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Carl Anderson: America's Moral Compass Is Intact

Book Says Americans Desire Traditional Values

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut, NOV. 5, 2010 ([Zenit.org](http://www.zenit.org)).- Carl Anderson, supreme knight of the Knights of Columbus and New York Times bestselling author, has just released his latest book, "Beyond A House Divided: The Moral Consensus Ignored by Washington, Wall Street and the Media," the Knights of Columbus announced in a recent press release.

In the book, which was released on Election Day, Nov. 2, Anderson examines recent polling data, which he says exposes the fact that America is not as politically polarized as the public is led to believe, and that the country's collective "moral compass" is still pointing us in, basically, the right direction.

Anderson shows how the nation's political and business leaders, as well as other in the public eye, influence the public's perception of how our society views certain key issues, such as "the separation of church and state, ethical business practices and abortion restriction." The book also shows that, for the most part, American's share basic moral values.

"Time and again," says Anderson, "polling has revealed that the moral compass of the American people is sound and continues to point an ethical way forward for our country."

In the statement, Anderson shares that the consensus among Americans is the desire to move past "institutionalized partisanship and division." He says that even on issues that are especially controversial, such as abortion, "eight in 10 Americans can agree on certain restrictions." These common values and views on morality are often ignored by the media and those in positions of power.

According the press release, nearly five times as many Americans want a "return to traditional values" than feel that America is currently headed in the right direction.

"What we need now," says Anderson "is for people in key institutions to act with courage on these transcendent values."