

# About the Author

**A**VIK ROY IS THE PRESIDENT of the Foundation for Research on Equal Opportunity (FREOPP), a non-profit, non-partisan think tank that conducts original research on expanding economic opportunity to those who least have it.

Roy's work has been praised widely on both the right and the left. *National Review* has called him one of the nation's "sharpest policy minds," while the *New York Times*' Paul Krugman described him as man of "personal and moral courage."

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From 2011 to 2016, Roy served as a Senior Fellow at the Manhattan Institute for Policy Research, where he conducted research on the Affordable Care Act, entitlement reform, universal coverage, international health systems, and FDA policy. Previously, he served as an analyst and portfolio manager at Bain Capital, J.P. Morgan, and other firms.

He was born and raised near Detroit, Michigan, and graduated from high school in San Antonio, Texas. *USA Today* named him to its All-USA High School Academic First Team, honoring the top 20 high school seniors in the country. Roy was educated at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he studied molecular biology, and the Yale University School of Medicine.