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Praise for “Th!nk” by Michael LeGault

“LeGault’s reasoned analysis . . . provides the kind of easily-read thinking which can profoundly jar the serious reader into action. From the perspective of the US political and defense community the book is essential reading”

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“Th!nk, by Michael R. LeGault has many virtues - an able refutation of the excesses of Mr. Gladwell's 2005 best-seller, a fervent advocacy of the virtues of critical thinking, and - perhaps - a way out of the contemporary madness.”

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Washington Times columnist **Michael R. LeGault** argues America is in the midst of an intellectual crisis that threatens America’s future success, prosperity, and national security. **THINK!: WHY CRUCIAL DECISIONS CAN'T BE MADE IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE (Threshold Editions, Trade paperback, October 24, 2006, \$24.95)**, refutes the thesis behind Malcom Gladwell’s *Blink: The Power of Thinking Without Thought* which claims we can make good choices without careful analysis. However, as LeGault reminds audiences, impulse decision-making and a failure to act on information at all levels have led to preventable disasters, such as the Hurricane Katrina meltdown.

Even in America’s schools—the institution that should be the last bastion of critical thought—there has been a dramatic decline in expectations. Rather than demanding better thinking and confronting the problem head on, schools have taken to diagnosing their students with learning disabilities, drugging them with Ritalin, leveling down instead of up, and force-feeding an array of self-esteem slogans. Mr. LeGault maintains

that a culture of intellectual laziness and complacency has ushered in an “Age of Emotion”—not reason—where objective analysis and the search for truth have taken a back seat to an ethic that stresses self-esteem, instinct, subjective feelings, and emotion-based analysis. It is an “age typified by strident, pointless, bombastic screaming ‘debates’ seen on television journalism and talk shows, and increasingly between politicians, family, friends, and neighbors.”

“We didn’t ‘blink’ our way to becoming the world’s greatest super power,” said Michael LeGault, “but we sure could lose it all in a blink if we don’t start thinking once again. America has all the right stuff, but we’ve got to get off the wrong path if we want a future as rich as our history.”

LeGault holds nothing back when it comes to revealing who are the culprits responsible for Americans intellectual laziness. "The barbarians aren't at the gates, they're dining with us," he says, "their names are J. Lo, Ja Rule, and Paris Hilton." **THINK!** will stun, shock, and entertain readers-and most importantly- force them to think.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Michael LeGault is a former *Washington Times* columnist and an award-winning editor and writer. He received a B.S. (Biology and Chemistry) from the University of Michigan and an M.S. (Chemistry) from the University of Miami (Florida). His book reviews, analysis, and feature and opinion pieces have appeared in numerous newspapers and magazines. Michael

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