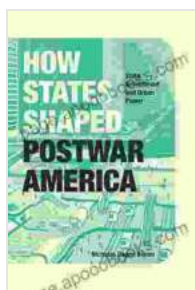


# How States Shaped Postwar America: A Journey Through Political and Economic Geography

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## How States Shaped Postwar America: State

### Government and Urban Power by Nicholas Dagen Bloom

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The second part of the book, "The Economics of the Postwar Era," examines the economic transformations that occurred in the United States during the postwar period. Barry argues that the postwar period was a time of significant economic restructuring in the United States. The old manufacturing economy of the Northeast and Midwest declined, while the new service economy of the South and Sun Belt grew. This economic restructuring had a profound impact on the nation's political and social landscape.

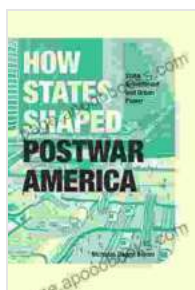
The third part of the book, "The Legacy of the Postwar Era," examines the lasting impact that states had on the United States. Barry argues that the states' role in shaping the nation's postwar development has left a lasting legacy. The political and economic changes that occurred during the postwar era have had a profound impact on the nation's subsequent development.

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