

Public Intellectuals: A Study of Decline

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the decline
on page 311 - you
called yourself a
socialist

The Decline
Putnam / Books
Left Right

Posner - grew up in
50's - statement of
what likes and dislikes
P 319

What is your reaction
when you see an academic
public intellectual on TV?

Have you ever signed
an ad or public letter
about a political issue

New York Post
"an angry conservative
tabloid"

omit Atlanta weekly -
seems to have no political
flavor.

Public intellectual has not
been studied before

Mon 15 Apr. noon

public intellectuals are not very influential

Russell Jacoby - coined term in 1987

John Rawls - who is he - why don't we know him

Atlantic Monthly - has no political leaning p18

"Jews - Verbal High IQ p. 183

focus of the book is on academic public intellectual" p107

signed ads by academics -
Clinton Impeachment
2000 Election

Tenure - what's its impact

Shakespeare, Dickens Henry James T.S. Eliot p227

Brave New World - Aldous Huxley
1984 - Geo. Orwell

Technology -

Most of today's philosophers/public I. ~~have~~ have deep
misgiving about the present left and right p319

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Lawyers - commenting on the law -

Sean Wilentz

- ① real time commentary
- ② expert witness

What's the influence of the public intellectual on Judges -
 consen. Judges socialize with conserva. intellectuals

OWH
 Brandeis
 Frankfurter
 Ben. Cardozo
 Learned Hand

Most lawyers are unfit to play role of P.I. p. 386

Jean Bethke Elstain's definition of a P.I.'s role

New York Review of Books say they don't have a political slant

John Stuart Mill - p 356 - greatest public intellectual
 half Republican / half Democrat - On Liberty - meant for public audience

Oliver Wendell Holmes - his hero.
 clerk to Bill Brewster
 worked for Thompson Marshall
 taught at Stanford
 Yale - undergrad
 Harvard - Law school

short - doesn't quote a lot of people

The Public Philosopher

Martha Nussbaum shows reformist goals

Richard Rorty - he's our Geo. Orwell

Amartya Sen

My book -
"An Affair of State"

Ronald Dworkin

"Breaking the Deadlock
The 2000 election, the Constitution
and the Courts" 2001

Microsoft

Ronald Dworkin
Markus Nussbaum
Richard Poffy

George Orwell
Noam Chomsky -
Alan Dershowitz
John DeWeey -

George Orwell
Max Weber
Allan Bloom
Lee Strauss

John Stuart Mill
The greatest
public intellectual
of post 2 centuries
do read ~~some~~ ^{of} his
most influential works
to Karl Marx
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public intellectual
writings remain
nebulous