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## **The Conservative Movement's Stealth Weapon**

*New Book Chronicles the Rise of the Intercollegiate Studies Institute  
and Its Influence on American Conservatism*

**“By the time the Reagan Revolution marched into Washington, I had the troops I needed—thanks in no small measure to the work with American youth ISI had been doing since 1953. I am proud to count many ISI products among the workhorses of my two terms as President.”**

**—President Ronald Reagan**

The Intercollegiate Studies Institute (ISI) was founded half a century ago to defend traditional liberal education in American colleges and universities against the onslaught of leftist ideologues. With its myriad lectures, journals, fellowships, books, seminars, and mentoring programs, ISI is today the educational pillar of the conservative movement and the leading source of information about a free society for the many students and teachers who reject the post-modernist zeitgeist.

The founders of ISI hoped their work would give rise to a better future for their children's children. In *Educating for Liberty: The First Half-Century of the Intercollegiate Studies Institute*, Lee Edwards, the pre-eminent historian of the conservative movement, details how ISI has inspired the minds of collegiate conservatives for decades and prepared them to defend the American and Western patrimony in public office, research organizations, the media, and the academy.

Edwards tells the dramatic story of ISI's original focus on combating socialism, its resistance to the cultural crisis of the 1960s and the 1970s, its battle against political correctness in the 1980s and 1990s, and its answer to the renascent anti-Americanism on college campuses after 9/11. ISI's unwavering mission from the Cold War to the War on Terrorism has been to lay the intellectual and cultural foundation for ordered liberty in America and to help the West triumph in the clash of civilizations.

**Lee Edwards** is the Distinguished Fellow in Conservative Thought at the Heritage Foundation and an adjunct professor of Politics at The Catholic University of America. He has published fourteen books, including *The Conservative Revolution: The Movement That Remade America* and *Mediapolitik: How The Mass Media Have Transformed World Politics*. Dr. Edwards is chairman of the Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation and was founding director of the Institute on Political Journalism at Georgetown University.

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