

"A Nation Divided: What can we learn from the Nordics?"

A book talk and discussion with Dr. George Lakey

In the 1920s and '30s Sweden and Norway were more polarized than the U.S. is now. The right and the left battled for control of the countries' economic and political direction. By the 1950s Swedes and Norwegians had reached a rough consensus and were in the top tier of international ratings for equality, individual freedom, and shared abundance. In the seventy years since then they have become the "best place in the world to be a senior," "best place to be a mom," "outstanding educational system," "more start-ups per capita than the U.S." They are not utopia and they do make mistakes, but Lakey believes these small countries made themselves into laboratories from which others can learn.



George Lakey, a sociologist and former Swarthmore professor, is the author of *Viking Economics: How the Scandinavians got it right and how we can, too*, published in 2016 (paperback in 2017) by Melville House (NY & London).

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