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Editorial Review

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Few academics write as crisply as the sociologist Alan Wolfe, and even fewer are capable of making the penetrating insights that sprinkle the pages of this engaging study of suburban psychology. Based on 200 extensive interviews with middle-class Americans, Wolfe's study uncovers a striking tolerance. Americans, according to the author, can be quite harsh when judging their own behavior, but they exhibit a hands-off approach with others. (Wolfe also cites an exception to this rule: homosexuality.) Americans are not torn apart by any kind of cultural war, contrary to the claims of intellectuals on both the right and left. Instead, writes Wolfe, they are a practical people willing to accept social change. Forget the shallow opinion polls that appear every few days in the news. *One Nation, After All* comes closer to the real pulse of the American people than just about any other you will find.

From Library Journal

The nation is divided between the pro-welfare, pro-choice Left and the pro-family, anti-Left Right, right?

Wrong, says sociologist Wolfe, who argues that Americans agree on most issues.

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From Booklist

For what sociologist Wolfe calls the Middle Class Morality Project, he and an assistant interviewed 200 persons in 8 U.S. suburbs. The sample was too small for the findings to be nationally accurate, but was demographically balanced enough for them to be persuasively indicative of the entire American middle class. It was also small enough to accommodate long responses to questions about the right and wrong of the issues of the day. Wolfe discovered "over and over again, . . . ways in which polls do not get opinion in the country quite right." For instance, a large majority of the 200 felt homosexuality is immoral, but a majority also supported equal civil rights for gays. A great many objected to affirmative action, but staunchly advocated helping disadvantaged persons on the path to middle-class status. They thought of women working not in terms of rights but in terms of self-discovery. Their religious faith, though sometimes vehemently affirmed, was quite lacking in zealotry. And so on. Notably tolerant and disinclined to fight the culture war that partisan commentators say is raging in America, they upheld what Wolfe characterizes as "morality writ small," which is largely a matter of personal responsibility for obligations close to home. A committed liberal, Wolfe regrets such modest morality. Many others may welcome it, even with tears of relief.

Americans aren't so awful, after all. *Ray Olson*

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