



The Death of Conservatism: A Movement and Its Consequences

By Sam Tanenhaus

Random House Trade, United States, 2010. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 198 x 130 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. Sam Tanenhaus s essay Conservatism Is Dead prompted intense discussion and debate when it was published in The New Republic in the first days of Barack Obama s presidency. Now Tanenhaus, a leading authority on modern politics, has expanded his argument into a sweeping history of the American conservative movement. For seventy-five years, he argues, the Right has been split between two factions: consensus-driven realists who believe in the virtue of government and its power to adjust to changing conditions, and movement revanchists who distrust government and society-and often find themselves at war with America itself. Eventually, Tanenhaus writes, the revanchists prevailed, and the result is the decadent movement conservatism of today, a defunct ideology that is profoundly and defiantly unconservative-in its arguments and ideas, its tactics and strategies, above all in its vision. But there is hope for conservatism. It resides in the examples of pragmatic leaders like Dwight Eisenhower and Ronald Reagan and thinkers like Whittaker Chambers and William F. Buckley, Jr. Each came to understand that the true role of conservatism is not to advance a narrow...



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