

COMMON SCENTS - How to Get the Stink Out of Politics

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BOOK SUMMARY

Americans today are often told that **politics and religion should never be discussed in polite company**.

But what happens to a republic when its citizens stop discussing the ideas that shape its future?

In *COMMON SCENTS*, Phil Whitaker explores how modern culture has blurred the lines between **faith and politics**, creating a climate where disagreement is treated like heresy and debate becomes outrage.

Drawing from decades of experience in ministry, education, and public policy advocacy, Whitaker presents a thoughtful roadmap for restoring **civil discourse, civic responsibility, and thoughtful citizenship**.

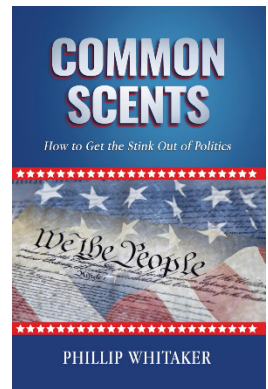
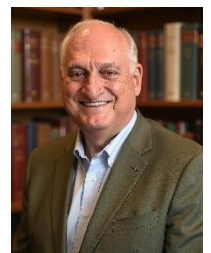
This book challenges readers to rediscover the habits of discussion and engagement that allow liberty and unity to coexist.

KEY THEMES

- Civil discourse in a divided nation
- Faith and politics in American culture
- The responsibilities of citizenship in a republic
- Restoring respectful disagreement
- Rebuilding trust in the public square

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