



*Power, Politics and the Fragmentation of Evangelicalism: From the Scopes Trial to the Obama Divide*

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## Learning from Our History

In a relatively short amount of time, evangelicals in America have forfeited a great deal of cultural capital. From its zenith in the nineteenth century—with highlights such as the Great Awakenings, abolitionism and the Holiness Movement—the evangelical movement splintered and lost significant power in the twentieth century.

In *Power, Politics and the Fragmentation of Evangelicalism*, historian Kenneth J. Collins provides a history of modern American evangelicalism from the 1920s to the present, interwoven with cultural analysis focused on the shifts in political, intellectual, moral and spiritual power between the evangelical community and the broader nation during that period.

Based on his research, Collins is poised to speak on a number of pressing issues, including:

- What can Christians learn from the history of evangelicalism as they attempt to live as responsible citizens today?
- Is there a way forward for evangelical political identity that avoids the extremes of fundamentalism and liberalism?
- What is the proper relationship between church and state?
- Is there a way for evangelicals to regain power and cultural capital? Should such a pursuit be a goal?
- How might the gospel affect our understanding of democracy?
- What are some key features of a robust Christian political philosophy?