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Eisenach contends that, despite its demise as a galvanizing force in national party politics, Progressive thought remains a powerful influence in contemporary America. In particular, he shows how Progressive ideas resonate with current debates over individual rights and civic responsibilities, the relationship between the government and the economy, and America's international reputation.
