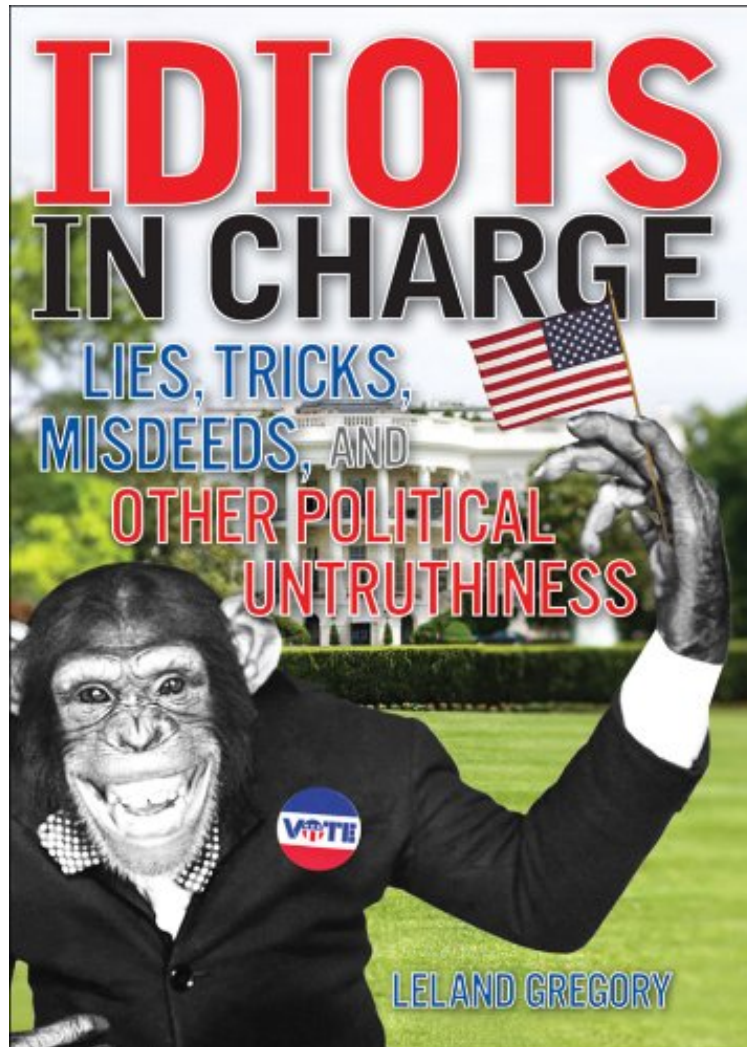


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Leland Gregory : Idiots in Charge: Lies, Trick, Misdeeds, and Other Political Untruthiness before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Idiots in Charge: Lies, Trick, Misdeeds, and Other Political Untruthiness:

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Entirely misleading By Calliope I bought this book thinking that it would be a sort of historical accounting of "Lies, Tricks, Misdeeds and Other Political Untruthiness." Wow was I disappointed. The book does nothing of the sort. Basically, it points out several everyday facts (if you know anything

of governmental goings-on at all) and pokes fun at these by means of the author's own unintelligent, snide attempts at wit and humor. This part alone is enough to make one want to take a giant black marker to the last sentence of each page--it's actually painful. Long story short I failed to see anything in this book-in any of the cited facts or quotations-that resembled lies, tricks, misdeeds or political untruthiness. I did, however, see a lack of good editing and a publishing mistake. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Disappointing, to say the least. By Jerry Guild
Politicians are famous for "putting their mouths in motion, before putting their brains in gear". Most of the politicians that Gregory quotes in this book are little known. Many of them have spent their lives getting elected to one position or another, and perseverance not brainpower is their greatest asset. I didn't find the book enlightening or even humorous; and finishing it couldn't come fast enough. Some of the stuff that comes out of the mouths of politicians can only be described as "shining jewels of colossal ignorance"; but you won't find much of that in this book. Going through the pages of this book, looking for real gems was laborious and disappointing. With a subject like this, I got the feeling that little effort was put into coming up with prize-winning examples. If Gregory had sent a couple of students or research assistants to any library for a day or two, and this was what they came up with... well it wouldn't surprise me. 1 of 3 people found the following review helpful. And These Are The Best and Brightest?!? By Mike O'Connor
Leland Gregory, who has based a writing career on stupidity (STUPID CROOK BOOK, WHAT'S THE NUMBER FOR 911?, IDIOTS AT WORK, etc.) herein offers up 300 pages of political dimwits at work on the local, state and national levels. Warning: If you believe the best and brightest go into politics, you probably shouldn't read this book! IDIOTS IN CHARGE is chock full of stupid statements, dumb decisions, ego trips, childish tantrums, legislative pork, outright criminal behavior and everything in between; to wit: California Rep. Randy Cunningham - speaking of criminals in politics! - wanted a well-known celebrity to testify at a Congressional hearing on the importance of music education. He asked Elmo from Sesame Street! A South Carolina representative, during the course of a debate on mandatory seat-belt usage, stated: "I never know what I am going to say until I say it, so I am kind of interested in hearing what I think." For a debate on bloated Pentagon budgets Dennis Kucinich - who just dropped out of the Presidential race - brought along pie charts to make his points. Unfortunately the debate was being aired on Public Radio! Dining at a restaurant, Tom DeLay lit up a stogie. When asked to put it out because federal regulations forbade smoking in a restaurant, DeLay modestly replied "I AM the federal government!" Talking to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Hilary stated that "We have a lot of kids who don't know what 'work' means. They think 'work' is a four-letter word." A Georgia representative introduced a bill requiring grocery store owners to provide moistened sponges so baggers wouldn't have to lick their fingers to help them open the bag! And finally this December 2006 doubletalk bon mot from Dubba's National Security adviser: "We have not failed in Iraq... The President understands that we need to have a way forward in Iraq that is more successful." Those antics would be funny if they weren't originating from people who are supposed to be governing us. While IDIOTS IN CHARGE will produce a fair share of belly-laughs, it will also produce lots of headshaking at the dim bulbs running this great nation of ours.

Nothing is more important in the face of a war than cutting taxes." --Tom DeLay, America's Community Bankers meeting, March 12, 2003 * After revealing absurd 911 phone calls and America's dumbest criminal antics, former Saturday Night Live writer Leland Gregory skewers political pandering and pen-pushing philosophizing. Leland Gregory generates the best laughs by exposing the worst of human nature. Inside Idiots in Charge: Lies, Trick, Misdeeds, and Other Political Untruthiness Gregory offers more than 250 accounts of bumbling bureaucrats on both sides of political party lines: * David Spellman became mayor of Black Hawk, Colo., on July 12, 2006, a week after pleading guilty to felony menacing and third-degree assault for pistol-whipping his wife with a handgun and firing three shots in 2005. * County officials in Vermillion, Ind., were told by state homeland security officials in July 2006 to stop using the special emergency-only highway message boards to advertise their charity fish fries and spaghetti dinners. * District 1 Town Councilor David Watson resigned from his position as council vice chairman on January 23, 2007, after unintentionally forwarding an e-mail to 18 members of the New Elementary School Building Committee. The e-mail contained nine embedded images of topless women under the heading "This Is National Women's Breast Awareness Day." The only other text in the e-mail read, "Beats . . . Martin Luther King Day, doesn't it?"

About the Author? The jokes, wacky anecdotes, and inane quotes in Leland Gregory's Stupid-themed anthologies showcase the best of human nature at its worst. Through his Twitter handle of @ChronicStupid, Leland shares headlines, quips, and unbelievable feats of folly culled from print, online, and broadcast media around the globe. He has authored more than a dozen humor titles, including What's the Number for 911? and the New York Times best-sellers Stupid American History and America's Dumbest Criminals. A tireless promoter, he has made hundreds of radio and television appearances, including multiple appearances on NBC's Today show.