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IS CONSERVATISM DEAD?

THE DEFINITIVE ANSWER FROM THE GREATEST HISTORIAN OF AMERICAN CONSERVATISM

“George Nash is the dean and the leading light of historians of the American conservative movement.”
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The Left has jubilantly proclaimed that conservatism is dead, both intellectually and politically—and some on the Right seem half-inclined to agree. How did this once-dominant political and intellectual movement end up in such disarray? And where is it headed?

The preeminent historian of American conservatism, **George H. Nash**, tackles these crucial questions in his indispensable new book *Reappraising the Right: The Past and Future of American Conservatism*. Nash, the author of the landmark work *The Conservative Intellectual Movement in America Since 1945*, provides a bracing perspective on conservatism’s present predicament by reexamining the roots and achievements of the contemporary American Right.

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- The Great Depression and the current recession
- Barack Obama, George W. Bush, Franklin Roosevelt, Herbert Hoover, and other presidents
- The future of the conservative movement—the dangers that lurk ahead *and* the hopeful signs

Ideally suited for the current season of soul-searching on the Right, *Reappraising the Right* is both a revealing examination of conservatism’s rise and an insightful—and ultimately encouraging—reflection on its chances for renewal.

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—DONALD T. CRITCHLOW, author of *Phyllis Schlafly and Grassroots Conservatism*

“When George Nash speaks, conservatives listen.”

—LEE EDWARDS, Distinguished Fellow in Conservative Thought, Heritage Foundation

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