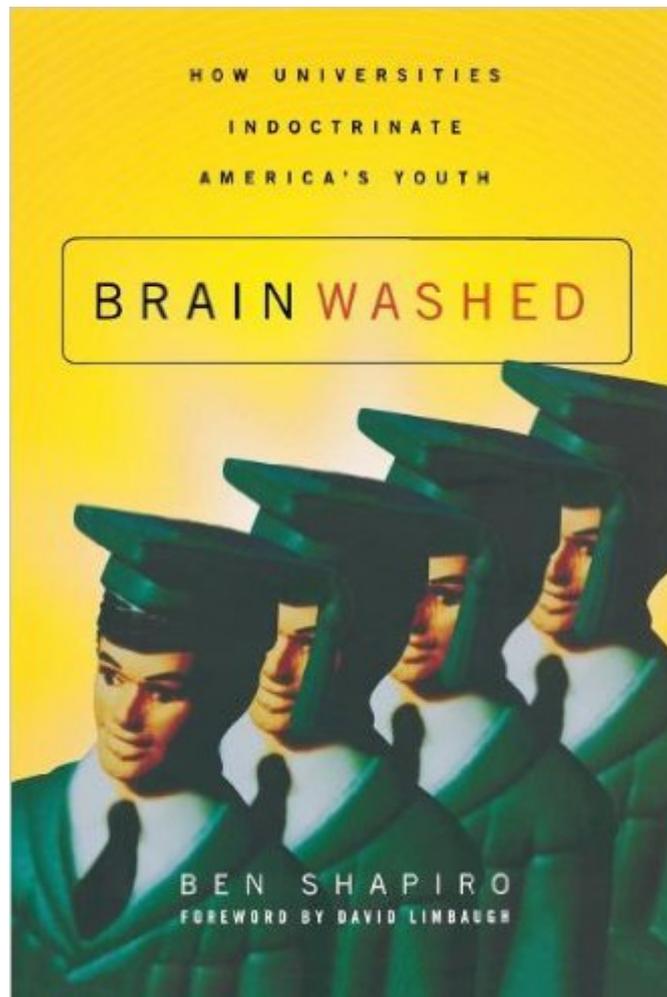


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# Brainwashed: How Universities Indoctrinate America's Youth



## Synopsis

Brainwashed is the explosive exposé of the leftist agenda at work in today's colleges, revealed by firebrand Ben Shapiro, a recent UCLA graduate, syndicated columnist, and one of today's most exciting new conservative voices, who's been on the front lines of the battle for America's young minds. This book proves once and for all that so-called higher education continues to sink lower and lower into the depths of liberal madness as close-minded professors turn their students into socialists, atheists, race-baiters, and sex-crazed narcissists. "Ben Shapiro's writing is smart, informative, and incisive. He is wise beyond his years without losing the refreshing fearlessness of youth." —Ann Coulter, best-selling author of *High Crimes and Misdemeanors*, *Slander*, and *Treason* "In *Brainwashed*, Shapiro tells the truth that universities are forums of left-liberal indoctrination, where dissent is discouraged and penalized, with more restrictions on free speech rather any other part of American society. Parents who are paying for tuition might want to take note, and see what their hard-earned money is paying for." —Michael Barone, *U.S. News & World Report* and co-author of *The Almanac of American Politics* "Welcome to P.C. 101. In this trenchant insider's expose, Ben Shapiro bears witness to the modern American campus freak show. You'll get up close and personal with the Marxist loons, moral relativists, multicultural zealots, and American-haters who are corrupting young minds. *Brainwashed* reveals the ignominious lows to which higher education has sunk. Get deprogrammed. Buy this book!" —Michelle Malkin, nationally syndicated columnist and author of *Invasion* "Sharp thinking, tight writing, crazy-but-true stories: Ben Shapiro sees campus brainwashing and raises a national protest. This is a good book to give both freshmen who need warning and voters/alumni who need to take action." —Dr. Marvin Olasky, University of Texas professor and editor-in-chief of *World* magazine "A worthy successor to *God and Man at Yale* and *Harvard Hates America* in exploring the belly of the academic beast." —David Horowitz, founder of Students for Academic Freedom and author of *Radical Son* and *Left Illusions* "What Animal House did for the toga party, *Brainwashed* should do for American resistance to campus radicalism." —Rusty Humphries, nationally syndicated radio talk show host

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## Customer Reviews

Shapiro's book is on-point with so much. I wish I'd written this book several years ago when I was still in college, and then grad school. It would have helped to quell the frustration I felt at being swept up in the liberal tides that my schools assumed everyone supported simply because we were academics. I think it's great that there are liberal professors in colleges with far-out ideas. However, there seemed to be (in my experience and, apparently in Shapiro's as well) a false premise in colleges that you must be a liberal in order to be an academic. Further, professors, and other students, often get quite angered if you express a view that is not shared by the class or considered politically incorrect. By the time college is over you become adept at couching and qualifying your statements in order to keep the peace in class and avoid being labeled "right-wing", "intolerant", "fascist", et. al. Admitting that you supported the president or were a Republican, for example, was tantamount to academic suicide in my scholastic career. The irony never escaped me and apparently it didn't escape Shapiro either. You definitely get the sense that Shapiro is venting his frustrations at being silenced during his college years - as well he should. He seems somewhat bitter at times, which some may find off-putting. Nonetheless, I think this book was probably therapeutic for Shapiro to write since he endured so many attempts to silence him in college. He channeled his frustrations quite well by writing this book. Is the book perfect? Of course not - but he takes good care to back up its assertions with painstakingly researched documentation and footnotes. On the whole, it is a noteworthy book.

I've only taken 3 courses in community college. My first two were critical thinking and C++ and I experienced no liberal bias. My 3rd class was American Government taught by a Liberal Socialist Feminist. This was my first and only experience with what Shapiro wrote about. This teacher actually made us purchase her \$20 book, which was nothing but 85 pages printed and binded by

the school print shop. It was all about how the government should pay for 100% of day care for women and pass laws for mandatory 4 years of maternity leave. About 20% of my final was based on what was in that book. She assigned us an assignment where we had to go out and pretty much preach her agenda to someone and then write an essay about it. Didn't matter if we agreed with her, we had to do it. When asked by a male student if he could preach against her agenda, he was told he would be failed on the assignment. I talked with her about this privately while I walked with her to the campus parking lot. I asked her if she was being fair. Her response was "you must be a republican". I said yes even though I'm an independent. Her exact words were "I'll convert you..." stopped walking, stared, then nodded, "I'll convert you." I guess it's a good thing I waited till I was 26 to go to college. It's even better that one of my first classes was critical thinking. I've been in the real world long enough to know not to believe things people say. Especially when they don't back it up with evidence or supporting opinions. This book has both. It's a great read if you're a conservative. If you're a liberal, it's going to piss you off when you realize you were brainwashed. It explains the one stars. I can completely understand the liberals hatred for this book.

Interesting book. I finished it last night and this is an enjoyable read. Shapiro is funny and his points are well made. I myself have spent a few years going after a graduate degree and having had my first 4 years of college in Japan I was surprised with American universities. There is a review below from a someone from Buena Vista University who makes a good case against the observations in this book. I agree with M. Steel in his claims that this is the way colleges SHOULD work.

Unfortunately they do not work like this. Instead of openness I have found the universities I attended in the USA ( 3 of them ) to be the exact opposite of openness. Instead of rejoicing in varied opinions, have the "wrong" opinion will get you flunked. There are no frank and open debates - there is "my way or the highway". We have campus "speech codes" which suppress debate, we have campus groups destroying flyers for speakers or campus clubs that are not "politically correct" and no debate is tolerated. I have seen speakers heckled and as one reviewer mentioned about a John Stossel 20/20 segment he was yelled down and not permitted to talk to students with the "wrong" opinion. All viewpoints are not explored only the "correct" ones. I would be inclined to agree with Steel on the points made if my experience had not been so different. I was told flat out on several occasions by students and professors that I was not to mention certain things nor was I to ask certain questions. Based on my own first hand experiences I am inclined to accept Shapiros observations. I have heard these from others and have seen it on 20/20. I have found that this is typical and not an exception.

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