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**Grey House Publishing announces the Third Edition of
*The Religious Right: A Reference Handbook***

Grey House Publishing is proud to announce the publication of the Third Edition of *The Religious Right: A Reference Handbook*. Previously published by ABC-CLIO in 2001, this is Grey House's first edition of this valuable reference. *The Religious Right: A Reference Handbook* provides an overview of the religious right's role in American society and politics.

As in past editions, Grey House Publishing has worked with authors Dr. Glenn H. Utter, Professor and Chair of the Department of Political Science at Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas and John W. Storey, Adjunct Faculty Member at the School of Education at Philadelphia Biblical University, both of whom are experienced authors with expertise in the study of the religious right in America. Together these scholars present an in-depth and balanced view of this often-controversial sector of American society.

This third edition features several updates and expansions, all of which we believe make it the most comprehensive edition to-date. To begin with, we've expanded the Table of Contents to include a new section with 13 primary-source documents. We've also included new articles, biographical profiles and photographs. This new edition of *The Religious Right: A Reference Handbook* is designed to meet the need for an information source on the documents, biographies, organizations, and media that are significant to the growth and influence of this religious and political group. This is the most current and detailed examination of all things under the rubric of the religious right, from important figures, groups and organizations, to events and opinions, even suggested readings and multimedia resources are included.

The Religious Right: A Reference Handbook begins with a 30-page introductory essay. "The Religious Right in America" traces the development of the religious right from the adoption of the Eighteenth Amendment on Prohibition in 1919 through the most recent Presidential election, with discussion of where the religious right stands today, including recent judicial appointments and the increasing level of political activism.

The second chapter is a **Chronology** of the group, beginning in 1835 with the publication of *The Life of Jesus* and continuing to the present, including President Bush's opposition to funding for stem cell research. This updated chronology includes 32 new entries.

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The third chapter contains **Biographical Profiles** for 54 figures important to the religious right, representing 12 profiles new to this edition. Entries include William Jennings Bryan, Ted Haggard, Bob Jones, Sr., Cardinal John O'Connor, Rick Santorum, Phyllis Schlafly, Cal Thomas and more. In addition to new profiles and updates to existing entries, many are now accompanied by photographs.

Chapter Four explores an **Analysis of Survey Data** in five areas: Religion and the American Population, Political Preferences, Policy Preferences, Social and Moral Issues, and Potential for Success. Data is provided by the National Opinion Center and Baylor Institute for Studies of Religion, and is organized into 16 tables with topics including Belief in God, and Religious Preferences and Marital Status.

Primary Documents and **Quotations** make up the fifth chapter, which is divided into two main sections. The first is Religious Right Views, and includes topics such as America's Christian Heritage, Antiabortion, Foreign Policy, Homosexuality, Compassionate Conservatism, Prayer in Schools, and Right to Bear Arms. The second section is Commentary on the Religious Right, covering topics like Culture and the Culture War, Evolution, Creationism and Intelligent Design, and Fundamentalism. This 2007 edition includes 39 new quotations and 13 new articles.

The remaining three chapters provide supplemental resources. Chapter Six is a **Directory of Organizations**, which contains listings for 73 organizations, both those supportive of and critical of the religious right. Listings include contact information, key contact names and any organization publications, as well as a detailed description of the organization's history and activities. The seventh chapter has been expanded with 36 new listings, and covers **Suggested Readings**. This chapter is divided into three sections: Works About the Religious Right, Works From the Religious Right, and Periodicals from Religious Right Organizations. This makes it easy for the reader to locate the resource for which he or she is looking, but also clarifies the position of the resource. Within each section, entries are divided into biographies, educational works, and political works, and each includes title, author, publisher, and a brief description of the entry. The eighth and final chapter contains **Multimedia Resources** in 8 categories such as DVDs, CD-ROMs, Radio and Television Programs, and Internet Resources. Each listing includes length, price, source and a brief description. This chapter features 70 new resources.

The final components of the book are a glossary of terms and an index of entries. Each has been updated to reflect changes and expansions in this new edition.

As you can see, *The Religious Right: A Reference Handbook* is a thorough and comprehensive compendium of biographies, organizations, opinions and resources related to the religious right and its influence on American society, politics, and religious thought and discussion. This thorough reference resource will be a valuable addition to any library and will enrich any curriculum, whether taught by a university religious studies department or a high school American history teacher.

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