

America Finds Hope in Third-Wave Conservatism

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He gave his speech, "National Conservatism, Freedom Conservatism and Americanism," at Hillsdale's College National Leadership Seminar in Bellevue, Washington.

He said modern American conservatism can be divided into three waves: The first wave, embodied by William F. Buckley Jr. and Ronald Reagan, lasted from the mid-1950s to the conclusion of the Cold War; the second wave, exemplified by Paul Ryan and the two Bush presidencies, ran from the 1990s to roughly the second decade of this century; and the third wave, played out through Jeff Sessions and Donald Trump, is ongoing.

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Ronald Reagan represented the first wave; his three-legged stool metaphor described the president's coalition of conservatives as economic and social conservatives and defense hawks. Reagan became convinced that the only way to defeat Soviet communism's anti-god ideology was found in Scripture, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" (Prov. 9:10a, NIV).

Solomon's Proverbs 17:24 –[Spiritual] wisdom is before the face of the perceptive man—is illuminated by Jewish Hebrew scholar Michael V. Fox:

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