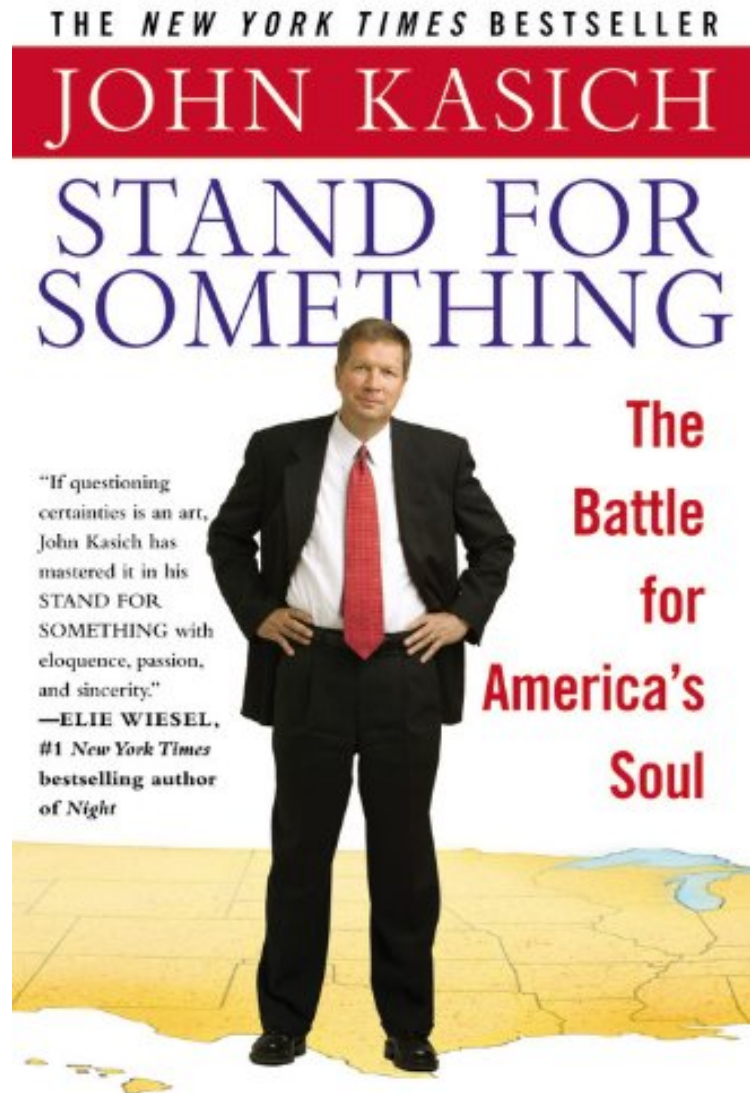


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John Kasich : Stand For Something: The Battle for America's Soul before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Stand For Something: The Battle for America's Soul:

7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. A positive and unifying messageBy Claudia MoscoviciWhichever political party you belong to, it's hard not to like John Kasich as an individual and as a politician. His good nature shows through in this autobiographical book, as do his values and common sense. We get a glimpse of his past, the influence of his family, and his rise as a politician from the depths of depression after his beloved parents died in a car

accident. Without being preachy, Kasich is an inspirational person who would be a unifying and positive force in today's divided political field. 1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. John Kasich By Walter O. Hecht Stand for Something, The Battle for America's Soul by John Kasich. Kasich was a Congressman for 18 years before he retired in 2001. Then he worked in the private sector as well as hosting a show on FOX for six years. Now he is serving his second term as Governor of Ohio. It was a boyhood dream of his to be president one day and he tossed his hat in the ring in 2000. The GOP must carry Ohio to win the presidency and they would be wise to nominate Kasich. But I don't expect the GOP to act wisely. In the 2012 presidential race, the GOP had one sane candidate, Jon M. Huntsman, Jr., and he was forced out of the race early. Kasich is considering entering the GOP race in 2016, and if he does, he will be the only sane candidate on the GOP side. Kasich, like John McCain, is a maverick, and the GOP do not allow any candidate to stray from the party line as determined by Grover Norquist and the TEA Party. It's too bad that the GOP will not nominate a candidate whose primary goal is the good of the country, not the good of the GOP and the 1%. I recommend Kasich's book. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Strong Message Examples of Integrity By OhioSu Purchased this via audio book/CD. Narrated by the Governor, Kasich shares historical examples of sports, business and family leaders takes a stand for what is right. Is not a political book but one about leaders who put their ego second. Enjoyed it and appreciate the reinforcement of the need for citizens to take a stand for the right thing, regardless of religion, politics, or any other categorization of human choices.

A former nine-time congressman from Ohio and one of the most respected commentators on politics and society, John Kasich believes that traditional American values are in serious danger of being lost. Kasich asserts that this erosion of moral values can be attributed to, among other things, disappointing leadership from elected officials, the growing lack of ethics in business and sports, religious intolerance, and mass media and popular culture. By addressing such fundamental issues as honesty, personal responsibility, integrity, and the importance of leaving the world a better place, Kasich offers both a heartfelt and straightforward solution for all Americans to finally reset our moral compass and learn to STAND FOR SOMETHING.

From Publishers Weekly Kasich writes the way he speaks on his Fox News talk show. This former Ohio Republican congressman addresses the nation's lack of moral fiber in his latest book (after *Courage Is Contagious*). America has abandoned "honesty, integrity, personal responsibility, faith, humility, accountability, compassion, forgiveness," he laments, and the result is both a lack of leadership and "profound societal drift." Kasich decries the ruination of government, sports, business, religion, education and popular culture. But unlike many other conservative talking heads, Kasich takes a more conciliatory than bitterly partisan tone. He praises liberal Democrats for their steadfastness and decency if not their programs and deplores the increasing divisiveness of partisan politics. When discussing national political debates, especially as they play out in the oversimplified red state/blue state split, Kasich writes with insider knowledge (he served in Congress for 18 years), but his sermonizing cultural commentary that makes up half the book lacks that authority. "I'm not a moralizer," he writes, as he details his horror over a *Roots* CD and the Coen brothers' movie *Fargo*, which he harassed Blockbuster to ban from its shelves. Family values proponents will find their views confirmed in this call for personal accountability. (May 10) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From Booklist Kasich, former nine-time U.S. congressman from Ohio, speaks directly to the reader, asking for agreement that things have gone awry in America and a commitment to set things right. He describes a "heat and haste" to American life that disregards basic values of decency and emphasizes instant gratification and winning at all costs. Kasich sprinkles personal history--his childhood in a family of Democrats who later became Republicans and early ambitions to be a priest and president of the U.S.--with a litany of examples of failed local and national leadership. In separate chapters, he details the spread of disorder and decline in politics, sports, business, religion, education, and popular culture. Evoking heroes from Martin Luther King Jr. to Ronald Reagan and more ordinary heroes, such as a shoe shiner who gave his life savings to a benefit for children with kidney disease, Kasich appeals to ordinary citizens to take action. Kasich, a host of the FOX News Channel and a former presidential candidate, is certain to provoke speculation about future campaign ambitions with this book. Vanessa Bush Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved "If questioning certainties is an art, John Kasich has mastered it in his *Stand for Something*." -- --Elie Wiesel, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Night* "John Kasich's *Stand For Something* has tremendous insight into leadership principles." -- --Mike Krzyzewski, Head Coach, Duke University Mens Basketball "Maybe the future isn't what it used to be. But this book is like a treasure of hope." -- --Yogi Berra "To get something done, persuade John Kasich it's a good idea. Believe in him." -- --Bono