of share-the-wealth approach to information can be effective. Certainly it's refreshing that Loeb finds political inspiration in everything from his friends to his Seattle surroundings to his reading of Toni Morrison's Beloved. Indeed, it has the right to seek and find evidence of civic participation in so many different corners of American culture, but the parade of examples can get tiring. It also has an unfortunate tendency to revisi go back to the same topics several times too much. His story about his friend Pete Knutson's thirty-five-year fishing commercial career leading to environmental activism is effective. But Knutson, like a few other subjects in the book, keeps coming up after we've learned the lessons. Soul is an important book, again this year in a form that has been updated since its original publication in 1999. But it can be even more convincing. Note to Loeb: next time, remember that there is often more. And go deep, not wide. At all costs, though, go ahead! Loeb's voice is a voice that we need to hear. He is a champion of democracy, which leads us all to engage in the political sphere. He wisely chars the universal wisdom that politics is a four-letter word, especially given the great respect the ancient Greeks once gave to the political sphere. Political. reminds us that this was a Greek word for those who are unable to engage in civic life. The Soul of the Citizen, especially at the beginning and at the end, boils down to an inspired and inspiring call to arms. On his website, PaulLoeb.org, the author reports that with more than 100,000 copies in print, the original version of Soul has become a classic textbook for budding social activists, veteran organizers and anyone who wants to make a difference – big or small. The antidote to powerlessness and despair has inspired thousands of citizens to hear their voices and actions count - and then remain engaged in the long run. Moreover, at the end of the book, Loeb provides the equivalent of the Ten Commandments for would-be activists. The list is a winner, and perhaps Loeb could start with her. Conscious enough to know that he is in dangerous territory when it comes to issuing commandments, he calls his postscript Ten Suggestions. They make sense and are clearly presented, starting with : Start where you are. Loeb himself started a long time ago. In fact, he has now spent thirty-five years writing about civic responsibility, during which time he has created an amazing body of work that serves as a welcome antidote to the values of our me-me-me culture. He teaches (he has visited more than four hundred colleges and universities across the country) and really lives the values he teaches – stories about his own political awakening and activism are contained in the Soul. In a way, his book would have been even better if he had stuck to more to his own stories and travails. It's interesting to read about his enthusiasm for used suits and used cars, but what's really inspiring is when he uses personal examples to say something bigger about the possibilities of activism. He clearly understands the potential pitfalls of political engagement, from burnout to a booted ego to a seductive mentality in the crowd. He also knows how to avoid such problems - or at least recognize them and go beyond them. It is true that the people who most need the Soul will not read it. They're busy... well, other things. And sometimes the book sounds as if Loeb preached to the convert. But that's fine. The convert needs certainty in these difficult times, and Loeb is most impressive when he gathers tired troops. He knows that after the great surge of optimism unleashed by Barack Obama's election, there may be millions feeling disappointed and even betrayed by the compromises of real governance. Ever a gentle warrior, Loeb urges his readers to press the president to do the right thing - especially on the environment, but also on many other issues. He knows that no president, regardless of political skills or persuasive powers, can lead to without the active support of the majority of us. Simple Simple perhaps, but one that Americans, distracted as they are, routinely forget. Throughout the book, Loeb refers to the stories and stories we tell ourselves about activism. The latter are often misleading and are intended to present saints and miracle workers instead of the true, flawed human beings who have taken a stand. Too often, as Loeb explains, political action is reported later, as if it were a shocking gesture of non-kuatu, not the result of hard work and difficult choices that many people could make. In the introduction to the 2010 edition of Soul, Rosa Parks gives as a perfect example. She notes that Parks attended a ten-day training seminar on social activism before deciding to stay on that Montgomery city bus. Her decision did not come out of nowhere..... [T]he full story of Parks reminds us that its aftermath, along with everything that followed, depended on all the humble, frustrating work that she and others had undertaken before, and on the vibrant, engaged communities they developed in the face of constant hardship and opposition. Loeb's lesson wants us to learn from Rosa Parks: Opportunities to make a difference exist in our lives every day. Even if you're a political conservative. While Soul is the work of an unspoken progressive, its author makes room in his book for Rich Cizik, reagan's self-proclaimed conservative, who pushes his evangelical supporters to confront global warming, fight poverty and curb human trafficking. Indeed, one of Loeb's most important lessons is the need for political activists of all stripes to look for allies in unlikely places. As a writer, Loeb goes beyond politics and mixes in occasional psychological insights. It's a technique that adds credibility and humanistic touch to the somewhat bizarre story it has to tell. Reflecting, for example, on the life and work of Mahatma Gandhi, Loeb forces us to see man's personal weaknesses, as well as his strengths: I like to see Gandhi not as the chief strategist of social change, who later became, Loeb writes, but as someone who at first was literally associated with language - shy and more intimidated than almost anyone we can imagine. Given where he found himself on his next trip, who knows what might be possible with the rest of us. If Gandhi was nervous and sometimes intimidated by the task, we might be too, the book reminds us. Indeed, the only thing that really matters is that, like Gandhi, we ignore our fears and forge forward. Doing less is cheating on each other - and each other. The soul has been a powerful inspiration to citizens working for common sense, showing how they can take up positions, if they don't know every last answer. The new edition is even more inspiring. —Bill McKibbenI stopped for half a night reading Soul of a Citizen, considering it beautiful beautiful morally transcendent work. Paul Loeb is my personal hero who lends decency and generosity to political character in the most modest way. The new edition is wonderful - Jonathan KozolWhen my daughter asked from college how to be an effective grassroots citizen, I gave her paul's book. The new edition is even more powerful. — Josette Sheeran, executive director of the UN World Food Programme, has inspired thousands of young people with very different perspectives to take up the post. It teaches them how to get around barriers to action and why their actions matter. The new release is a powerful personal guide to get involved. - Hans Riemer, Director of Youth Voting, Barack Obama Campaign, Former Political Director, Rock the Vote Soul of a Citizen has been a powerful resource to get thousands of students involved in their communities, giving them the opportunity to apply their learning in a meaningful way. This updated edition is both timely and extremely useful for campuses that want to reclaim the central role of higher education in educating responsible, democratic citizens. - Carol Geary Schneider, President, American Association of Colleges and UniversitiesSoul of a Citizen has inspired countless students, faculty and other readers since its publication a decade ago. Amazing as this book was, this new version is even smarter, deeper and more inspiring. Loeb gave even more soul to his wonderful work. - Thomas Ehrlich, former president of Indiana UniversityWithout citizens involved, politics is dead. Civic activism was the source of the birth of this country, and today it ensures its future. To really, really understand why it's important for all of us to get up and act, and how to do it, read the new updated edition of Soul of a Citizen, an activist classic that belongs on a shelf right next to Saul Alinsky. -Thom HartmannA soul of a citizen helps us find the faith we need to act on our deepest beliefs - and keep on. -Marian Wright Edelman , President, Children's Defense FundSympathy, intelligence and wisdom provoking thinking ... A new vision of personal engagement in social affairs. — Publishers Weekly, starred reviewPassionate but legitimate call for Americans to engage on matters that matter. -Chicago Sun-TimesBrims with stirring stories of everyday heroes who saw something wrong, heeding the voice of their conscience, gathered support and, acting in concert with others, changed things and made a difference. -Philadelphia Inquirer Should be a mandatory reading for anyone over the age of 12 - especially any woman or man who has traded I give a damn for giving up. -San Francisco ChronicleBoys, engaging, clearly written. An indispensable book for anyone who wants to work for change, people new to activism and will address cynicism and in a good way for traffic veterans. All in all, great work, rich in concrete experience. - Howard ZinnYou are part of what is good in this world and I admire your work very much. - Bill MoyersLoeb can pierce the cynic's armor with his practical study of social change. -San Jose Mercury NewsThinkable and encouraging. Loeb offers a rich citizenship spirituality to both experienced activists and those who just wonder where to start. , editor, SojournersA call for community engagement and a challenge to apathy. - Digby Diehl, AARP MagazineLoeb writes very strongly. -Chicago Tribune Explores the psychology and spirituality of community engagement, telling many true stories about how ordinary citizens have brought about significant social change. -Atlanta Journal-Constitution[Teaches] what it means to be a caring, compassionate citizen -Parent Magazine Makes the argument that not only modern people can regain mental health, but they can make a difference in the world and lose their apathy. -Minneapolis Star Tribune[Describing] ordinary people who have become activists, Loeb examines the obstacles - perceived powerlessness, cynicism, burnout - that prevent most Americans from participating in the public sphere, as well as rewards for following a different path. - Sierra ClubLoeb magazine believes in commitment and believes in it with passion. -Columbus DispatchVery handsome story of honesty and commitment, which reminds us all that we often did not realize that we often did not realize that we often did not realize it. ability to live worthy of our beliefs. — Steelabor, United SteelworkersVery needed a call for community engagement. - Art Levine, President, Teachers College, Columbia University. Transforming the book of courage and authenticity, Soul of a Citizen questions the apathy and ennui of modern life. If you have children, give them them. If not, give it to your parents. — Paul Hawken, co-founder of Smith & Hawken, author, Ecology of CommerceThat wonderful book teaches us the value of taking chances and not fearing failure. It reminds us that the more we help others build a productive life, the better our own lives will be. -Bob Chase, President, National Education AssociationReves, which prevents regular people from working in a more engaged way beyond writing a strange check in these cynical times. -Toronto Globe & MailLoeb has amassed a powerful arsenal for its attack on cynicism, [gathering] hundreds of stories of ordinary people who change the world step by step. -Oregon - Less ... Less...

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