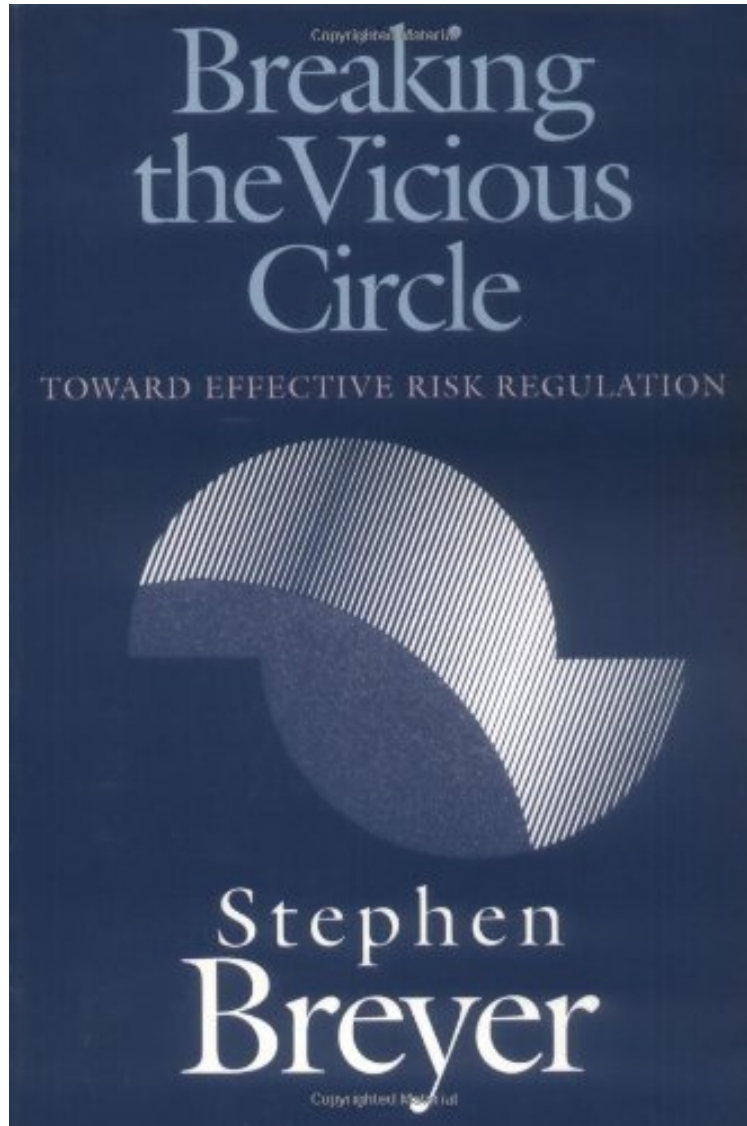


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**Stephen Breyer : Breaking the Vicious Circle: Toward Effective Risk Regulation** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Breaking the Vicious Circle: Toward Effective Risk Regulation:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Important earlier research contribution by the sitting Associate Justice of the Supreme Court By Frank T. Manheim About how many Democratic/liberal jurists could be said that in assessing the U.S. regulatory system "he perceives its failures and weaknesses" ? (from the Publisher's summary of

Breyer's book). In my opinion, the book is potentially even more relevant now than when it was first published in 1993. Its main theme, risk analysis, boils down to recognizing that addressing regulatory policy by armwaving or through political machinations will be inefficient and serve neither side well in the long run. A better approach is weighing, quantitatively where possible, risk involved in various approaches. The decade of the 1990s produced most of the meaningful environmental regulatory reforms in the last 30 years. These include the Clean Air Amendments of 1990 (GHW Bush Administration), and the Clinton/Gore "Reinventing Government" initiative. It generated many academic and think-tank books and initiatives, like those by Resources for the Future. Since then, however, regulatory policy has become so radioactive that many formerly active academic researchers have abandoned active interest in researching and writing about reform. One of the best books is Daniel Fiorina's "The New Environmental Regulations" (2006). Steven Breyer is one of the longest-serving Supreme Court justices. He was nominated by Bill Clinton and approved by the Senate in 1980. Before his (still active) role on the Supreme Court, Breyer was a professor at the Harvard Law School. He produced respected articles and analyses on legal theory. But, most relevant to this book, Breyer also led a bold Harvard research program in risk assessment, with special application to regulatory policy. A major goal was to seek policy reforms that would be effective but also minimize burdens on industrial production and other activities. The book is content-rich, includes technical terms, and is not always easy reading. However, both conservatives and liberals could profit by reviving interest in Breyer's book. It doesn't duck controversial issues that are often avoided or handled with asbestos gloves. It is one of the most balanced and innovative assessments of the prospects for more efficient and less contentious regulation that I know. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Mr. J. M. Frawley He makes wonderful arguments throughout. Great, quick read. 2 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Three Stars By Betty It showed me a new look at regulations but he at times is hard to understand

Breaking the Vicious Circle is a tour de force that should be read by everyone who is interested in improving our regulatory processes. Written by a highly respected federal judge, who would go on to serve on the Supreme Court, and who obviously recognizes the necessity of regulation but perceives its failures and weaknesses as well, it pinpoints the most serious problems and offers a creative solution that would for the first time bring rationality to bear on the vital issue of priorities in our era of limited resources.

Reads like one of those intellectually exciting lectures for which some professors become so well known that their courses are fittingly oversubscribed every year. The style is clear and the analysis is dotted with the kind of provocative questions at the heart of this debate: how much regulation is enough, how much is too much, and the ultimate question, what is the dollar value of a life? (Neil A. Lewis New York Times Book ) An eloquent meditation on how to regulate perilous activities in a world that cannot afford to reduce risk to zero. (Peter Passell New York Times) Breyer takes the reader by the hand through what he calls a 'vicious circle' of skewed public perception, congressional reaction, and scientific uncertainty to show why the U.S. has been unable to balance the cost of regulating substances with the benefit of protecting the public... Breyer's book gives the public an understandable introduction to the complexity of regulating health risks. (Mary Beth Regan Business Week) One of the more trenchant proposals yet for what might constitute the next leg on the endless journey toward legislative reform... A clear and thoughtful meditation on how to build a better government, by taking the nature of the press, politics and scientific knowledge into account. (David Warsh Boston Sunday Globe) [Breyer's] discussion of the inconsistencies in our current approach to environmental regulation is a tour de force, confidently integrating science and policy in terms easily accessible to the intelligent layman... Breyer's analysis surely can illuminate. (Stephen F. Williams Michigan Law ) From the Back Cover Stephen Breyer explores three difficulties currently plaguing efforts to cope with health risks, which he styles 'tunnel vision, or the last 10 percent', 'random agenda selection', and 'inconsistency'. He shows how well-meaning, experienced regulators can nonetheless bring about counterproductive results. About the Author Stephen Breyer is Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.