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These wide-ranging essays have as a recurring, underlying theme the decline of the values and institutions that have sustained and advanced American society for more than two centuries. This decline has, in many cases, been a deliberate dismantling of American values and institutions by people convinced that their superior wisdom and virtue must override both the traditions of the country and the will of the people.

Whether these essays are individually about financial bailouts, illegal immigrants, gay marriage, or national security, the underlying concern is about what these very different kinds of things say about the general direction of American society. The larger and longer-lasting question is whether the particular issues discussed reflect a degeneration or dismantling of the America that we once knew and expected to pass on to our children and grandchildren.

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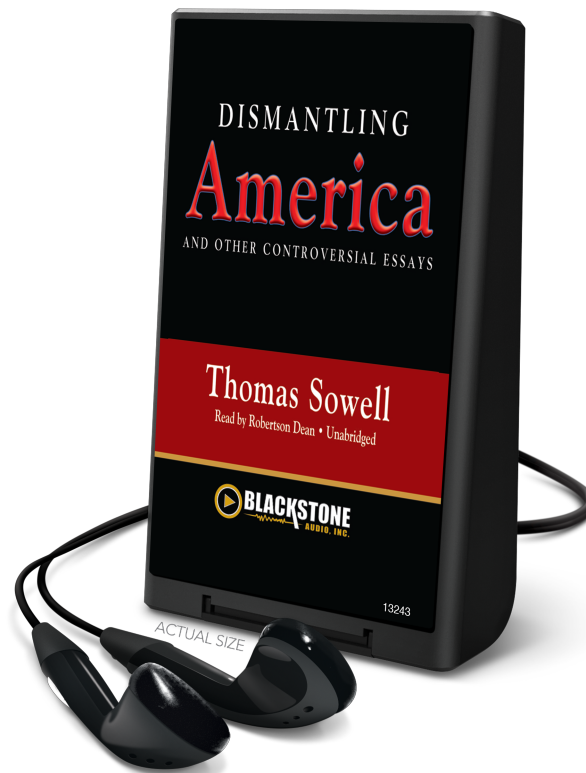
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