

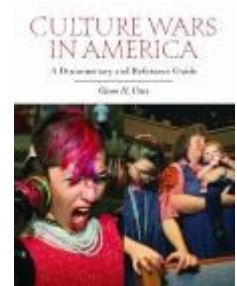
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“Americans have never found it easy to reconcile their many differences, even while achieving in times of crisis a remarkable unity of purpose. Although we pride ourselves on our pluralism, we struggle to find common ground on our most essential principles. Since the 1980s, increased questioning of traditional religious values, continuing immigration and globalization, the liberalization of social mores, differing understandings of the nation's role in a post-Cold War world, and increased partisan conflict over these issues have driven the so-called culture wars dominating American domestic politics. The primary source documents collected and analyzed here reflect all of these trends while fairly representing the contending positions that shape our contemporary political reality. This work will place the culture wars in historical context so that the reader can evaluate more effectively the potential social and political significance of current conflicts: Definitions of the Culture Wars: Historical and Contemporary, Differing Religious Understandings, Abortion, the Right to Die, and Euthanasia, Gun Control and Gun Rights, Immigration Reform, Gay Marriage, Electoral Politics, The U.S. Role in the World and the Global Culture Wars, [and] The Future and Possible Consequences of the Culture Wars. Special features include a “Reader's Guide to the Documents”, a timeline of key events and milestones in the evolution of the culture wars, sidebars exploring interesting and significant events, and a trove of resources for further research.”



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