

Why  
Americans  
Hate  
Politics

E. J. Dionne, Jr.

# CONTENTS

## Introduction:

Living in the Past: How Liberals and Conservatives Are Failing America	9
---	---

	PART ONE: THE FAILURES OF LIBERALISM	29
ONE	FREEDOM NOW: The New Left and the Assault on Liberalism	31
TWO	THE VIRTUES OF VIRTUE: The Neoconservative Revolt	55
THREE	NOT BLACK AND WHITE: Race, "Values," and Willie Horton	77
FOUR	FAMILY POLITICS: Feminism and Its Enemies	98
FIVE	THE LOST OPPORTUNITY: Jimmy Carter and the Not-So-Vital Center	116

	PART TWO: THE CONSERVATIVE IMPASSE	145
six	IDEAS HAVE CONSEQUENCES: Conservatism's Contradictory Origins	147
SEVEN	MODERATION IS NO VIRTUE: The Troubled Life of "Modern Republicanism"	170
EIGHT	Hell Hath No Fury: The Religious Right and the New Republican Party	209
NINE	THE DEMAND FOR SUPPLY SIDE: Conservative Politics, New Deal Optimism	242
TEN	POLITICS WITHOUT GOVERNMENT: The Rebirth of Libertarianism	259
ELEVEN	BALANCING ACTS: Reagan, Bush, and the Conservative Impasse	283
TWELVE	ONE NATION, DIVISIBLE: The 1988 Campaign and the Logic of False Choices	300
	PART THREE: CURING THE MISCHIEFS OF IDEOLOGY	327
THIRTEEN	THE POLITICS OF THE RESTIVE MAJORITY: Healing Public Life in the Nineties	329
	Notes	356
	Acknowledgments	402
	Index	407