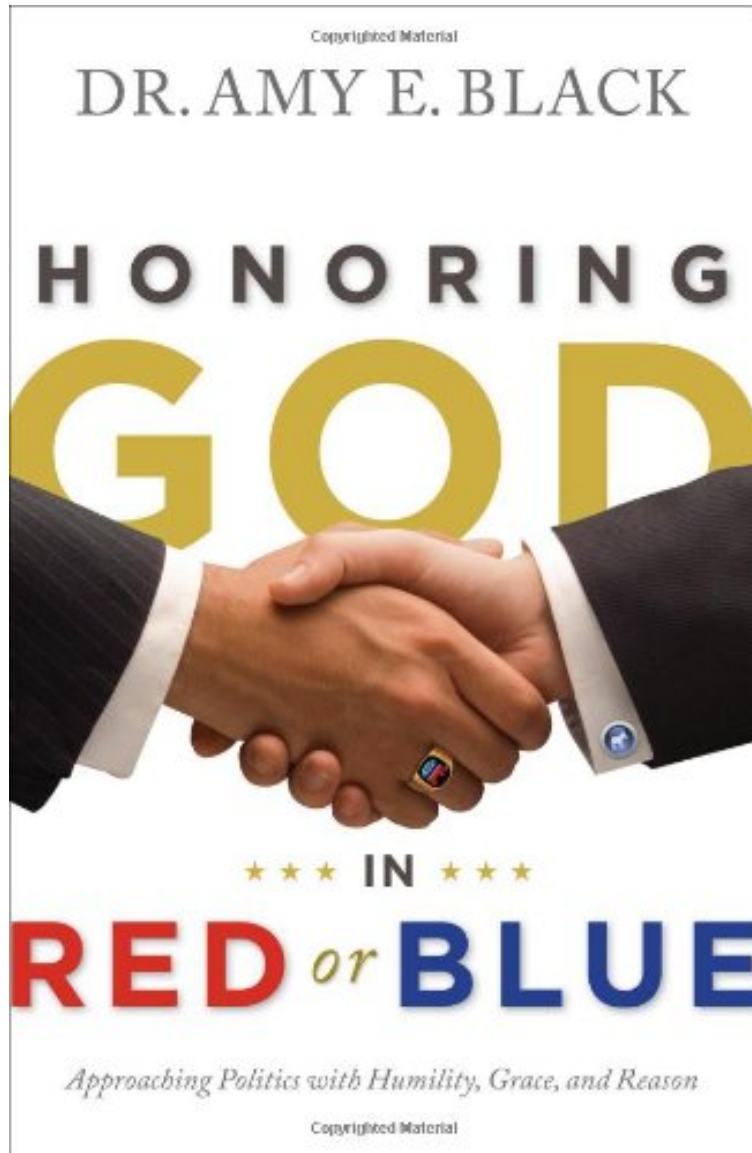


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In a day increasingly filled with soundbite rants and angry voices, Amy Black offers an alternative one based on Christian civility. *Honoring God in Red or Blue* will help Christians learn how to maintain their convictions with grace, and press their arguments with love and respect. Greg Wheatley, Radio host of *Inside Look with Greg Wheatley* Amy Black's combination of practical political experience, scholarly insight, and Christian wisdom is all too rare. If only she were running for president! John Wilson, editor, *Books Culture* A concise, easy-to-read introduction to how politics works and how Christians should engage it. Amy Black is a sophisticated, gifted political scientist who knows how to make complicated topics clear and understandable. *Honoring God in Red or Blue* is a helpful contribution to the growing body of thoughtful evangelical reflection on political engagement. Ronald J. Sider, President, *Evangelicals for Social Action* Professor of Theology, Holistic Ministry and Public Policy at *Palmer Seminary at Eastern University* Humility, balance, insight, patience, discernment, civility, faithfulness--these are qualities too often lacking in contemporary American politics. Sadly, they are also often missing as Christian believers talk about politics and engage in political action. Amy Black's well-informed book points to a better way. The strength of its good sense is matched by the broad accessibility of its prose and the thought-provoking quality of its Christian wisdom. It should be a great help in this, and succeeding, election seasons. Mark Noll, Author, co-editor, "*Religion and American Politics: From the Colonial Period to the Present*" For Christian citizens who are weary from the fighting that too often characterizes current engagement in politics, and looking instead for a God-honoring approach, Black's book is a healing balm. The good news: God cares about government, and gives it, as well as citizens and other institutions in society important roles to play and corresponding responsibilities to fulfill. This book invites readers not only to hope again, but to think deeply before deliberately taking action. Stephanie Summers, CEO, Center for Public Justice