Evangelicals and Democracy in America: Religion and Society 384 pages 2009 Steven G. Brint, Jean Reith Schroedel, Steven Brint Russell Sage Foundation, 2009 9781610445917

Toward a Comparative and Historical Perspective, Evangelicals and Democracy in America, vol. i: Religion and Society, Steven Brint and Jean Reith Schroedel, eds. (New York: Russell Sage Foundation, 2009), p. 80. 2 punishment in the form of the physical decline of the state and is then set aright through eventual spiritual revival. The book has become the ninth bestseller of all time since it was written in 1896 with over 30 million copies sold. It tells the story of how a community of people of various walks of life and professions transformed their town and eventually the nation by addressing headlong the poverty and social ills around them with the uncompromising religious devotion which lies at the heart of the question, â€œWhat would Jesus do?â€ In the two-volume Evangelicals and Democracy in America, editors Steven Brint and Jean Reith Schroedel have assembled an authoritative collection of studies of the evangelical movement in America. Religion and Politics, the second volume of the set, focuses on the role of religious conservatives in party politics, the rhetoric evangelicals use to mobilize politically, and what the history of the evangelical movement reveals about where it may be going. Part I of Religion and Politics explores the role of evangelicals in electoral politics. But the United States remains one of only a handful of post-industrial societies where religion plays a significant role in partisan politics. 2 The Democratization of American Religious Life ïœEvangelicals and the Formation of the ïœBenevolent Empire ïœRevivalism and the Second Great Awakening ïœEducation in America ïœVolunteer Societies ïœWomen and Religious Life. 21 Education in America 516 colleges and universities established before the Civil War largely product of evangelical Protestantism Educational opportunities for women and blacks Oberlin College (1832) â€“ both women and blacks admitted. 26 Volunteer Societies Underlying assumptions of voluntary organizations Presumed that society needed a shared set of specific moral values Emphasis on the power or force of voluntary restraints on society Religion would make democracy safe for itself Symbiosis of ideas of