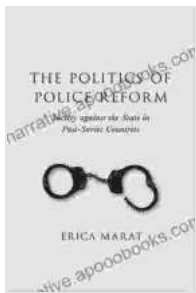


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## The Legacy of Soviet Rule

The legacy of Soviet rule has had a profound impact on the relationship between society and the state in post-Soviet countries. The Soviet Union was a totalitarian state that exercised a high degree of control over all aspects of society. This control was maintained through a powerful security apparatus, a pervasive system of propaganda, and a highly centralized economy.

The collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991 led to a profound crisis of the state in post-Soviet countries. The old institutions of the Soviet state were discredited and delegitimized, and new institutions had yet to be established. This created a vacuum of power that was filled by a variety of actors, including criminal groups, regional elites, and nationalist movements.

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The transition to democracy and market economy in post-Soviet countries has been a complex and challenging process. The post-Soviet states have faced a number of obstacles in this process, including:

- Weak institutions
- Corruption
- Economic instability
- Social unrest

These obstacles have made it difficult for the post-Soviet states to consolidate democratic institutions and build a stable market economy.

## **The Rise of New Forms of Social and Political Mobilization**

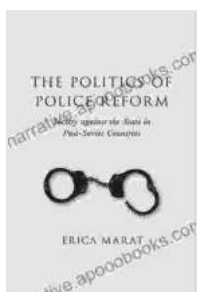
The transition to democracy and market economy in post-Soviet countries has also led to the rise of new forms of social and political mobilization. These new movements have challenged the authority and legitimacy of the post-Soviet state. They have also played a role in shaping the relationship between society and the state in post-Soviet countries.

Some of the most important new social and political movements in post-Soviet countries include:

- Nationalist movements
- Populist movements
- Environmental movements
- Women's movements

These movements have played a significant role in challenging the authority of the post-Soviet state and in shaping the relationship between society and the state in post-Soviet countries.

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