

# Notes

## Chapter 1

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16. Roberto Stefan Foa and Yascha Mounk, "The Danger of Deconsolidation: The Democratic Disconnect," *Journal of Democracy*, 27 (2016): 5–17, 7. I want to be careful not to overstate the perilous position of our democracy, which some critics allege Foa and Mounk have done. Instead, I want to look more carefully at how some of the aspects of political life they highlight can be used to consider despair and teach hope.
17. Admittedly, while some of this withdrawal is intentional, other forms of withdrawal are less conscious, and still others are at the hands of those who exclude or push out participation by disenfranchising felons, requiring bureaucratic registration or ID requirements, and more. Thank you to Karen Zaino for reminding me that disengagement may not lie squarely on the shoulders of the citizens themselves.
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53. Diamond, "Facing up to the Democratic Recession," 148; Roderick P. Hart, *Civic Hope: How Ordinary Americans Keep Democracy Alive* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018), 16.
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even-in-era-of-disillusionment-many-around-the-world-say-ordinary-citizens-can-influence-government/.

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61. M. Gilens and B. Page, "Testing Theories of American Politics: Elites, Interest Groups, and Average Citizens," *Perspectives on Politics* (2014): 564–581.
62. Deva Woodly, "#BlackLivesMatter and the Democratic Necessity of Social Movements," *Columbia Center for Contemporary Critical Thought Blog*, November 1, 2017.
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## Chapter 2

64. Darren Webb, "Pedagogies of Hope," *Studies in Philosophy and Education*, 32 (2013): 397–414, 398.
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68. Joseph Godfrey traces this religious view in *A Philosophy of Human Hope* (Boston: Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, 1987), as does Allan Mittleman in *Hope in a Democratic Age: Philosophy, Religion, and Political Theory* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009).
69. I thank my colleague, Whitney Gaskins, for pointing out that black churches, while sometimes guided by the tendencies of the theologians I noted, often actually teach about hope much differently. Rather than focusing on God as Savior, who intervenes on our behalf, many black churches emphasize God as Provider of the resources we need to help ourselves pursue more fulfilling lives. And they emphasize helping one another. Anne Streaty Winberly and Sarah Frances Farmer further describe black youth ministries as helping youth envision and claim a positive future in *Raising Hope: 4 Paths to Courageous Living for Black Youth* (Kansas City, MO: Wesley's Foundry Books, 2017).
70. For more along these lines, see the work of Gabriel Marcel and Joseph Godfrey.
71. Cheshire Calhoun, chapter 5 draft on hope, <http://cheshirecalhoun.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/Ch5Hope.doc.pdf>, 25.
72. Myths of racial justice and equality have been used in this optimistic way to hide ongoing injustice and to assure members of racial minority groups that life will improve.

Sometimes this is done by highlighting exceptional individuals who have overcome structural inequality by supposedly pulling themselves up by their bootstraps as evidence for optimism.

73. Groopman, *Anatomy of Hope*, 199.
74. Patrick A. Shade, *Habits of Hope: A Pragmatic Theory of the Life of Hope* (Nashville, TN: Vanderbilt University Press, 2001), 60. For Shade, hope entails relationships with other people which may support us and which may develop skills and abilities that can help us in our personal endeavors (111). While Shade does briefly allude to communities that may nurture the hopes of individuals, I aim to go further in theorizing and valuing the social and political aspects of hope. Whereas he does quickly consider communities as sources of hope for individuals, he doesn't explore the role of hope within democratic life or how hoping together may work for citizens. My pragmatist account of hope as habits is more thoroughly and intentionally social and political.
75. I aim to go beyond the theory of Patrick Shade, who has already sketched an initial pragmatist vision of hope. Whereas he sometimes constrains his portrayal of hope to the life of the individual, I aim to describe explicitly social and political aspects of hope.
76. In this regard, it is more akin to the spirit of social hope, which other pragmatists, such as Judith Green, have suggested but have not fleshed out in detail regarding its cultivation or its role in democracy. Judith M. Green, *Pragmatism and Social Hope: Deepening Democracy in Global Contexts* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2008).
77. The historian William Goetzmann, *Beyond the Revolution: A History of American Thought from Paine to Pragmatism* (New York: Basic Books, 2009), 5.
78. Joan Richardson, *Pragmatism and American Experience* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014), ix.
79. John Dewey's 1903 statement as captured in Richard Rorty, *Philosophy and Social Hope* (New York: Penguin Books, 1999), 120.
80. Robert Westbrook, *Democratic Hope: Pragmatism and the Politics of Truth* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2005), 204.
81. Goetzmann, *Beyond the Revolution*, 47.
82. I'm not saying that pragmatists always carefully attend to those differences based on race and class, for far too few have. But I am saying that pragmatism creates a space for and calls for those aspects of social and political life to be considered and reconstructed.
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84. Raphael C. Allison, "Walt Whitman, William James, and Pragmatist Aesthetics," *Walt Whitman Quarterly Review*, 20, no. 1 (2002): 19–29, 25–27.
85. Louis Menand, *The Metaphysical Club: A Story of Ideas in America* (Boston: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2002), 89.
86. James T. Kloppenberg, "James's *Pragmatism* and American Culture, 1907–2007," In *100 Years of Pragmatism*, edited by John Stuhr (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2010), 7–40, 21.

87. Colin Koopman, "Pragmatism as a Philosophy of Hope: Emerson, James, Dewey, Rorty," *Journal of Speculative Philosophy*, 20, no. 2 (2006): 106–116, 113.
88. *Ibid.*, 106.
89. Elizabeth Cooke, "Transcendental Hope: Peirce, Hookway, and Pihlström on the Conditions for Inquiry," *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society*, 41, no. 3 (summer 2005): 651–674, 655; Charles Sanders Peirce, *The Essential Peirce, Vol. 2: Selected Philosophical Writings (1893–1913)*, edited by Peirce Edition Project (Bloomington: Indiana University Press), 106.
90. Charles Sanders Peirce, *Collected Papers of Charles Sanders Peirce, Volumes 5–6*, edited by Charles Hartshorne and Paul Weiss (Cambridge, MA: Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 1934/1935), 222.
91. Charles Sanders Peirce, *The Essential Peirce, Vol. 1: Selected Philosophical Writings (1867–1893)*, edited by N. Houser and C. Kloesel (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1878 [1992]).
92. John Dewey, "Democracy and Education," in *The Collected Works of John Dewey, 1882–1953: The Middle Works, 1899–1924*, vol. 9, edited by J. A. Boydston (Carbondale and Edwardsville: Southern Illinois University Press, 1980), 55.
93. Stephen M. Fishman and Lucille Parkinson McCarthy, *John Dewey and the Philosophy and Practice of Hope* (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2007), 12.
94. Fishman and McCarthy, *John Dewey and the Philosophy and Practice of Hope*, 5.
95. Bernard P. Dauenhauer, *Elements of Responsible Politics* (Boston: Kluwer Academic Publishers, 1991), 121.
96. Shade, *Habits of Hope*, 94.
97. Richard Rorty, *Philosophy and Social Hope* (New York: Penguin Books, 1999), 120.
98. Charles Sanders Peirce, "How To Make Our Ideas Clear," In *The Essential Peirce*, vol. 1, edited by N. Houser and C. Kloesel (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1878/1992), 124–141.
99. Charlene Haddock Seigfried, *William James's Radical Reconstruction of Philosophy* (Albany: State University of New York Press, 1990), 294.
100. I'm drawing closely here on an account of pragmatist truth and flourishing that I detailed in *Breaking Bad Habits of Race and Gender: Transforming Identity in Schools* (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Press, 2008).
101. William James, "Lecture VI: Pragmatism's Conception of Truth," In *Pragmatism: A New Name for Some Old Ways of Thinking* (Online: Project Gutenberg EBook, 2013 [1907]), <http://www.gutenberg.org/files/5116/5116-h/5116-h.htm>.
102. Koopman, "Pragmatism as a Philosophy of Hope," 109.
103. Richard Rorty, "Universality and Truth," in *Rorty and His Critics*, edited by R. Brandom (Oxford: Blackwell, 2000), 3.
104. Lynn Baker, "Just Do It': Pragmatism and Progressive Social Change," in *Pragmatism in Law and Society*, edited by Michael Brint and William Weaver (Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 1991), 101.
105. Rorty, "Pragmatism, Relativism, and Irrationalism," *Proceedings and Addresses of the American Philosophical Association*, 53, no. 6 (1980), 166.
106. Green, *Pragmatism and Social Hope*, 107.

107. Joseph Winters is also concerned with Rorty's inattentiveness to the substantial harmful history of racism as he focuses on American pride and progress in *Hope Draped in Black: Race, Melancholy, and the Agony of Progress* (Durham, NC: Duke University Press, 2016), 213.
108. For more, see my review of Judith Green's book on hope: Sarah M. Stitzlein, "Reviving Social Hope and Pragmatism in Troubling Times," *Journal of Philosophy of Education*, 43, no. 4 (2009): 657–663.
109. Green, *Pragmatism and Social Hope*, 23.
110. Dewey, "Democracy and Education," 294.
111. Thanks to the social studies educator and critical theorist Lisa Sibbett, for her helpful commentary on this section.
112. This is especially the case with readers influenced by the critical arguments of Michelle Alexander, Charles Mills, and Derrick Bell.
113. I recognize that many developments, improvements, and signs of progress have been achieved on the backs of some of the most struggling and oppressed people in America and elsewhere. Asserting the "fact" of historical progress may fall prey to or perpetuate "complex relations of domination, exclusion, and silencing of colonized and racialized subjects," especially when not accompanied by a critical and problematizing genealogy. And assessments of progress, even though they should be historically and contextually grounded when possible, may be based on my values or those dominant in America today. For more about these potential problems, see Amy Allen, *The End of Progress* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2015), 19.
114. David Moscrop gets at these sorts of questions in, "If We Don't Rethink the Concept of Progress, It Could Point Society toward Oblivion," *Maclean's*, October 24, 2018, last accessed December 5, 2018, <https://www.macleans.ca/opinion/if-we-dont-rethink-the-concept-of-progress-it-could-point-society-toward-oblivion/>.
115. Biographer Jon Meacham has expertly laid out examples of how political leaders and citizens have faced periods of divisiveness and fear in America and brought hope that lead the country forward. See *The Soul of America: The Battle for Our Better Angels* (New York: Random House, 2018).
116. Cornel West, "Prisoners of Hope," in *The Impossible Will Take a Little While*, edited by Paul Rogat Loeb (Cambridge, MA: Basic Books, 2004), 296.
117. Aronson, *We: Reviving Social Hope*, 92.
118. John Dewey, "Contributions to 'A Cyclopedic of Education,' Volumes 3, 4, and 5," *John Dewey: The Middle Works, 1899–1924, Volume 7: 1912–1914*, edited by J. A. Boydston (Carbondale: Southern Illinois University Press, 1979), 294.
119. I describe the preservation of the status quo in chapter 5, where I discuss some of the problems with focusing on grit rather than hope.
120. Westbrook, *Democratic Hope*, 205.
121. John Dewey, "Essays, Miscellany, and Reconstruction in Philosophy," in *The Middle Works (1899–1924)*, vol. 12, edited by J. A. Boydston (Carbondale: Southern Illinois University Press, 1982), 181–182.
122. Notably, Reverend King borrowed these words from Theodore Parker.
123. Dewey, "Essays, Miscellany, and Reconstruction in Philosophy," 77.

124. I'm reminded here of Colin Koopman's related point: "This is what it means to take a melioristic perspective on truth. Meliorism focuses on improvements that are due to our energies and efforts. Truth, understood melioristically, is an improvement resulting from our work." Koopman, "Pragmatism as a Philosophy of Hope," 22.
125. Stephane Madelrieux, "Pragmatism: The Task before Us (A review of Koopman's *Pragmatism as Transition*), *Contemporary Pragmatism*, 14 (2017): 203–211.
126. Michael Kempa, "A Museum of Hope: A Story of Robben Island," *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, 592, no. 1 (March 2004).
127. I'm following Judith Green here, *Pragmatism and Social Hope*, 78–79.
128. Thank you to Lori Foote for pointing out the multiple aspects of agency at work here.
129. Thanks again to Lisa Sibbett for reminding me of the troubling findings of disparity and lack of influence noted by Martin Gilens and Benjamin I. Page, "Testing Theories of American Politics: Elites, Interest Groups, and Average Citizens," *Perspectives on Politics*, 12, no. 3 (2014): 564–581.
130. Koopman, "Pragmatism as a Philosophy of Hope," 107.
131. *Ibid.*, 207
132. *Ibid.*, 112.

### Chapter 3

133. James W. Fraser and others have suggested that hope can be chosen over despair. *A History of Hope* (New York: Palgrave MacMillan, 2002), xiv.
134. Dewey, "Democracy and Education," 199–200.
135. Dewey, "Democracy and Education," 53.
136. John Dewey, "Human Nature and Conduct," *John Dewey, The Middle Works, 1899–1924, Volume 14: 1922*, edited by J. A. Boydston (Carbondale: Southern Illinois University Press, 1983), 67.
137. *Ibid.*, 124.
138. *Ibid.*, 21.
139. Dewey, "Democracy and Education," 54.
140. *Ibid.*
141. Stitzlein, *Breaking Bad Habits of Race and Gender*.
142. Dewey, "Human Nature and Conduct," 52.
143. I'm borrowing this example from my book *American Public Education and the Responsibility of Its Citizens* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2017).
144. Dewey, "Democracy and Education," 48.
145. John Dewey, "The Need for a Recovery of Philosophy," *John Dewey, The Middle Works, 1899–1924, Volume 10: 1916–1917*, edited by J. A. Boydston (Carbondale: Southern Illinois University Press, 1983), 50.
146. Joseph Godfrey similarly and rightfully points out that hope implies evaluation about possibility and the soundness of our desires. Godfrey, *A Philosophy of Human Hope*, 169.

147. John Dewey, "The Nature of Deliberation," *John Dewey, The Middle Works, 1899–1924, Volume 14: 1922*, edited by J. A. Boydston (Carbondale: Southern Illinois University Press, 1983), 132.
148. Shade, "Habits of Hope," 6–7.
149. Ibid.
150. John Dewey, "Experience and Nature," *John Dewey, The Later Works, 1925–1983: Volume 1: 1925*, edited by J. A. Boydston (Carbondale: Southern Illinois University Press, 1983), 325.
151. Michael Eldridge, *Transforming Experience: John Dewey's Cultural Instrumentalism* (Nashville, TN: Vanderbilt University Press, 1998), 198.
152. Shane J. Lopez, *Making Hope Happen* (New York: Atria Books, 2013), 79.
153. Aronson, *Reviving Social Hope*, 47–48
154. Dewey, "Creative Democracy," 226.
155. Lia Haro, "The Affective Politics of Insurgent Hope," in *Hope against Hope*, edited by Janet Horigan and Ed Wiltse (Amsterdam: Rodopi, 2010), 200.
156. Dewey, "Democracy and Education," 182.
157. Green, *Pragmatism and Social Hope*, 129.
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