

Righteous Indignation - Excuse Me While I Save the World
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Why is it that "dumb" conservatives write the most substantive books?

One of the huge disconnects in American political discourse is this: The Democrats call all Republicans dumb, except for the few like Nixon they prefer to label as evil. However, conservatives operate in the realm of the word. Conservatives dominate talk radio, and they dominate the world of books. There are no liberal counterparts to Michelle Malkin, Ann Coulter, Rush Limbaugh and the hosts of others.

Quite the contrary, when a book such as "Righteous Indignation" comes out, the liberals - specifically, those with whom I share a newsroom - did not even join the conversation. They throw out the usual adjectives such as right-wing, wacko, bigot and so on to discredit the source and do not even argue the merits of the case.

Breitbart tells you what you have to do is keep pushing. When they play down the ACORN situation, or the Pigford scandal, keep on pressing. They don't know what they're talking about. When they accuse Limbaugh of being a racist, which is about as predictable as the sunrise, ask for instances. They of course have never listened to them, just as Breitbart himself had not until his awakening.

One thing becomes crystal clear in reading this book and another I completed recently, "Deconstructing Obama." There is no vast right wing conspiracy. Breitbart did it on his own, just as Jack Cashill did his own research on Obama. They do it without funding and without outside resources, using the tools that are available to just about anybody in the country: the Internet, the telephone, and libraries. What a wonderful democracy! We just have to take advantage of it.

If there is one thing Breitbart understands, it is timing. His book is timed perfectly for the 2012 elections, setting forth an agenda of talking points to be hammered repeatedly until a year from November. The odds are he has some delicious surprises up his sleeve, and has a game plan for how to release them. Obviously the liberal camp does also. I expect this will be a very interesting election cycle.