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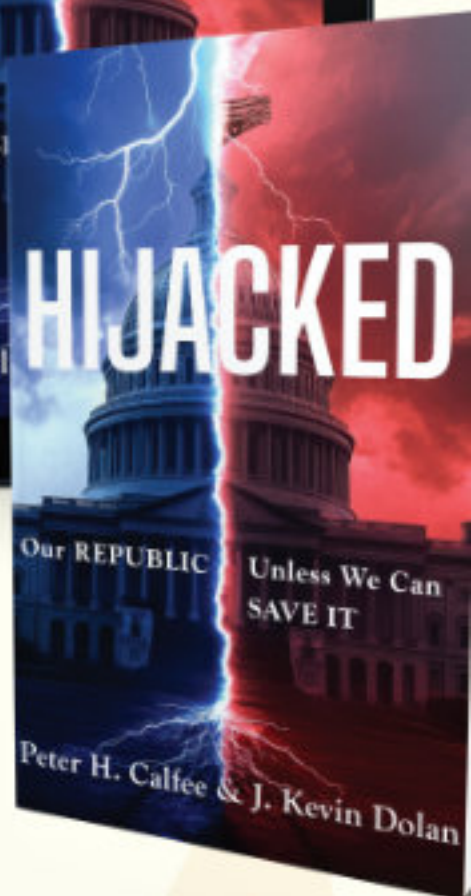
J. Kevin Dolan combines decades of experience in aviation and financial services. After earning his B.A. in Economics from Denison University, Kevin served as a U.S. Air Force pilot and later flew for American Airlines. He earned his M.B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School, going full time while still flying, and later obtained the CFP® designation along with several securities licenses 7, 24 etc.

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Peter Calfee brings a distinguished background in finance, education, and nonprofit leadership to his work. He earned his B.A. from Stanford University and his M.B.A. from the University of Chicago's Booth School of Business. A retired CPA, CFP®, and CLU, Peter served as Chair of the CFP Board of Examiners and was a member of the CFP Board of Governors. His expertise includes deep experience with SEC and FINRA regulatory matters.

Peter has taught at institutions including Hiram College, Lake Erie College, and in the financial planning programs at John Carroll and Myers Universities. He has had board roles for numerous charitable organizations during his career and in retirement.



Together, Peter and Kevin have written *Hijacked* to spark a renewed dialogue about the moral and structural imperatives essential to preserving the American republic.



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Hijacked: Our Republic, Unless We Can Save It is a timely and urgent exploration of the moral, cultural, and institutional forces eroding the foundations of American democracy. Written by Peter H. Calfee and J. Kevin Dolan, this book is a call to action for those who believe that our nation's future hinges on the recovery of timeless values and the power of Critical Thinking.

At its core, *Hijacked* challenges readers to examine six essential pillars that uphold society: Critical Thinking, Education, Religion & Values, History, Political Systems, and Economic Systems. Drawing from historical precedents, philosophical inquiry, and modern-day case studies, the authors lay out how these pillars have been neglected, misunderstood, or deliberately undermined—and what we must do to restore them.

Combining historical insight, cultural critique, and philosophical depth, *Hijacked* offers a compelling argument for reclaiming our societal fabric from ideological chaos, authoritarian creep, and cultural amnesia. Each chapter is both a diagnosis and a roadmap for readers who want to understand how nations falter—and how they can be saved.

Whether you're a policymaker, parent, educator, or citizen deeply concerned with the direction of America, *Hijacked* is a rallying cry to rediscover the shared purpose, enduring truths, and civic courage required to protect and preserve the republic.

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“Critical Thinking is the process of questioning everything. It is a foundational tool of reasoning that has been essential for the development of humankind for millennia. Unfortunately, as a society, it is a skill we seem to have largely lost.”

From the very first chapter, *Hijacked* drives home the premise that the American experiment is not immune to failure—unless its people actively think, question, and speak with clarity and conviction.

In one of the book’s foundational sections, Calfee and Dolan explore the erosion of public discourse and the consequences of abandoning Critical Thinking. They recount how great civilizations—from Ancient Rome to modern states—fell not due to external enemies but internal decay. Indoctrination, moral relativism, and the suppression of inquiry replaced reasoned dialogue and moral clarity.

They highlight that freedom cannot survive without the courage to examine what we are told, challenge ideological orthodoxy, and resist the temptation to blindly follow. And they argue that without critical analysis, even our most sacred institutions—elections, education, religion—can be co-opted by those who seek control rather than liberty.

The message is clear: Societies are not hijacked in one sudden act—they are slowly, subtly redirected by forces that exploit complacency. But by reawakening the foundational values of responsibility, character, and critical thought, there is a path to recovery.



SAMPLE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

1. *Hijacked* is a bold title. What do you mean when you say our republic has been hijacked?
2. You cover Critical Thinking, Education, Religion, History, Politics, and Economics as key areas. How did you determine these as the most vital to the health of a society?
3. This book begins with Critical Thinking as the first essential pillar. Why do you see it as the foundation for everything else?
4. Is terminology critical to understanding Critical Thinking? If so, what terms and phrases stand out as extremely important?
5. What is a major pitfall in Critical Thinking mis-applied?
6. Indoctrination is described as one of the greatest threats to society. How can individuals distinguish between education and indoctrination?
7. How has Education failed us in getting us where we are today if our society has indeed been hijacked?
8. You speak about eternal truths. In an era of rapid change, how do we identify what is timeless versus what is just trending?
9. What role does personal accountability play in preserving a republic?
10. Your chapters often reference spiritual and moral frameworks. What is the connection between faith and freedom in your view?
11. Man's law versus the Universal God's law: distinguish between the two using concepts of passing judgment.
12. Your writing draws on many historical parallels. Which civilizations do you believe most closely reflect where America stands today—and what can we learn from them?
13. Why is History so important in the logic of your book?
14. It seems you have grouped several forms of government into one group and Democracy in another group. Please explain your logic in contrasting them.
15. What are the most important ingredients in the longevity of a successful political system?
16. What do you say to people who feel overwhelmed or powerless in today's political environment?
17. What is a current problem that demonstrates political mis-application of Critical Thinking?
18. You have emphasized through repetition that "the Economic System serves at the convenience of the Political System." Why is that so important?
19. Another emphasized phrase is that "Capitalism harnesses the power of pursuit of self-interest." Please explain.
20. If you could sit down with the next generation of leaders, what is the one piece of advice from *Hijacked* you'd want them to carry with them?

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Book Summary

In an era of cultural confusion and political polarization, *Hijacked* offers a bold roadmap for reclaiming the essential principles of a flourishing society. Drawing from historical evidence and timeless wisdom, authors Peter H. Calfee and J. Kevin Dolan argue that the survival of the American republic depends on our collective ability to return to foundational values—Critical Thinking, Education, Faith, History, Politics, and Economics.

This book is both a wake-up call and a guidebook. With precision and moral clarity, it dissects how these pillars have been compromised—and what we must do to rebuild a strong, unified, and values-driven nation.

A powerful resource for citizens, educators, leaders, and parents, *Hijacked* speaks to those ready to defend liberty, restore responsibility, and reweave the social fabric of our nation—before it's too late.



About the Authors

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Together, they bring decades of real-world experience and principled leadership to this urgent call for national renewal.



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