Abstract:

A fresh perspective on the nation's past and present is provided for by author Dinesh D'Souza's book 'Ronald Reagan: How an Ordinary Man Became an Extraordinary Leader.' Many historians who have written of former Pres Reagan and his presidency have painted a critical and negative picture while overlooking what could be considered an astonishing record. The politician's style, the content of his policies and the values they embodied made Reagan highly successful.
Samuel Johnson once remarked, we more often need to be reminded than to be instructed. That pithy observation helps us take the proper measure of Dinesh D'Souza's newest book, Ronald Reagan: How an Ordinary Man Became an Extraordinary Leader. Since, and that all his major achievements had to surmount a level of opposition, particularly from intellectual elites, that frequently lapsed into the worst sort of mendacity, name-calling, and wanton destructiveness. More importantly, he reminds us of Reagan's response to such abuse: a combination of tenacity, optimism, and jaunty humor that proved largely unstoppable, precisely because it contrasted so sharply with the bitter bile of his opposition.