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Protest and American Democracy
Donald T. Critchlow

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**Donald T. Critchlow** is Professor of History and Director of the Center for Political Thought and Leadership at Arizona State University. He is author of numerous books, most recently, *Republican Character: From Nixon to Reagan*, also available from the University of Pennsylvania Press.

“Populism has become a dirty word—the dirty word—in politics, in America and around the world. But, as historian and longtime political analyst Donald Critchlow explains, popular activism, of the left and of the right, has been a major force in American history, and usually a force for the good.”—**Michael Barone**, senior political analyst, *Washington Examiner*

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Nuclear Country
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In *Nuclear Country*, Catherine McNicol Stock explores the question of why, between 1968 and 1992, voters in the Dakotas came to embrace the conservatism of the New Right during a period that coincided with the placement of military bases and nuclear missile silos on the Northern Plains. This militarization influenced regional political culture by reinforcing or recontextualizing longstanding local ideas and practices, particularly when the people of the plains found that they shared culturally conservative values with the military. After adopting the first two planks of the New Right—national defense and conservative social ideas—Dakotans endorsed the third plank of New Right ideology, fiscal conservatism. Ultimately, Stock contends that militarization and nuclearization were the historical developments most essential to the creation of the rural New Right throughout the United States, and that their impact can best be seen in this often-overlooked region’s history.

**Catherine McNicol Stock** is the Barbara Zaccheo Kohn ’72 Professor of History at Connecticut College and author of *Rural Radicals: Righteous Rage in the American Grain*.

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Jean Reith Schroedel is the Thornton F. Bradshaw Professor of Public Policy at Claremont Graduate University. She is author of *Evangelicals and Democracy in America: Religion and Politics.*

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“As a North Dakota State Representative, I have dealt with voting rights issues involving barriers towards our Tribal Nations and its members, and I can personally relate to *Voting in Indian Country.* Although this book covers and explains scientific data, it also brings in the importance of grassroots Native organizations pursuing equality at the ballot box. I highly recommend reading the book. It will open your eyes to our efforts here and now on the obstacles we face and what we are doing to correct the wrongs.”—Representative Ruth Buffalo, North Dakota House of Representatives
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Eileen Hunt Botting

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Eileen Hunt Botting is Professor of Political Science at the University of Notre Dame and author of Wollstonecraft, Mill, and Women’s Human Rights and Family Feuds: Wollstonecraft, Burke, and Rousseau on the Transformation of the Family. Her book Mary Shelley and the Rights of the Child is also available from the University of Pennsylvania Press.

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Kirsten Fischer is Associate Professor of History at the University of Minnesota.

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**Donald F. Johnson** is Assistant Professor of History at North Dakota State University.

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Vanessa Mongey is a historian based in the United Kingdom.

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Peter C. Mancall is the Andrew W. Mellon Professor of the Humanities, the Linda and Harlan Martens Director of the Early Modern Studies Institute, and Professor of History and Anthropology at the University of Southern California. He is author of numerous books, including Fatal Journey: The Final Expedition of Henry Hudson—A Tale of Mutiny and Murder in the Arctic.

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*Brandon Mills* teaches in the Department of History at the University of Colorado Denver.

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