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Review

"A searing and courageous indictment of the growing intolerance of the American left—written with passion and eloquence by one of the nation's most principled and fair-minded liberals. An important book on a subject many are simply too afraid to touch."

—Charles Krauthammer, Pulitzer Prize-winning syndicated columnist and author of the #1 *New York Times* bestseller *Things That Matter*

"Kirsten Powers convincingly calls out her fellow liberals for being astonishingly illiberal. A great read."

—Brit Hume, Fox News senior political analyst

"Kirsten Powers explodes and skewers 'The Silencing'—the demonizing and repression of different views, especially conservative views. Here is a liberal calling out other supposedly liberal people who claim to believe in free speech but tell all who disagree with them to shut up. Hallelujah—you are lucky to have this book in your hands!"

—Juan Williams, Fox News political analyst and *New York Times* bestselling author of *Muzzled*

"I salute my friend Kirsten Powers for boldly and eloquently breaking the spiral of silence on silencing."

—Eric Metaxas, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Miracles* and *Bonhoeffer*

"Tolerance and free expression are founding values of our republic and yet they're under attack from the extreme wings of the American political spectrum. Shining a harsh light on the 'illiberal left,' Kirsten Powers exposes a grim campaign to silence speech. This is an important book."

—Ron Fournier, senior political columnist and editorial director of *National Journal*

"In this examination of the multiplying attacks on freedom of speech, Kirsten Powers casts a cool eye on the damages done to politics, academia, and civic discourse by the aggressive assertion of a perverse new entitlement. It is the postulated right to pass through life without being disturbed, annoyed, offended, or discomposed by the expression of anyone else's thoughts."

—George F. Will, Pulitzer Prize-winning syndicated columnist and author of the *New York Times* bestseller *A Nice Little Place on the North Side*

From the Inside Flap

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Powers chronicles this forced march toward conformity in an exposé of the illiberal tactics deployed to shut down debate on some of the most important issues of the day. While preaching tolerance and claiming to hold liberal values, the "illiberal left" works to delegitimize political and ideological opponents in ways that stifle freedom of expression, thought, and religious belief.

In *The Silencing*, Kirsten Powers, herself a proud liberal--but from a far more tolerant Jeffersonian tradition-

-exposes the illiberal left. You'll learn:

- Why the illiberal left has become an Orwellian "big brother," policing what it deems acceptable speech and opinions
- How the illiberal left is obsessed with delegitimizing Fox News
- How illiberal left pundits--even self-proclaimed "feminists" (and Powers names names)--engage in outrageously misogynistic and sexist dismissals of their female opponents
- How illiberal colleges and universities limit freedom of expression to tightly regulated "free speech zones" and ban speakers (even liberals) with whom the illiberal left disagrees
- How "truth" matters little to the illiberal left, for whom ideology is everything
- How is it that liberalism, once associated with open-mindedness and reason, has become a vehicle for irrational prejudice, ideological conformity, and the marginalization and punishment of alternative opinions? Kirsten Powers chronicles this troubling trend in perhaps the most important--and chilling--political book of the year.

About the Author

Kirsten Powers is a Fox News contributor and columnist for USA Today. Powers has been called "Fox's liberal to be reckoned with" by Mediaite and "an outspoken liberal journalist" by the Columbia Journalism Review. The Women's Media Center lauded Powers as a "trailblazer," "powerful," and an "exceptional professional." Prior to her career in journalism, Powers worked in Democratic Party politics and the Clinton administration. She has been published in the Wall Street Journal, the New York Observer, the New York Post, the Daily Beast, Elle, Salon.com, and the American Prospect online. A native of Fairbanks, Alaska, and graduate of the University of Maryland at College Park, Powers currently resides in Washington, D.C.

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