



Divine Fury: God's Angry Men and Their Political Playbook



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The John Birch Society (JBS) is known for its conspiracy theories and conservatism. Yet in many ways it set the foundation and tactics for the political world we live in today. Blending Christian nationalism, culture wars, conspiracy theories and fear, the wealthy men behind the JBS eventually established the Council for National Policy (CNP) and the Heritage Foundation. I look more closely at how 'God's angry men' in the JBS set the stage for Project 2025, and the cult of fascism we see today.

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