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### Personal Book Choice Report: Live not by Lies

The viewpoint of the author Rob Dreher who wrote the book *Live not by Lies* is that we need to be aware that the totalitarianism facing us today is based less on overt violence and more on psychological manipulation. I would agree with that opinion, the world. from what I have noticed has gotten pretty bad and a lot of people live by the lies the media/Government is trying to press on them. I would say that the author does accomplish that viewpoint. He takes the entire book to explain why people are living by these lies and how the world is starting to go downhill in ways of the socialist party and the government and what to do about it.

There were many good parts to this book but my favorite quote from this book was “A church that looks and talks and sounds just like the world has no reason to exist.” This quote has a lot of truth to it. It is saying that if a church is not actually truthful and does not teach the right things then they should not exist at all, because the world is not getting better, it is more sinful than ever. One more thing that I enjoyed about his book is that Dreher is not afraid to write about some controversial issues. A lot of Christians avoid hard topics like these but instead he does not care what others think. Which I appreciate because then I get to learn more about it.

The least favorite part of this book is that he is more progressed in education than me and I think that a lot of it goes over my head. He does a good job of trying to break it down, but in doing that, he somewhat goes into the weeds too much. It is a longer book in my opinion which takes longer to read and is more intimidating to start.

If I was to recommend this book to a friend I would say if you wanted to learn more about the world and how it is changing. Then to read this book. I would recommend this book to someone who is politically aware of things happening and wants to learn more. It is easier to understand than some books so it would probably help people become more informed of issues. If someone did not care about political issues I would still recommend this book because they would probably ask a lot of questions and this book could help them understand what is happening and what to do about it. As followers of Jesus, the challenges we confront in these hard times take a lot of attention to what is happening in our society and be courageous in standing up to the lies engendered in our well known culture.