



## The China Model: Political Meritocracy and the Limits of Democracy

By Daniel A. Bell

Download now

Read Online 

**The China Model: Political Meritocracy and the Limits of Democracy** By Daniel A. Bell

Westerners tend to divide the political world into "good" democracies and "bad" authoritarian regimes. But the Chinese political model does not fit neatly in either category. Over the past three decades, China has evolved a political system that can best be described as "political meritocracy." *The China Model* seeks to understand the ideals and the reality of this unique political system. How do the ideals of political meritocracy set the standard for evaluating political progress (and regress) in China? How can China avoid the disadvantages of political meritocracy? And how can political meritocracy best be combined with democracy? Daniel Bell answers these questions and more.

Opening with a critique of "one person, one vote" as a way of choosing top leaders, Bell argues that Chinese-style political meritocracy can help to remedy the key flaws of electoral democracy. He discusses the advantages and pitfalls of political meritocracy, distinguishes between different ways of combining meritocracy and democracy, and argues that China has evolved a model of democratic meritocracy that is morally desirable and politically stable. Bell summarizes and evaluates the "China model"--meritocracy at the top, experimentation in the middle, and democracy at the bottom--and its implications for the rest of the world.

A timely and original book that will stir up interest and debate, *The China Model* looks at a political system that not only has had a long history in China, but could prove to be the most important political development of the twenty-first century.

 [Download The China Model: Political Meritocracy and the Lim ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online The China Model: Political Meritocracy and the L ...pdf](#)

# The China Model: Political Meritocracy and the Limits of Democracy

By Daniel A. Bell

## The China Model: Political Meritocracy and the Limits of Democracy By Daniel A. Bell

Westerners tend to divide the political world into "good" democracies and "bad" authoritarian regimes. But the Chinese political model does not fit neatly in either category. Over the past three decades, China has evolved a political system that can best be described as "political meritocracy." *The China Model* seeks to understand the ideals and the reality of this unique political system. How do the ideals of political meritocracy set the standard for evaluating political progress (and regress) in China? How can China avoid the disadvantages of political meritocracy? And how can political meritocracy best be combined with democracy? Daniel Bell answers these questions and more.

Opening with a critique of "one person, one vote" as a way of choosing top leaders, Bell argues that Chinese-style political meritocracy can help to remedy the key flaws of electoral democracy. He discusses the advantages and pitfalls of political meritocracy, distinguishes between different ways of combining meritocracy and democracy, and argues that China has evolved a model of democratic meritocracy that is morally desirable and politically stable. Bell summarizes and evaluates the "China model"--meritocracy at the top, experimentation in the middle, and democracy at the bottom--and its implications for the rest of the world.

A timely and original book that will stir up interest and debate, *The China Model* looks at a political system that not only has had a long history in China, but could prove to be the most important political development of the twenty-first century.

## The China Model: Political Meritocracy and the Limits of Democracy By Daniel A. Bell Bibliography

- Sales Rank: #308603 in Books
- Brand: imusti
- Published on: 2015-06-02
- Original language: English
- Number of items: 1
- Dimensions: 9.30" h x 1.10" w x 6.40" l, .0 pounds
- Binding: Hardcover
- 336 pages

 [Download The China Model: Political Meritocracy and the Lim ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online The China Model: Political Meritocracy and the L ...pdf](#)



## Download and Read Free Online **The China Model: Political Meritocracy and the Limits of Democracy** By **Daniel A. Bell**

---

### Editorial Review

Review

**A *Financial Times* Summer Books Selection**

**Selected as one of *Financial Times* (FT.com) Best Books of 2015**

**A *Guardian* Best Holiday Reads of 2015 selection**

"[I]t is part of the job of academics to ask fundamental questions that challenge conventional thinking. Bell performs this role admirably in lucid, jargon-free prose that leads the reader back to some of the most fundamental questions in political philosophy - refracted through the experience of contemporary China . . . I found the questions that Bell raised consistently stimulating."--**Gideon Rachman, *Financial Times***

"Bell . . . has written a fascinating study. Open-minded readers will find it equips them with a more intelligent understanding of Chinese politics and, no less valuable, forces them to examine their devotion to democracy. . . . [*The China Model*] isn't just for those who want to better understand China. More than anything I've read for a while, it also forced me to think about what's good and bad about Western systems of government. From start to finish the book is a pleasure and an education."--**Clive Crook, Bloomberg View**

"Bell makes a solid and worthy case for why the outside world might want to think about the Chinese experiment in governance a bit more deeply. . . . This is a very clearly written book."--**Kerry Brown, *Asian Review of Books***

"*The China Model* . . . is as important for us as it is for China. If the book brings us some humility about the ways in which an undemocratic model like China's can be deeply rooted in history and culture, it will have done good work. But it will do something better if it can remind us that our own history isn't over."--**Rob Goodman, *POLITICO***

"In careful, clear and measured prose, [Bell] works hard to overcome prejudice, defuse emotions and discuss the pros and cons in the cool language of political philosophy. This, perhaps, is the book's greatest contribution."--**James Miller, *Literary Review of Canada***

"Serious re-evaluations of democracy are inhibited by two factors: fears about the alternatives turning sour and a century of educational indoctrination that makes imagining the alternatives a frightful exercise. Bell's book should be read as an antidote (or if you prefer, an elixir) to overcome these doubts."--**Siddharth Singh, *Mint***

"This book is a welcome addition to the expanding literature on the emerging 'China model'. . . . Bell's argument, based on his long-term observation of China's political development, provides a nuanced, thought-provoking view of the meritocratic aspects of the Chinese system that have been obscured by the broad label 'authoritarianism.' It offers an original explanation for the resilience of the Chinese regime and essentially challenges the widely held notion that liberal democracy is the universally desirable political outcome for modern societies."--**Choice**

"Bell is not an apologist for China but someone who teaches us to ask different questions. And these questions are fascinating."--**Mariana Mazzucato, *Financial Times*, a FT Best Book of 2015**

"A must-read scholarly account of China's political development with stimulating questions, powerful analysis as well as theoretically relevant arguments."--**Bingdao Zheng, *Chinese Political Science Review***

"[Bell] offers an earnest, well-balanced, and timely discussion of the limitations and suitability of Western liberal democracy to current Chinese realities. . . . This is a very bold recommendation that aptly rounds off what is throughout a highly original volume steeped in political theory. It hopefully will instigate serious debate."--**Niv Horesh, *China Journal***

"Strikingly original."--**Benjamin Herscovitch, *Policy: A Journal of Public Policy and Ideas***

"Important, original and deeply researched. . . . Honest, thoroughly researched, imaginative, and hugely important volume on Chinese political development and its possible impact on the global arena."--**Bogdan Góralczyk, *China Review***

"A must-read text for all political scientists, in particular, for those who study democracy and democratization."--**Baogang He, *Perspectives on Politics***

"A serious intellectual work that deserves to be read by scholars who are interested in the merits and limitations of liberal democracy."--**Lynette H. Ong, *Perspectives on Politics***

From the Back Cover

"For many Western readers, Daniel Bell's book will be hard to digest because it calls into question 'fundamental truths.' For Chinese readers, Bell's book will assure them that at least some Westerners understand them. Over many centuries, right down to the present, the institution that Chinese people have held in highest regard is their examination system, because it is meritocratic and objective. This regard for individual achievement has always been coupled to a moral obligation to serve one's community. *The China Model* explains how this duality continues to operate at the heart of modern China."--**George Yeo, former foreign affairs minister of Singapore**

"Rarely is there a book so powerful in its analysis, timely in its topic, and relevant in its thinking. Combining his intellectual training in the West and teaching and research experience in China, Daniel Bell explains the development of China's hybrid political regime--an integration of Chinese meritocracy with components of Western democracy. This illuminating book should be read by those who are interested in China and by those who care about the future of Western democracies."--**Zheng Yongnian, director of the East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore**

"Whether China has found a genuinely new approach to governance, and how well that model works, are crucial questions. Daniel Bell's assessment will be surprisingly positive for many readers, and is more upbeat than my own--but it is carefully argued and must be considered by any serious student of today's China."--**James Fallows, author of *China Airborne***

"In Western countries it would normally be anathema even to question the one-person-one-vote rule. But Daniel Bell does just that. In a Confucian spirit, he argues vigorously for meritocratic governance, and believes that popular democracies cannot solve our most vexing problems. There is much to learn from this deeply provocative book."--**Mathias Risse, Harvard University**

"This is a highly provocative book from a Western scholar who, in his own words, derives his intellectual inspiration from Confucianism. I am, without apology, from a radically different political tradition. But there is real merit in understanding how the modern Chinese Communist Party theorizes about its own tradition of

'political meritocracy' within what it describes as the 'China model.'"--**Kevin Rudd, former prime minister of Australia**

"*The China Model* is a timely, highly original, and hugely important book. Based on excellent knowledge of current political theories and a deep understanding of manifold peculiarities regarding China's constantly evolving political system, this book will be widely read by political science students, sinologists, and all those who are interested in the rise of China."--**Yuri Pines, author of *The Everlasting Empire***

About the Author

**Daniel A. Bell** is dean of the School of Political Science and Public Administration at Shandong University in Qingdao.

## **Users Review**

**From reader reviews:**

**Nathan Wilson:**

Book is written, printed, or highlighted for everything. You can know everything you want by a book. Book has a different type. We all know that that book is important issue to bring us around the world. Adjacent to that you can your reading skill was fluently. A guide *The China Model: Political Meritocracy and the Limits of Democracy* will make you to become smarter. You can feel considerably more confidence if you can know about anything. But some of you think this open or reading the book make you bored. It is not make you fun. Why they may be thought like that? Have you looking for best book or suited book with you?

**Margaret Head:**

Playing with family inside a park, coming to see the water world or hanging out with close friends is thing that usually you may have done when you have spare time, and then why you don't try point that really opposite from that. Just one activity that make you not experiencing tired but still relaxing, trilling like on roller coaster you already been ride on and with addition info. Even you love *The China Model: Political Meritocracy and the Limits of Democracy*, you could enjoy both. It is very good combination right, you still want to miss it? What kind of hang-out type is it? Oh occur its mind hangout guys. What? Still don't get it, oh come on its known as reading friends.

**Angel Jones:**

*The China Model: Political Meritocracy and the Limits of Democracy* can be one of your beginning books that are good idea. We recommend that straight away because this guide has good vocabulary that will increase your knowledge in language, easy to understand, bit entertaining but nevertheless delivering the information. The writer giving his/her effort to put every word into delight arrangement in writing *The China Model: Political Meritocracy and the Limits of Democracy* however doesn't forget the main level, giving the reader the hottest and based confirm resource details that maybe you can be considered one of it. This great information can drawn you into brand new stage of crucial contemplating.

**Tyler Cote:**

As a student exactly feel bored to reading. If their teacher expected them to go to the library as well as to make summary for some e-book, they are complained. Just very little students that has reading's internal or real their passion. They just do what the instructor want, like asked to the library. They go to at this time there but nothing reading very seriously. Any students feel that reading is not important, boring along with can't see colorful pictures on there. Yeah, it is to become complicated. Book is very important for yourself. As we know that on this period, many ways to get whatever we really wish for. Likewise word says, many ways to reach Chinese's country. Therefore this The China Model: Political Meritocracy and the Limits of Democracy can make you truly feel more interested to read.

**Download and Read Online The China Model: Political Meritocracy and the Limits of Democracy By Daniel A. Bell #Z0LA4OIQN52**

## **Read The China Model: Political Meritocracy and the Limits of Democracy By Daniel A. Bell for online ebook**

The China Model: Political Meritocracy and the Limits of Democracy By Daniel A. Bell Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read The China Model: Political Meritocracy and the Limits of Democracy By Daniel A. Bell books to read online.

### **Online The China Model: Political Meritocracy and the Limits of Democracy By Daniel A. Bell ebook PDF download**

**The China Model: Political Meritocracy and the Limits of Democracy By Daniel A. Bell Doc**

**The China Model: Political Meritocracy and the Limits of Democracy By Daniel A. Bell Mobipocket**

**The China Model: Political Meritocracy and the Limits of Democracy By Daniel A. Bell EPub**

**Z0LA4OIQN52: The China Model: Political Meritocracy and the Limits of Democracy By Daniel A. Bell**