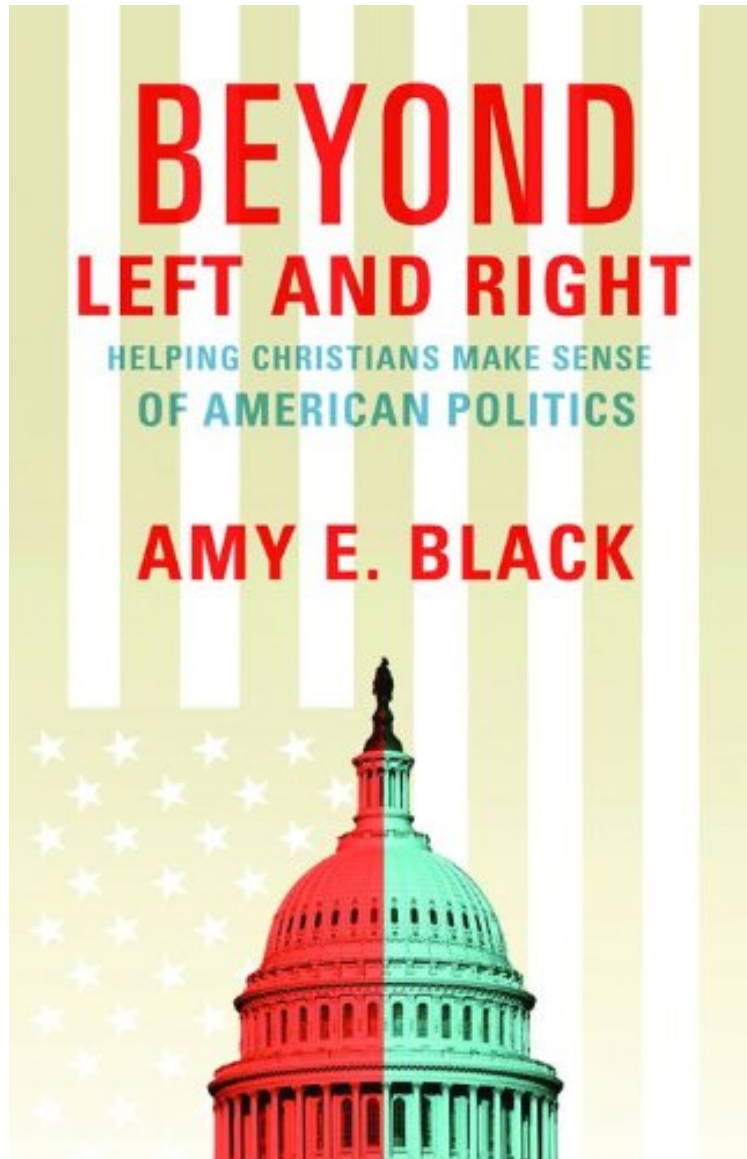


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From the Back Cover Who speaks for God in politics? Many Christians want to be politically active but feel under-equipped and overwhelmed. Instead of drawing party lines, political scientist and former congressional fellow Amy Black offers a guide to the inner workings of American politics that encourages readers to make informed, faith-based political decisions. *Beyond Left and Right* addresses major questions such as: What does the Constitution really say about church and state? Is the United States a Christian nation? What's the difference between a theological conservative and a political conservative? Can Christians honestly disagree politically? Intentionally nonpartisan, *Beyond Left and Right* is a much-needed resource for Christians who want to apply their faith to politics. "For Christian believers who want to understand contemporary American politics, and for those who wish to take part, there is no better place to begin than *Beyond Left and Right*." --Mark A. Noll, Francis A. McAnaney Professor of History, University of Notre Dame "Puzzled by politics? This clear, easily understood introduction by an expert on politics is what you need." --Ronald J. Sider, president, Evangelicals for Social Action "The challenge Amy offers each of us is to exhibit humble behavior in an environment in which humility is a scarce commodity." --Pete Hoekstra, U.S. Representative (R-MI) "*Beyond Left and Right* will be an inspiration and a helpful guide to those seeking to relate their faith to the complexities and challenges of politics." --David Price, U.S. Representative (D-NC) "This call to temper political zealotry with love of God, neighbor, and enemy will be of use to churches and academies alike." --Jason Byassee, assistant editor, *The Christian Century* "This book would be ideal for use in small groups--especially leading up to November 2008." --John Wilson, editor, *Books Culture* Amy E. Black is associate professor of politics and international relations at Wheaton College and is president of Christians in Political Science. She is coauthor of the book *Of Little Faith* and author of *From Inspiration to Legislation*. About the Author Amy E. Black (PhD, MIT) is associate professor of Politics International Relations at Wheaton College and is president of Christians in Political Science. She is the coauthor of the book *Of Little Faith* and author of *From Inspiration to Legislation*. She lives in Wheaton, Illinois.