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## Goldwag takes off after the radical right

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### Abstract (summary)

An expansion of his previous books, which have focused on extremist political ideologies to cults, conspiracies and secret societies, "The New Hate" makes a simple point:

### Full Text

The simple act of writing this book invites the kind of vitriol and invective about which former **Brown University** <sup>1</sup> student Arthur Goldwag writes. An expansion of his previous books, which have focused on extremist political ideologies to cults, conspiracies and secret societies, "The New Hate" makes a simple point: The more things change, the more they remain the same.

Hatred, whether political, religious, ethnic, racial or sexual, has been with the United States for its entire history; however, as Goldwag notes, it hides in plain sight today. Is it more dangerous now than in 1830? Perhaps not, but it is ubiquitous and viral in a digital planetarium littered with flying saucerites who are often equated in modern media with John Birchers and those who have reached beyond the political pale. While the UFO finders might amuse some, the likes of Glenn Beck and neo-Birchers shouldn't.

Goldwag knows his territory. He has done exhaustive research on the obvious, from Obama haters, Birthers and Truthers to Joseph McCarthy and Father Coughlin to historically obscure figures like Revilo Oliver, an intellectual conservative eventually abandoned by William F. Buckley, and Francis Parker Yockey, an equally intellectual but even more dangerous figure whose anti-Semitism and abiding faith in the conspiracy of world Jewish domination led him to an early death.

The best service this book provides is the way in which Goldwag traces connections between 19th- and 20th-century anti-Semites, Catholic-haters and "America First" ethnic purists and the writing, talking and thinking of contemporary media figures such as Beck, Rush Limbaugh, Michelle Malkin, Ann Coulter and even Sarah Palin. He wades into the dangerous territory of blaming them for inflaming maniacs such as Timothy McVeigh, Jared Lee Loughner, the would-be assassin of Gabrielle Giffords, and Anders Breivik, the Norwegian terrorist. The radical right's wrath will chase after him.

THE NEW HATE: A History of Fear and Loathing on the Populist Right,

by Arthur Goldwag.

Pantheon Books. 311 pages.

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