MINDLESS IN AMERICA: A HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

All through US history, especially since 2016, critics have accused certain segments of the American public with ignorance, stupidity, thoughtlessness, and anti-intellectualism. One of the nation’s prominent historians, Richard Hofstadter, first charted these topics in his 1963 book, Anti-Intellectualism in American Life. That study earned the 1964 Pulitzer Prize, and historians have written in its shadow ever since.

This seminar consists of a close reading of that book, as well as its reception and legacy.

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TUESDAYS, OCTOBER 3RD THROUGH NOVEMBER 7TH

10AM PACIFIC | 11AM MOUNTAIN | 12PM CENTRAL | 1PM EASTERN

- Live Lecture 1, Tuesday, October 3
- Live Lecture 2, Tuesday, October 10
- Live Lecture 3, Tuesday, October 17
- Live Lecture 4, Tuesday, October 24
- Live Lecture 5, Tuesday, October 31
- Live Lecture 6, Tuesday, November 7

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