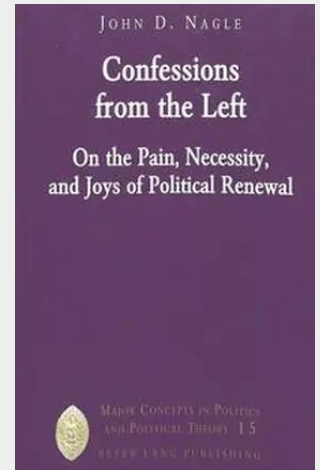


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On the Pain, Necessity, and Joys of Political Renewal

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