

Author Explains History, Current State and Future of Liberal-Conservative Divide

Just in time for the 2008 election, Professor Ron Lipsman's new book, *Liberal Hearts and Conservative Brains: The Correlation between Age and Political Philosophy*, peers into the political chasm that separates liberals and conservatives at the outset of the twenty-first century. The author argues forcefully for the validity of a correlation between age and political philosophy. Through an analysis of specific political touchstone issues as well as broad philosophical world views, the book demonstrates why people's political preferences often gravitate from liberal to conservative as they age. It also examines the most interesting violators of this trend—premature conservatives and aging liberals.

College Park, MD; Fall 2007— Professor Lipsman puts meat on the old saw, "If you are young and not liberal, you have no heart; if you are old and not conservative, you have no brain.

Early praise for *Liberal Hearts and Conservative Brains: The Correlation between Age and Political Philosophy*, by Ron Lipsman of the University of Maryland: "An insightful and witty examination of the values and beliefs that divide liberals and conservatives in America today." —Bruce Bartlett, nationally syndicated columnist; "Ron Lipsman's new book uses a mix of rational analysis and personal history to suggest there may be deeper psychological laws at work here that shape our worldviews. He's on to something." —Elais Crim, publishing consultant; "intelligently argued and accessibly written," —Gary Mitchem, McFarland Publishers.

In addition to making the case for the correlation and analyzing the contrarians who resist it, the book details the history of the bitter liberal-conservative divide in America. The book then examines the current state of acrimony between liberals and conservatives and predicts where it will lead in the next two decades. Readers can gain insight into the reasons for the depth of the divide from the study of the correlation between political preference and age.

The author also describes his personal trek from Left to Right by means of stories that touch upon the most famous incidents in world history in the last 40 years (Kennedy assassination, 6-Day War, Watergate, fall of Vietnam, oil embargoes, rise of conservatism under Reagan, Thatcher and Pope John Paul II, fall of the Berlin Wall and Sept 11).

Professor Lipsman is Senior Associate Dean and Professor of Mathematics at the University of Maryland. He is the author of more than 70 scientific research articles and 11 previous books—including the successful financial self help manual for the math-phobic people of the USA, *You Can Do the Math: Overcome Your Math Phobia and Make Better Financial Decisions* (Praeger Press, 2004).

Liberal Hearts and Conservative Brains (iUniverse, New York, 2007, \$20.95, ISBN: 978-0-595-46320-6) is available through Amazon, Barnes and Noble, Books-a-Million and other online book sellers, or through the book's web site (see below) . Other political writings by Professor Lipsman may be read on his blog (<http://thewritestuff.townhall.com>).

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