From Reagan to Trump: Religion, Politics, and the United States News Media

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Why have the “liberal” news media helped to disseminate a conservative agenda? How did Ronald Reagan’s religious ideas pave the way for a Donald Trump presidency? To understand the role of religion in public life today, we need a trip back to the 1980s—including a second look at AIDS, “welfare queens,” and when the USSR was an “evil empire.”

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