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*Our Divided Political Heart:
The Battle for the American Idea
in an Age of Discontent*

by E.J. Dionne

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E.J. Dionne

E.J. Dionne employs his twin passions—for people and for politics—and his keen intellect to craft reasoned analysis that is followed by policy-makers and engaged citizens nationwide.

Dionne “knows the present with the keen sense of a beat reporter and the past with the perspective of a scholarly historian” (*America Magazine*, 2008). He began his now twice-weekly column for *The Washington Post* in 1993. Three years later it was syndicated and now appears in more than 100 newspapers in the United States and abroad. He also appears on National Public Radio, *News Hour with Jim Lehrer*, and on other weekly news programs. Before joining *The Post* in 1990 as a reporter covering national politics, he spent 14 years with *The New York Times*, reporting on state and local government, national politics, and politics from around the world.

In selecting him as its 1996 recipient of the annual Carey McWilliams Award to honor a major journalistic contribution to the understanding of politics, the American Political Science Association called Dionne “one of Washington’s finest journalistic thinkers His tireless efforts uplift the public ... in a time that cries for reasoned debate, not more negative ads, rumor or simplistic sound bites.” In 1997 he was named one of the 25 most influential Washington journalists by *National Journal* and among the capital city’s top 50 journalists by *Washingtonian* magazine.

Dionne’s most recent book is *Our Divided Political Heart: The Battle for the American Idea in an Age of Discontent*. Previous books include *Souled Out: Reclaiming Faith & Politics after the Religious Right* (2008); *Stand Up, Fight Back: Republican Toughs, Democratic Wimps, the Politics of Revenge* (2004); *They Only Look Dead: Why Progressives Will Dominate The Next Political Era* (1996); and *Why Americans Hate Politics* (1991), which earned a National Book Award nomination and *The Los Angeles Times* book prize.

Dionne grew up in Fall River, Mass. He graduated summa cum laude with a B.A. from Harvard University in 1973, and received his doctorate from Oxford University, where he was a Rhodes Scholar.

Program

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Schneebeck Concert Hall

Introduction

Ronald R. Thomas
President

E.J. Dionne

Questions and Answers

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Reception following the lecture
at Pierce Atrium in Wyatt Hall.





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