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On the other hand, as Karl Mannheim argued over half a century ago, conservatism inevitably becomes articulate as a counter-ideology, defending the realities of the way people actually live in opposition to the future-oriented proposals of left-wing reformers and radicals. Under political democracy based on universal suffrage, politics is necessarily ideological.

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But through family associations with top people in the State Department and the diplomatic community in Washington where I had grown up, I was aware of the havoc wrought by Senator McCarthy in these circles: the pervasive anxiety, the unjustly ruined careers, even a few real and suspected suicides. Kristol was affiliated with the Congress for Cultural Freedom; he wrote in *Commentary* magazine from 1947 to 1952, under the editor Elliot Cohen not to be confused with Elliot A.

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Last month President Reagan and other administration figures cordially invited the UN to leave New York if it chose to do so. He comes up with freshening thoughts apropos democracy, such as that the founding fathers, in what they said and did, "understand us better than we understand them. They could live with religion or morality as a purely private affair, and they could not see why everyone else—after a proper secular education, of course—could not do likewise.

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That it was also, in a deeper sense, hostile to secular humanism was not so obvious, even to many of those involved in the adversary culture itself. Excerpt: Theology is not a fruitful point of contact between the religions. Still, though all primarily polemical orientations suffer from a certain narrowness, Kristol's long past as a leftbaiter saves him from the excesses and obsessions of some of his fellow neoconservatives, who saw the

light only in the past decade.

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One might wish that both the intellectuals and the businessmen were a bit more urbane and farsighted and recognized the value of mediators between them; but that is exactly Kristol's own present and self-chosen role, isn't it? Yet here is obviously a man of earnestness and decency, a fluent writer as well as ideologist, striving to maintain, one suspects, the radical idealism of those college-day polemics in the grayer realm of politics when the utmost realism is demanded to preserve freedom and democracy from their foes.

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C; I had never seen a Congressman or Senator or high government official in the flesh; no agency of the American government had ever asked me for my opinion on anything. So would the author's awareness of the fundamental conflict experienced by American conservatives between their nostalgic attraction to a stable pre-industrial social order and their recognition that acceptance of modern capitalism with its built-in drive to destroy tradition by promoting ceaseless material and technical transformations of daily life provides the only possible basis for a conservative politics.

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Daniel Patrick Moynihan, a former US ambassador to the UN, did not like this attitude.

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The educated classes of liberal- bourgeois society simply could not bring themselves to believe that religion was that important to a polity.

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