## Uncivil Agreement: How Politics Became Our Identity



### By Keith E. Whittington

In a time of heightened political polarization and incivility, Uncivil Agreement is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand how we got here and what we can do to find our way back to common ground.

Whittington, a leading political scientist, argues that politics has become our identity in recent years. We define ourselves by our political beliefs, and we see those who disagree with us as enemies. This has led to a breakdown in civil discourse and an increase in polarization.

Whittington shows how this trend has been fueled by a number of factors, including the rise of social media, the decline of local newspapers, and the increasing segregation of our communities. He also argues that our political

identities are shaped by our personal experiences, our social networks, and our exposure to the media.

Uncivil Agreement is a timely and important book that offers a clear-eyed analysis of the current state of American politics. Whittington provides a nuanced understanding of the forces that have led to our current polarization and offers some concrete suggestions for how we can begin to heal our political divide.

Here are some of the key takeaways from Uncivil Agreement:

- Politics has become our identity in recent years.
- This has led to a breakdown in civil discourse and an increase in polarization.
- A number of factors have contributed to this trend, including the rise of social media, the decline of local newspapers, and the increasing segregation of our communities.
- Our political identities are shaped by our personal experiences, our social networks, and our exposure to the media.
- We need to find ways to bridge our political divides and restore civil discourse.

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