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David Boaz's essay "Up From Slavery" is worth reading as a reminder that there has never truly been a "golden age of lost liberty" in American history:

For many libertarians, "the road to serfdom" is not just the title of a great book but also the window through which they see the world. We're losing our freedom, year after year, they think. They (we) quote Thomas Jefferson: "The natural progress of things is for liberty to yield and government to gain ground." We read books with titles like *Freedom in Chains*, *Lost Rights*, *The Rise of Federal Control over the Lives of Ordinary Americans*, and yes, *The Road to Serfdom*.

The Cato Institute's boilerplate description of itself used to include the line, "Since [the American] revolution, civil and economic liberties have been eroded." Until Clarence Thomas, then chairman of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, gave a speech at Cato and pointed out to us that it didn't seem quite that way to black people.

And he was right. American public policy has changed in many ways since the American Revolution, sometimes in a libertarian direction, sometimes not.

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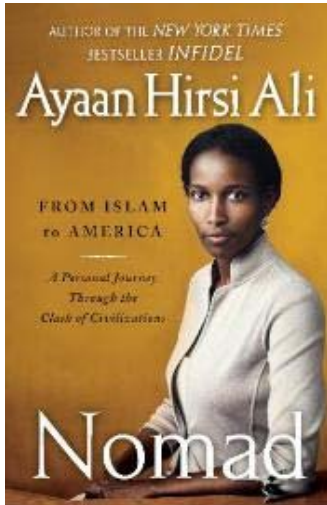


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