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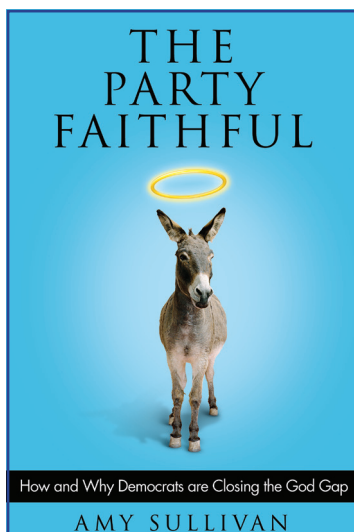
Culture War Games: Religion and the 2012 Election



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Lobero Theater, 33 East Canon Perdido Street

The economy was supposed to be the number one issue in the 2012 election. But just seven months before American voters go to the polls, the culture wars are back. Liberals howl about the GOP's "war on women," while conservatives claim Democrats are waging a "war on religion." Why do issues of religion and politics so polarize Americans? And why do we view political opposition as a "war" on everything we hold dear?

Amy Sullivan is a writer and former senior editor at *TIME* Magazine who covers politics, religion, and culture. She previously served as the magazine's nation editor, coordinating coverage of the 2008 presidential campaign, and as editor of *The Washington Monthly*. Her first book, *The Party Faithful: How and Why Democrats are Closing the God Gap*, was published by Scribner in 2008. According to E.J. Dionne, Jr., "Long before most journalists or Democratic activists were paying attention, Amy Sullivan understood that what was happening in the religious world mattered enormously to the political world." She was a 2009 Templeton-Cambridge Journalism Fellow in Science & Religion. She holds degrees from the University of Michigan and Harvard Divinity School.



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