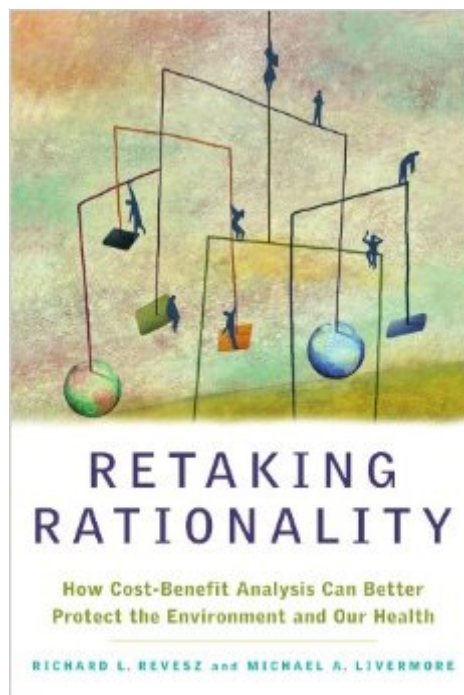


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# Retaking Rationality: How Cost-Benefit Analysis Can Better Protect The Environment And Our Health



## Synopsis

That America's natural environment has been degraded and despoiled over the past 25 years is beyond dispute. Nor has there been any shortage of reasons why—short-sighted politicians, a society built on over-consumption, and the dramatic weakening of environmental regulations. In *Retaking Rationality*, Richard L. Revesz and Michael A. Livermore argue convincingly that one of the least understood—and most important—causes of our failure to protect the environment has been a misguided rejection of reason. The authors show that environmentalists, labor unions, and other progressive groups have declined to participate in the key governmental proceedings concerning the cost-benefit analysis of federal regulations. As a result of this vacuum, industry groups have captured cost-benefit analysis and used it to further their anti-regulatory ends. Beginning in 1981, the federal Office of Management and Budget and the federal courts have used cost-benefit analysis extensively to determine which environmental, health, and safety regulations are approved and which are sent back to the drawing board. The resulting imbalance in political participation has profoundly affected the nation's regulatory and legal landscape. But Revesz and Livermore contend that economic analysis of regulations is necessary and that it needn't conflict with—and can in fact support—a more compassionate approach to environmental policy. Indeed, they show that we cannot give up on rationality if we truly want to protect our natural environment. *Retaking Rationality* makes clear that by embracing and reforming cost-benefit analysis, and by joining reason and compassion, progressive groups can help enact strong environmental and public health regulation.

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This book is a great guide for environmentalists who want to make cost-benefit analysis more fair. The authors get into the nitty-gritty of why cost-benefit analysis tends to favor industry and give a blueprint for how it can be reformed. An important book for anyone working within or with the government to better protect the environment.

Great read. Would like to see the book updated so that it reflects today's reality. This topic will only continue to become more important as climate change and pollution related issues become more pressing, apparent to the general public and time sensitive.

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