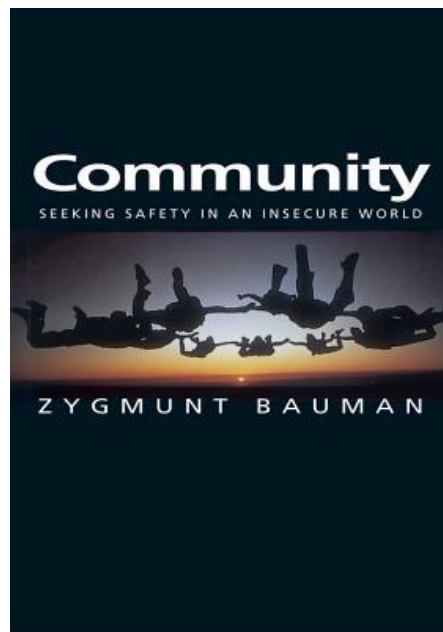




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'Community' is one of those words that feels good: it is good 'to have a community', 'to be in a community'. And 'community' feels good because of the meanings which the word conveys, all of them promising pleasures, and more often than not the kind of pleasures which we would like to experience but seem to miss.

'Community' conveys the image of a warm and comfortable place, like a fireplace at which we warm our hands on a frosty day. Out there, in the street, all sorts of dangers lie in ambush; in here, in the community, we can relax and feel safe. 'Community' stands for the kind of world which we long to inhabit but which is not, regrettably, available to us. Today 'community' is another name for paradise lost - but for a paradise which we still hope to find, as we feverishly search for the roads that may lead us there.

But there is a price to be paid for the privilege of being in a community. Community promises security but seems to deprive us of freedom, of the right to be ourselves. Security and freedom are two equally precious and coveted values which could be balanced to some degree, but hardly ever fully reconciled. The tension between security and freedom, and between community and individuality, is unlikely ever to be resolved. We cannot escape the dilemma but we can take stock of the opportunities and the dangers, and at least try to avoid repeating past errors.

In this important new book, Zygmunt Bauman takes stock of these opportunities and dangers and, in his distinctive and brilliant fashion, offers a much-needed reappraisal of a concept that has become central to current debates about the nature and future of our societies.

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Sencer Turunç says

?ahane bir kaynak, cemaat olgusunu bat?l? bir evrensellik içerisinde önümüze koyarak, dünü, bugünü ve yar?n? kapsayacak biçimde konuya ili?kin çal??malar?n temeline konulabilecek kavram ve tart??malar ele alan bir eser...

jose coimbra says

comunidade: a busca por segurança no mundo atual. Rio de Janeiro: Zahar, 2003.

A questão central do livro pode ser encontrada nas páginas 20 e 90: a relação inversa entre identidade e comunidade, tema que é abordado de modos distintos ao longo de todos os capítulos. Essa abordagem reflete-se nos títulos que nos conduzem ao longo do livro.

O pano de fundo que embasa a análise do autor é o do esvaziamento progressivo da regulação estatal e suas consequências. Uma delas, a de maior liberdade e menor segurança.

-> p.20 [jock young]: precisamente quando a comunidade entra em colapso, a identidade é inventada

->p.90: quando as velhas histórias de filiação (comunitária) já não soam verdadeiras ao grupo, cresce a demanda por `histórias de identidade`....

Ayse Bilgen Aras says

Kitap Bat? odakl? bir inceleme-analizi içeriyor. Türkiye'de cemaatler'in çok eski ve derin bir tarihi var, Türkiye Cumhuriyeti'nin, dünya kapitalist düzeninin çooook öncesine gitmeli sanki. E?er yak?n zamanda çooook yak?c? ve popüler olan Türkiye'deki cemaatler üzerine bir kap? ar?yorsan?z ba?ka okumalara :)

Kasia says

I read this book as an additional text for an exam of urbanizm. Normally I would never read a book concerning sociology, but I've got to say that it was an interesting, eye-opening book. I would recommend it to anyone studying architecture and urban design.

ferrigno says

Ripetitivo

L'ho trovato troppo simile ad altre cose di Bauman, per altro interessanti. Mi ha annoiato e l'ho abbandonato.

Giorgia says

Tematica interessante, ma purtroppo alcuni passaggi sono pesanti e non esattamente semplice da comprendere.

Rodrigo Perazzo says

Recomendo a leitura. Livro curto, mas denso o suficiente pra instigar a reflexão (e o estudo) sobre nosso modo de vida atual nos condomínios, nos bairros, nas cidades, no países, nos empregos e nas outras incontáveis comunidades "existentes", mas não "verdadeiras" das quais fazemos parte.
