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#### From the Inside Flap

In *Moral Politics*, the first full-scale application of cognitive science to politics, George Lakoff analyzes the unconscious worldviews of liberals and conservatives, explaining why they are at odds over so many seemingly unrelated issues-like taxes, abortion, regulation, and social programs. The differences, Lakoff argues, are not mere matters of partisanship, but arise from radically different conceptions of morality and ideal family life-meaning that family and morality are at the heart of American politics, in ways that are far from obvious. For this edition, Lakoff adds a preface and an afterword explaining how "moral politics" makes sense of events like the impeachment of Bill Clinton and the 2000 presidential election.

#### About the Author

**George Lakoff** is a professor in the Department of Linguistics at the University of California, Berkeley. He is also the author of *Women, Fire, and Dangerous Things* and co-author of *Metaphors We Live By* and *More than Cool Reason*, all published by the University of Chicago Press-as well as co-author of *Philosophy in the Flesh* and *Where Mathematics Comes From*.

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