

## ***Endorsements of the Book and Movement***

*“It’s a well thought-out proposal, and if it could get off the ground, it could be significant.”*

**Noam Chomsky, Ph.D.**, “world’s top public intellectual” in a 2005 poll, Institute Professor Emeritus of Linguistics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, philosopher, historian, political commentator, activist, one of the founders of the field of cognitive science, eighth most frequently cited scholar in history, author of over one hundred books.

*“I am very impressed by your project. People who are looking to hear about serious alternatives to the ongoing neoliberal hegemony in U.S. policymaking circles will find your book very useful and even inspiring... a valuable resource for people seeking out a coherent vision of how we get from here to there in the struggle for a more just society...The book is also well organized and well written. Congratulations on the enormous work effort as well as the final product.”*

**Robert Pollin, Ph.D.**, Co-director, Political Economy Research Institute and Distinguished Professor of Economics University of Massachusetts, Amherst, member of the Scientific Advisory Committee of the European Commission project on Financialization, Economy, Society, and Sustainable Development, selected by Foreign Policy magazine as one of the “100 Leading Global Thinkers” for 2013.

*“I just completed your masterful treatise! It is truly the most comprehensive roadmap for national renewal that I have seen! Congratulations!”*

**James B. Stewart, Ph.D.**, Pennsylvania State University Professor Emeritus of Labor and Employment Relations, Management and Organization, Former President of the National Economic Association, Former Editor of The Review of Black Political Economy, and Former President of the National Council for Black Studies.

*“I want to compliment you on a well thought out progressive economic and political program.”*

**Michael Ash, Ph.D.**, Chair of Economics Department, and Professor of Economics and Public Policy, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, one of the 100 Leading Global Thinkers of 2013, Foreign Policy magazine.

*“Bob Bivona offers sensible tax proposals with innovative aspects. If instituted they would greatly increase revenues for important public needs, including substantially improving the economic well-being of the middle class and the poor. Convincing evidence is also offered that the proposed tax and expenditure program will substantially increase GDP, while creating a federal fiscal surplus.”*

**Reuven S. Avi-Yonah, Ph.D.**, University of Michigan Professor of Law, International Tax LLM Program Director, consultant to the U.S. Department of the Treasury and the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) on tax competition, member of the steering group for OECD’s International Network for Tax Research, trustee of the American Tax Policy Institute.

*“A great book, certainly full of provocative analysis and suggestions as well as good use of figures/graphs. I can also visualize the book as a sort of “manual” for a much larger movement.”*

**Doug Lowndes, Ph.D.**, Political Activist, Physicist, Scientific Director Center for Nanophase Materials Sciences, Oak Ridge National Laboratories, (retired).

*“Bivona makes a concise and clear case for worker-ownership, narrowing in on compelling facts, examples, and statistics. His worker-owned and self-directed enterprises policy proposal gets to the heart of very practical solutions for creating widespread worker-ownership of businesses. I sincerely hope that Bivona's work and policy proposals will reach broad audiences.”*

**Janelle Orsi**, Executive Director & Sustainable Economies Law Center Co-Founder, author. The American Bar Association profiled Ms. Orsi as an attorney who is “remaking the legal profession through the power of innovation.”

*“Bob Bivona unifies the concerns raised in various disciplines regarding 21st-century inequality into a cohesive, progressive, humanitarian outlook for our future.”*

**Sarah Hernandez, Ph.D.**, Professor of Sociology, New College of Florida.

*“A well written, well documented 1) treatise on the structural ills of a global neo-liberalism, 2) a manual for social action in what is essentially an agenda for societal re-democratization and a 3) reference book for fact retrieval and argument building to support his agenda for major societal progress. Robert Bivona has done this in not three, but one book. Easily understood charts, graphs and data clarify and support his descriptions of many social ills and proposals to solve them. I can highly recommend The New Enlightenment as a good read for those looking for solutions to what may seem like intractable and forever unresolvable problems of our era.”*

**Thomas W. Gray, Ph.D.**, Center Scholar, Center for Study of Co-operatives, University of Saskatchewan.

*“Bivona notes that we are the wealthiest country and wealthier than we have ever been, yet we rank close to or at the bottom among advanced countries on many of the most important measures of well-being such as life expectancy, infant mortality, poverty rate, incarceration rate and equality. Our political system no longer responds to the major issues affecting the majority of Americans. Systemic solutions are needed, and The New Enlightenment details some that are powerful and innovative.”*

**Stephen A. Bezruchka, MD**, Professor, Department of Global Health, Masters of Public Health Degree Program, University of Washington, political activist. A national authority on the socioeconomic determinants of the health of populations.

*“Modern day corporate capitalism directs far too much of the benefits of the hard work and creative ingenuity of workers to a tiny economic elite. A country comprised mainly of worker-owned and democratically run corporations will solve our inequality problem, greatly reduce the tendency for corporations to create negative externalities and have other major positive impacts on society. Bivona provides the clearest vision of exactly how to get there from here. His detailed program, if instituted, will result in worker controlled and owned business enterprises performing most of the economic activity of the country, after a two-decade transition period. It can be of revolutionary importance.*

*The book also offers many perspicacious recommendations on ways to improve our tax system. If you wish this writer luck, you wish all of us luck. The 1 percenters have to be concerned about a stable society as well.”*

**Carmine Gorga, Ph.D.**, Political Scientist, Economist, author.

*"If the 1% could ban books, this would be the first one on their list."*

**Bill Barry**, Professor, Director of Labor Studies, Community College of Baltimore County from 1997-2012, author, political activist.

*"The political revolution we are beginning to see in this country will require the kind of new paradigms for political and economic development that you will find in *The New Enlightenment*. *Bivona* offers many new and important ideas for the 21st-century agenda which puts people and the planet first."* **James Haslam**, Co-founder and executive director of Rights & Democracy, a Vermont and New Hampshire based grassroots political organization.

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## ***Book Review***

"...informative insights and creatively practical ideas on how to heal, restore, and enhance our nation as a secure and working democracy for all of its citizens. Exceptionally 'reader friendly' in organization and presentation, "*The New Enlightenment*" is very highly recommended, especially for community and academic library Contemporary Political Science collections."

**Midwest Book Review**