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HYPOCRISY AND HATRED

Robert P. Newman

From the time of the Pilgrims, Americans have always believed they were anointed by God to lead a sinful world into righteousness. After the Herculean effort of World War II in banishing fascist evil, we were plunged into the nastiness of the Cold War. Here the communist threat was magnified by ignorant chauvinists to justify clandestine dirty tricks, to match the tactics of the Soviet Union. This was quite at odds with our self-image, and with our proclaimed lawfulness and kindness. In the last half of the 20th Century the United States conducted, organized, directed, financed, and was otherwise responsible for terrible death and destruction, of which Vietnam was the major tragedy and the only instance in which our hypocrisy and duplicity were fully displayed. The world is not fooled; it now sees us as a rogue state with terrifying destructive power, to be brought low by any means available.

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THE RHETORICAL *PHROMINOS*: POLITICAL WISDOM IN POSTMODERNITY*M. Lane Bruner*

To formulate a contemporary conception of political wisdom, this essay combines recent philosophical attacks on the rational subject with Aristotle's notion of *phronesis*, or "practical" wisdom. Aristotle maintained that the *phronimos* is one who, through virtuous character, negotiates the uncertain political realm through the wise use of the rhetorical arts. Modern and postmodern theories, however, have profoundly complicated notions of meaning, identity and rationality, hence conceptions of knowledge and virtuous character. After a review of some of these theories, the essay concludes with a brief re-articulation of *phronesis* as political wisdom.

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