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Hypocrites and Half-Wits: A Daily Dose of Sanity from Café Hayek by Donald J. Boudreaux, PhD

ECONOMIST TAKES AIM AT MISLEADING FACTS AND ABSURDITIES WITH DAILY LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

--A Lively critique of the sloppy political and economic thinking that permeates

America – delivered one letter at a time

Each day, Dr. Donald J. Boudreaux, professor of economics at George Mason University, writes a letter to the editor or journalist at a major American media outlet. Boudreaux writes to correct shoddy reporting, point out the use of facts out of context or to simply take to task intellectual dishonesty.

Dr. Boudreaux's newly released book, *Hypocrites and Half-Wits* (Free to Choose Press, July 2012), features more than 100 of Dr. Boudreaux's best letters. Some published, some not; but all are intended to entertain, enlighten and sharpen the eye of readers to not accept what the media says at face value.

"I try to inject humor into many of my letters, and into some of them I inject even a bit of edginess," says Dr. Boudreaux. "Conservative' readers will find in my book much to applaud – and much to oppose; 'Liberal' readers will find in my book much to applaud – and much to oppose."

In *Hypocrites and Half-Wits*, Dr. Boudreaux offers witty responses to the media's reporting including:

- Are taxes really just prices? (*The New York Times*)
- Does the Tea Party suffer from "fatuous infatuation" with the Constitution? (*The Washington Post*)
- Has "slowing population growth" proven to be "critical to long term economic growth"? (*The Wall Street Journal*)

Dr. Boudreaux, who prescribes to no particular political party or ideology, doesn't intend to change the deeply-held convictions of his readers, but he does hope they will be more critical news consumers.

"A thoughtful person need not earn anything close to a PhD in economics to immunize him or herself against most of the wrongheaded reporting," adds Dr. Boudreaux.

Dr. Donald J. Boudreaux is a professor of economics and former chair of the Department of Economics at George Mason University. A regular columnist with the *The Wall Street Journal*, Dr. Boudreaux also writes about the events of the day at his popular blog Café Hayek.

More information on Dr. Boudreaux and *Hypocrites and Half-Wits* can be found at www.donaldjboudreaux.com or www.cafehayek.com.

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