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Grey House Publishing Announces the Fourth Edition of *The Religious Right and American Politics*

Grey House Publishing is proud to announce the publication of the fourth edition of *The Religious Right and American Politics*. Previously titled *The Religious Right: A Reference Handbook*, *The Religious Right and American Politics* provides a detailed discussion of this hot-button topic that plays prominently in today's controversial political environment. All content has been reviewed and updated, and a new arrangement facilitates access to the material that now includes the following new chapters: The Religious Right and Science; Electoral Politics and Voting; Cultural Issues; Economic Issues; and American Foreign Policy.

Following this Publisher's Note is a detailed Introduction by author Glenn Utter, who expertly takes the reader through the history of the religious right and its significance to American politics. Following the Introduction are eight chapters:

- 1. The Emergence and Development of the Religious Right in America**
- 2. Chronology**
- 3. Biographical Sketches**
- 4. The Religious Right and Science**
- 5. Electoral Politics and Voting**
- 6. Cultural Issues**
- 7. Economic Issues**
- 8. American Foreign Policy**

Chapter one, **The Emergence and Development of the Religious Right in America**, begins its discussion in 1919, with the adoption of the Eighteenth Amendment on Prohibition, and continues through the 2016 presidential election. It concludes by discussing recent controversies over abortion, global warming, judicial appointments, and the perseverance of the religious right's political activism.

The second chapter, **Chronology**, ranges from 1835, marking publication of the controversial *The Life of Jesus*, to 2019 and the various state actions geared to limit abortion and ultimately force a showdown in the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn the 1973 *Row v. Wade* decision legalizing abortion.

Biographical Sketches now totals 59 with five new profiles: Jerry Falwell Jr., Franklin Graham, Robert Jeffress, Russell D. Moore, and Paula White. Profiles from the third edition have been revised and updated.

Chapter four, **The Religious Right and Science**, investigates various efforts by those on the religious right to influence science education and science funding, including the issue of teaching intelligent design along with evolution in the public schools.

Electoral Politics and Voting is the fifth chapter which presents case studies of recent elections, including the case of Roy Moore, the controversial judge who was twice removed from the position of chief justice of the Alabama Supreme Court and who ultimately ran an unsuccessful campaign in 2017 for a U.S. Senate seat from Alabama.

Chapter six is **Cultural Issues**, which examines religious right efforts to influence U.S. culture on such issues as gay marriage, pornography, and abortion, while chapter seven, **Economic Issues**, presents the varied perspectives of the religious right on economics. The contrasting political philosophies of John Rawls and Robert Nozick are presented to distinguish between more conservative and more progressive Christian economic beliefs.

The final chapter, **American Foreign Policy**, examines issues on which the religious right has been active: opposition to communism; support for Israel; Islam; immigration; and government support for missionaries and international religious freedom.

The back matter of *The Religious Right and American Politics* includes a comprehensive **Glossary**, and the following four **Appendices**:

- **Primary Source Documents** includes articles, most reprinted in their entirety, from prominent sources, legislation, and other documents that illustrate both public and legal opinion as they pertain to the religious right.
- **Suggested Readings** includes more than 300 works, divided into three sections: Works About the Religious Right; Science and the Religious Right; and Works From the Religious Right. Each section is further separated into relevant categories, including Biographies, Religious Studies, Personal and Family Topics, and Millenarianism.
- **Multimedia Resources** includes more than 75 DVDs, CDs, YouTube videos and more, on topics that range from “America and the Coming Mideast Wars” to “The Young Age of Earth.”
- **Directory of Organizations** includes over 50 listings of organizations that both support and oppose the religious right.

Following the Appendices, a detailed Index ends the work.

As you can see, *The Religious Right and American Politics* 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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