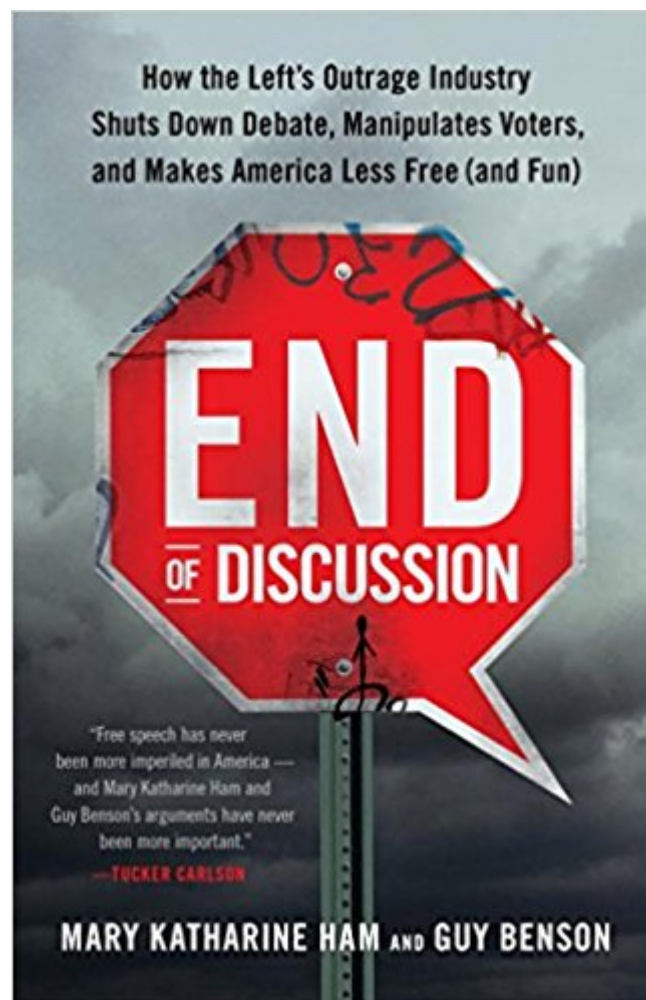




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End Of Discussion: How The Left's Outrage Industry Shuts Down Debate, Manipulates Voters, And Makes America Less Free (and Fun)



Synopsis

With a new foreword for the paperback edition reflecting Trump's election and the recent uproar surrounding right-leaning speakers on college campuses, this unapologetic conservative duo featured on FOX News, Townhall, The Federalist, and CNN combat the silencing of free speech in America. They're trying to silence you. But don't let them dictate the End of Discussion. In the age of Trump, a prejudice against free speech is spreading, fueled by a growing movement that believes ideas must be squelched to "protect" people. The presidential election of 2016 should have been the clearest sign yet to the Left that trying to convince half the country to shut up is not the same as actually convincing them. And yet, in its wake, the impulse to stifle and punish "incorrect" viewpoints, and the "deplorables" who voice them, is alive and well. It's a vicious and ironic cycle, especially in academia, where dissenting speech is deemed dangerous and equated to violence -- while actual violence is justified to bully its proponents. From Berkeley to Middlebury, the mob is on the march. Free speech isn't always pretty, but it's vital to the American way. We have to make America talk again. End of Discussion arms readers to find their voices and fight back against the death of debate.

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Customer Reviews

"At a time when the people in charge are trying to force you to shut up and obey, free speech has never been more imperiled in America -- and Mary Katharine Ham and Guy Benson's arguments

have never been more important. Buy this book, for yourself and those you love. You're going to need the intellectual ammo." • "Tucker Carlson " "This book needed to be written, needed to be published and needs to be read. Best of all, it's great fun to read." • "Brit Hume " "End of Discussion will actually start more conversations than it finishes. Mary Katharine and Guy are two of the bright stars of conservative commentary, and their insight and humor comes together well to showcase the absurdities of manufactured outrage and the benefits of taking a breath before launching an attack. End of Discussion is a smart and charming political page turner that was a delight to read." • "Dana Perino, former White House press secretary and cohost of The Five on Fox News " "Here's why I can wholeheartedly endorse and recommend this book: Mary Katherine Ham and Guy Benson are really good writers. This book had me laughing out loud on yesterday's flight." • "Jim Geraghty, contributor to National Review "A brilliant exposé of the left's outrageous outrage over everything! Free speech isn't free. It must be fought for. Get in the fight with this fantastic book by Mary Katherine Ham & Guy Benson!" • "Brad Thor #1 New York Times bestselling author of Code of Conduct "I can't think of any two people more qualified than Guy Benson and MaryKatharine Ham to expose the left's decidedly undemocratic efforts to silence opposing views. With their characteristic wit and humor, they take on the outrage industrial complex on behalf of fun- and freedom-loving Americans everywhere." • "S.E. Cupp, author and nationally syndicated columnist "This book will make you laugh and cry at a world where honest debate is all too rare." • "Juan Williams, Fox News analyst & author of Muzzled: The Assault on Honest Debate "Come for the writing and the humor, stay for the point: The outrage industry is destroying politics. Benson and Ham have diagnosed a new kind of media cancer, one that is metastasizing and eating away at our ability to survive as a free people, freely debating our future. Yes, that sounds serious for a book with as wonderfully light a touch as this, and one so full of laugh-out-loud moments. But it is true. That's why you need to read this book." • "Hugh Hewitt

Guy Benson is the Political Editor of Townhall.com and a Fox News Contributor. Mary Katharine Ham is a Senior Writer at The Federalist and a CNN Political Commentator who co-moderated a 2016 GOP primary debate with ABC in New Hampshire.

The truth revealed in this book is being proven by the "not helpful" votes that are so quickly showing up on the positive reviews. The contention of the book is that there are those out there trying to silence those with conflicting viewpoints. The book opens portraying the reader who may have

already found himself or herself flamed on the internet for statements thought by the writer to be harmless. I've experienced it by a couple of comments to my reviews accusing my of chauvinism by distorting innocent comments I made and making them appear chauvinistic when they weren't. This is an important book. I won't say that I agree 100% with it because I don't. But this is a book that needs to be read by liberals and conservatives alike. Our right to express ourselves without being viciously flamed is being threatened and this book brings this into the light. Highly recommended. You probably will have some issues with the authors, but you will still learn from this book which is forthright, informative, and often funny.

An analysis of how the left propagates lies and deceit, all at the same time of posturing themselves as human freedom fighters; human enslavement is more like it.

As a professor, I've become increasingly worried about attempts to silence free speech on campuses, and attempts to silence freedom of speech, thought, & expression in society in general. I believe freedom of expression is necessary for true progress==and although we may not always agree on issues, we ought to at least discuss them. End of Discussion, tries to explain why this silencing tactic is occurring. According to Ham & Benson -- two right-leaning pundits -- we have ring leaders at the national level, modeling the behavior that they want their mobs of followers to imitate in campuses, in social media, and in society in general. And it is working, thus this increasingly common "outrage circus" happening all around us. Ham and Benson describe the outrage process in five steps: 1. An outrage is noticed, by the outrage circus, e.g., a comment that someone makes, which is exploitable 2. "Town criers" play up the outrage 3. Victims are found & paraded around to humanize the outrage 4. The main stream media jumps in and magnifies the outrage 5. The outrage circus calls for boycotts, firings, or other kinds of compensation for these grievances. It's not funny. A similar sequence of events happened to me, and I suspect any outspoken critic of the outrage culture. Anyway, the book contains copious examples of the outrage circus. The chapter on gun control was especially good because all the statistics show that gun ownership is at it's highest levels ever, yet gun violence has down significantly (e.g., down 70% for non-fatal crimes). However, the outrage circus has been successful at pitching a false narrative of guns and violence. The book ends with several suggestions for fighting the outrage culture. I'll just recount the suggestion "to everyone": 1. Stop narc'ing on each other 2. Don't allow yourself to be cowed into silence 3. Don't be afraid to have an opinion on something Kind of simplistic. I like their idea of a "coalition to chill the hell out" better. But overall, good suggestions. As I mentioned, these are right-leaning authors. If

you want a left-leaning perspective, see Kirsten Powers' "The Silencing". But yes, great book. Highly recommended.

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Great read. This book reads quickly and is humorous at times as well as maddening when you realize just how ridiculous our society has become.

Excellent.

Received on time and already begun reading. So far...great!!

But again she doesn't tell us who we should REALLY put our thumb on.

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