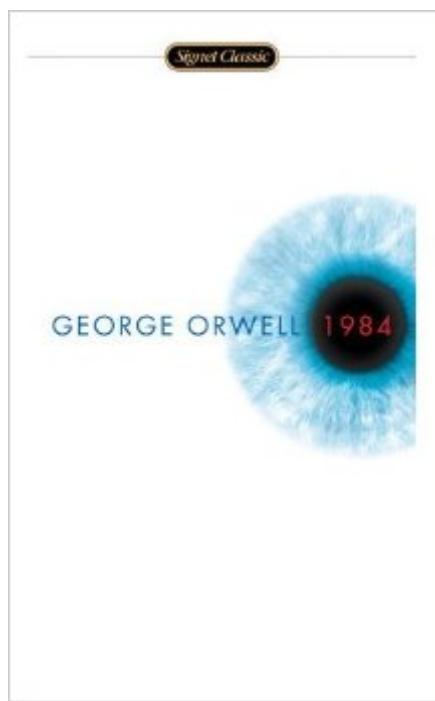


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George Orwell's negative utopia has been a hugely important influence on our society. It is the root of cultural mainstays like "Big Brother" and "double think", and has been required reading for millions of high school seniors. 1984 can be credited with encouraging a healthy skepticism and wariness of governmental overreach, depicting a worse-case scenario of what a totalitarian government may look like. Whether books like this have influenced Americans' resistance to the ever-creeping advance of socialism can be debated, but the impact on shaping individual ideologies cannot be denied. We are blessed to live in a prosperous and safe nation, with strong limits on government and strong protections for individuals, but much of the world is very different. From South America and Africa to Southeast Asia and the Middle East, political opponents around the world mysteriously (or conveniently) go missing all of the time. People live their lives under the constant and unyielding dictates of regimes that have only their own best interest at heart. The fear and helplessness so well presented in 1984 is felt in very real ways in the hearts of millions

of people around the world today. But even living here in the United States, I find much of this book eerily familiar. In an age of web-cams, smart phones, street cams, remote weapon-detecting machines, and databases of all sorts, it sometimes feels like we're living our lives under surveillance. The rise of political correctness, while based in good intentions, brings to mind Orwell's depiction of thoughtcrime. Hate crimes and hate speech have found their ways into our legal systems, and often in the name of diversity we are practically forced into an un-diverse, homogenous line of political thought.

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