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> argues that this viewpoint is founded in the frontier interpretation of American history, that American historians have served as the chief political theorists and theologians of this country since 1830, and that

their writings can be interpreted as Jeremiads designed to preserve a national covenant with nature.