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- The Founders who agreed on the two primary purposes of government—but differed on how best to achieve the balance between them
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- The president and treasury secretary who together reduced taxes and the size of the federal government—and sparked an economic boom
- The forgotten leaders, both Democrats, who spearheaded the conservative challenge to FDR's New Deal
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Here is the story of American conservatism in fourteen lives—a story we need to understand to tackle the challenges we face today.

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