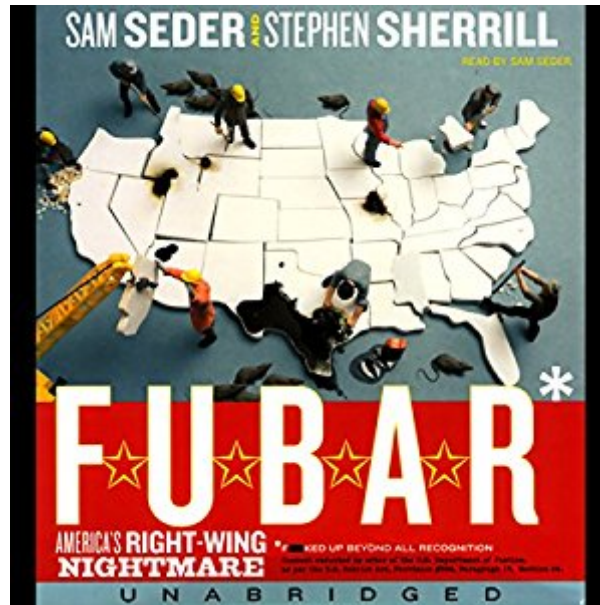


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F.U.B.A.R.: America's Right-Wing Nightmare



Synopsis

The United States has survived clueless presidential administrations before. But no matter how enormous the crisis -- the Great Depression, Vietnam, Watergate, Monica Lewinsky's thong -- America's always come out looking like, well, America. This time, however, something's different. Things aren't just screwed up; they're f&#d up beyond all recognition. Welcome to F.U.B.A.R., a hilariously scathing satirical rundown of the Radical Right's takeover of America, by the creators of Air America's Majority Report. If you're a liberal who's somehow not panicked over the state of our union, or if you're a Republican who's just having voter's remorse, or if you think what's happening to the country is just politics as usual, F.U.B.A.R. will open your eyes to our current national nightmare. With completely unfair and unbalanced analysis, authors Sam Seder and Stephen Sherrill take readers on a whirlwind tour of what's left of the United States, exposing the truth about the Right's blueprint for total domination -- over your money, your mind, your sex life, and even your place in the afterlife (yes, they have a plan for that, too). Finally, Seder and Sherrill offer a helpful and hopeful vision for a future that remarkably doesn't look like a cross between the Matrix and Mayberry. F.U.B.A.R. is the wake-up call America has been waiting to receive -- and it will probably be wiretapped. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Customer Reviews

Seder and Sherrill manage to create smiles despite the mess Bush et al have made of America. They begin by pointing out that we now have Rapture Republicans - i.e. an American version of the Taliban, patrolling our sex lives, science, education, laws, etc. America's Taliban are flooding

Washington, statehouses and school boards - not just looking for a voice or equal time, but dominion and world conquest. "Intelligent design" is the new "smart bomb" of the religious right, according to FUBAR. It's genius is how it uses principles of enlightenment to attempt to destroy enlightenment - all its proponents are asking for is to "consider all sides." Surely this (Republican right-wing) can't go on forever, you think. The "good news," Seder and Sherrill point out is that you're in luck. The "bad news" is that the end is called the Apocalypse. Bush, along with 89% of evangelicals believe every word in the Bible is literally true, including all of Revelations. (The even badder news is that evangelicals are growing in strength - from 24% in '84 to 30% in 2003. When the end comes, we won't need money, so no need to be concerned about losing half of all pension plans in the past decade. Similarly, the facts that real hourly wages have fallen 2.2% since the '03 tax cuts, median household income has dropped every year bush has been president, and the poverty rate has risen each year since 2001 are also immaterial. And to those who whine that in the 30-month period after the end of the recession the economy added 4.5 million jobs, compared with 7.9 million in the corresponding period following the last three recessions - Rejoice, The End is Near!

For those who have enjoyed the zing of the political barbs on Air America's "The Majority Report", co-host Sam Seder and producer Stephen Sherrill have come up with the inevitable book tie-in to capitalize on the radio show's current popularity. Luckily, the book captures much of the lacerating spirit of the program by skewering the religious right with its own imagery and calling the Republican Party most appropriately the "Rapture Right". From there, much of the satire derives from how to fit into the current power structure, whether that means identifying your place in the apocalypse, tips on buying off a Republican congressman, or simply how to speak religiously. Much of the book takes a similar approach to the tongue-in-cheek parody of "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart Presents America: A Citizen's Guide to Democracy Inaction", but the scope of Seder and Sherrill's tome is much narrower and the humor somewhat more repetitive. It also lacks the comical graphic elements that make a book translation truly worthwhile on its own. However, there are definite pleasures to be had in reading what American history would have been like if New York Times foreign affairs reporter and globalization specialist Thomas Friedman covered key events. And in light of President Bush's concentrated attempts to include a gay marriage ban in the U.S. Constitution, one of the funniest chapters is about gay Republican homophobes and how the co-authors have discerned a pattern of the most vehement anti-gay Republicans turning out to be gay. It is probably enough to say that they provide their evidence through the levels of arousal

measured by a "penile plethysmograph" and coming up with statistics like eighty percent of gay homophobes produced a "Fristy".

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