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[Jim Powell](#) ^[2], senior fellow at the Cato Institute and author of [Wilson's War: How Woodrow Wilson's Great Blunder Led to Hitler, Lenin, Stalin and World War II](#) ^[3], discusses how US entry into WWI broke a three year stalemate and gave the allied forces a decisive victory, how the punitive Treaty of Versailles and crippling hyperinflation from war reparations provoked a defiant German nationalist reaction creating an environment receptive to Hitler's rise to power, Woodrow Wilson's arrogant creation of new national boundaries that are still sources of conflict today, how disparate cultures newly lumped together fighting for control over public schools can be seen as a microcosm of inherently problematic centralized government, how Wilson dissuaded Russia from negotiating a ceasefire with Germany – enabling Lenin and the Bolsheviks to seize power while the Russian army collapsed and why government power is inversely related to its functionality.

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Jim Powell, senior fellow at the CATO Institute, is an expert in the history of liberty. He has lectured in England, Germany, Japan, Argentina and Brazil as well as at Harvard, Stanford and other universities across the United States. He has written for the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Esquire*, *Audacity/American Heritage* and other publications.

He is the author of several books, including *The Triumph of Liberty, A 2,000 Year History Told Through The Lives Of Freedom's Greatest Champions* (Free Press, 2000), with a foreword by Paul Johnson. This book chronicles heroic struggles against tyranny, slavery, war and mass murder. Powell's book *FDR's Folly, How Roosevelt and His New Deal Prolonged the Great Depression* (2003) reported a wide range of findings – ignored by political historians and biographers – about the unexpected consequences of New Deal policies. Thomas Sowell wrote: "Only now has a book been written in language that non-economists can understand which argues persuasively that the policies of the Roosevelt administration actually prolonged the depression and made it worse."

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