



**RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)**  
**Invites you to its meeting June 16 at 11:00 a.m.**  
**at First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Place, Greenwich, CT**  
**The program can also be viewed on webinar:**

To view the webinar, log on to <https://bit.ly/30IBj21>

## **John Hibbing, PhD**

### **“The Securitarian Personality – What Really Motivates Trump’s Base and Why It Matters for the Post Trump Era”**



After suspending meetings for fifteen months because of the pandemic, the RMA will resume meeting in person June 16<sup>th</sup>. The first speaker will be John R. Hibbing, a political scientist noted for his disciplined, fact-based research on our political divisions. He will deliver his presentation from Nebraska on webinar to a live audience at the First Presbyterian Church. **All members of the public are invited to the program, but must show proof of having been vaccinated for admittance.**

An important and frustrating question about today’s politics is "why are we so divided?" In his book, *The Securitarian Personality*, recently published by the Oxford University Press, John Hibbing delves into the psychological and ideological composition of the Trump movement. He takes issue with those who consider Trump supporters as classic authoritarians. Hibbing argues that a desire for authority is not central to Trump’s base. Drawing on participant observation, focus groups, and an original nationwide survey of Americans that included 1,000 ardent Trump supporters, Hibbing demonstrates that what Trump’s base really seeks is a specific form of security. The central objective of these “securitarians” is to strive for protection for themselves, their families, and their dominant cultural group. Through rigorous research, Hibbing presents a compelling thesis that begins to explain some important forces that are at work in our divided society.

John R. Hibbing is the Foundation Regents Professor of Political Science at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln. His previous works include *Stealth Democracy and Predisposed: Liberals, Conservatives, and the Biology of Political Differences*. He has received nine National Science Foundation grants, been named a NATO Fellow, and appeared on *Star talk*, NPR’s *Hidden Brain*, and *The Daily Show*.

**Next week, June 23, Jim Cambell, author, “Madoff Talks: Uncovering The Untold Story Behind The Most Notorious Ponzi Scheme in History”**

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