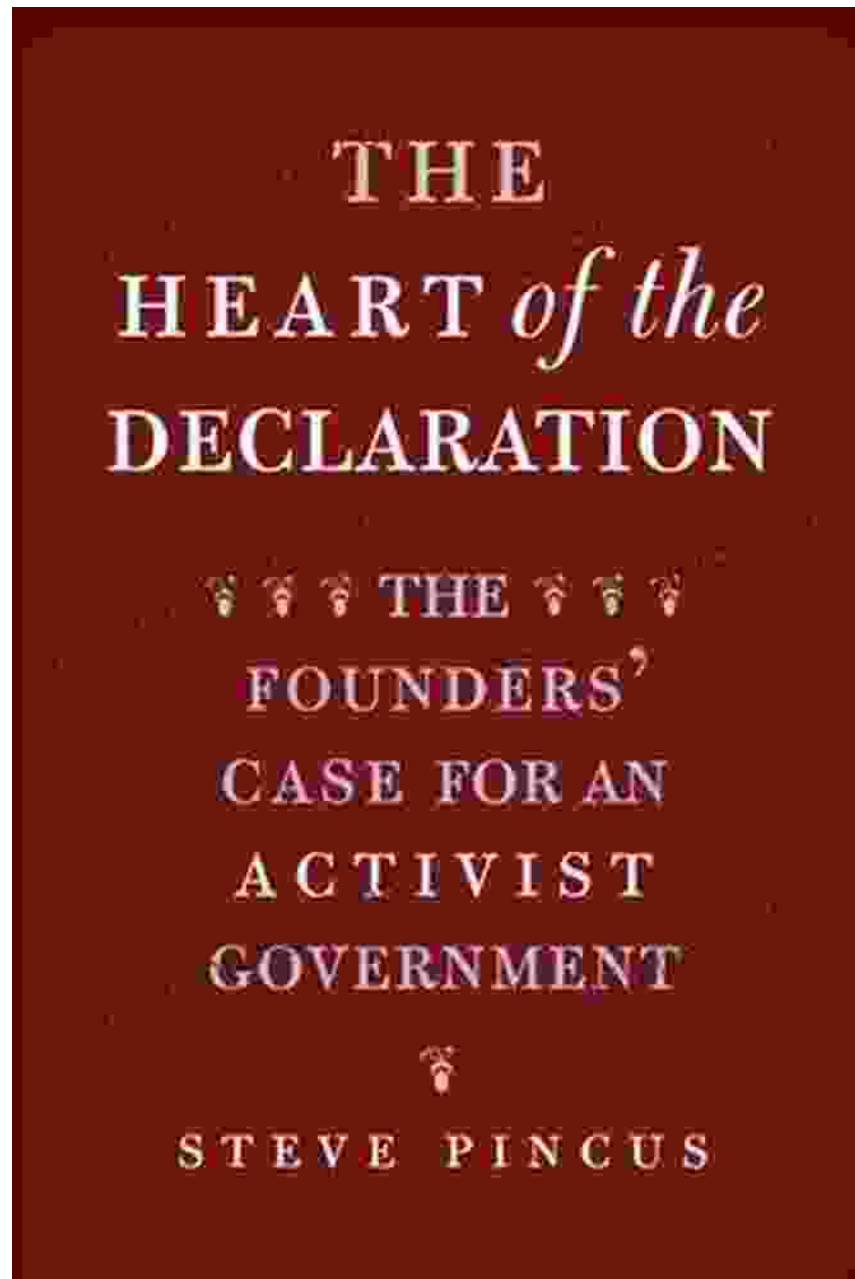
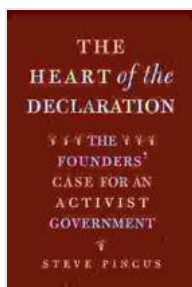


# The Founders' Case for an Activist Government: The Lewis Walpole Library in Eighteenth-Century America



The Lewis Walpole Library, founded in 1742 by the English antiquarian and politician Horace Walpole, was one of the most important private libraries in

eighteenth-century America. Walpole's collection of over 2,000 books and manuscripts was assembled with the express purpose of supporting the study of American history and politics. The library's holdings included a wide range of works on American history, geography, law, and government. It also contained a significant number of works on political economy, which was a relatively new field of study at the time.



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thinking of the Founders on a number of key issues. For example, the library's collection of works on political economy helped to convince the Founders that the federal government had a role to play in promoting economic development.

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The Lewis Walpole Library played an important role in the American Revolution. The library's holdings provided the Founders with a wealth of information on the history of British tyranny and the principles of republican government. This information helped to shape the Founders' thinking on the nature of American government and the role of the federal government.

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The Lewis Walpole Library also helped to inspire the Founders' ideas about the relationship between the United States and Great Britain. The library's holdings included a number of works that criticized British imperialism and argued for the right of the American colonies to self-government. These

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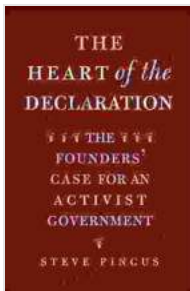
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The Lewis Walpole Library is also a reminder of the importance of libraries in a free society. Libraries provide access to information and ideas that can help us to understand the world around us and to make informed decisions about our future.



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