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Phil Whitaker

Author of *COMMON SCENTS: How to Get the Stink Out of Politics*



BOOK INFORMATION

Title: *COMMON SCENTS: How to Get the Stink Out of Politics*

Author: Phil Whitaker

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BOOK OVERVIEW

Americans are increasingly told that **politics and religion should not be discussed in polite society**. Yet these two forces shape nearly every aspect of culture and civic life.

In *COMMON SCENTS*, Phil Whitaker examines the growing tension between faith, politics, and civil discourse in America. He argues that modern culture has blurred the lines between the two—**religion is treated as a political issue, and politics has taken on the role of religion**. When disagreement becomes heresy and debate becomes outrage, democratic dialogue collapses.

Drawing from decades of experience in ministry, public policy advocacy, and education, Whitaker offers a thoughtful and practical framework for restoring respectful debate and civic engagement. The book calls Americans to rediscover the habits of thoughtful citizenship that allow liberty and unity to coexist.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Phil Whitaker has spent much of his life working where **faith, public policy, and civic responsibility intersect**. His experience includes:

- **23 years as a church pastor** in Roanoke, Virginia
- Advocacy work with a **faith-based nonprofit organization** at the Virginia General Assembly
- Public school teacher in Chesterfield County, Virginia
- Representative for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association serving churches across Virginia
- Current policy advocate with Convention of States Action

Whitaker holds:

- BA – Music, Piedmont College
- MA – Church Growth & Management, Trinity Seminary
- MA – Teaching, Liberty University

SPEAKING & MEDIA TOPICS

- Why political discussion has become culturally taboo
- The merging of politics and religion in modern culture
- The breakdown of civil discourse in America
- The role of faith in shaping public life
- Practical ways citizens can restore civil dialogue
- Constitutional citizenship and the responsibilities of a republic

SAMPLE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

- Why do Americans increasingly avoid conversations about politics and religion?
- How has politics taken on characteristics of religion in modern culture?
- What happens to a republic when citizens stop engaging in thoughtful debate?
- What practical steps can people take to restore respectful political dialogue?
- How can Americans disagree strongly yet remain united as a society?

MEDIA AVAILABILITY

Phil Whitaker is available for:

- Podcast interviews
- Radio and television appearances
- Guest articles and opinion columns
- Civic, church, and educational speaking events
- Advocacy and leadership training seminars

SHORT AUTHOR BIO

Phil Whitaker is a former pastor, educator, and public policy advocate who has spent decades working at the intersection of faith and civic life. He is the author of *COMMON SCENTS: How to Get the Stink Out of Politics*, a book exploring how Americans can restore civil discourse and protect the foundations of the republic.

SUGGESTED INTERVIEW SEGMENTS

Segment 1: Why politics and religion became taboo topics

Segment 2: When politics becomes a religion

Segment 3: The habits of citizenship the Founders expected

Segment 4: Practical tools to restore civil dialogue

BOOK DETAILS

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