It was the best of times, it was the worst of times,
it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness,
it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity,
it was the season of light, it was the season of darkness,
it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair,
we had everything before us, we had nothing before us,
we were all going direct to Heaven, we were all going direct the other way.

Charles Dickens, A Tale of Two Cities

推荐一本七十七年前（也就是一九四四年）出版的书，哈耶克的《走向奴役之路》。
哈耶克，一九七四年诺贝尔经济学奖获得者，一九九二年去世。
据作者前言，该书主要内容发表于二战前的一九三八年。

谈及民主、自由，大家直接反应就是关乎国家制度、社会制度。毫无疑问，然不尽然。
民主和自由是一种思想、一种方法，可用之于广泛的领域甚至于日常生活。
正如进化论，达尔文无论如何是不曾想到过今天在计算领域的应用即遗传算法。
作者经济学的背景让该书对于思想、方法来龙去脉的讨论远较一般政治学著作深刻。故推荐。

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