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What did it mean to be a “conservative” in Britain before such terminology was even used? Is it possible or even desirable to encapsulate such diverse individuals as George III, Samuel Johnson, Edmund Burke, J. W. Croker and the Younger Pitt within one political nomenclature? What is the relationship between the Jacobitism or Toryism of the early eighteenth century and the ideology of loyalist Englishmen of the latter Georgian period? James Sack confronts these questions in discussing an evolving right-wing *mentalité*, expressed in attitudes towards the past, the monarchy, humanitarianism, reform, and religion.

Although Professor Sack has consulted a wide range of unpublished and printed correspondence, pamphlets, and sermons, his chief sources have been numerous “Church and King” newspapers, journals, and magazines. From this right-wing press, Sack has uncovered a novel way of looking at political, social, and religious issues in the age of the American, French, and Industrial Revolutions. His central contention is that the defense of the Church of England, rather than nationalistic impulses, monarchical sentiment, or even economic self-interest, was the abiding concern of pre-1832 British conservatism.

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Bodl.	The Bodleian Library, Oxford
CL	William L. Clements Library, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
ESRO	East Sussex Record Office, Lewes
NLS	National Library of Scotland, Edinburgh
PRO	Public Record Office, London
RL	Regenstein Library, University of Chicago, Chicago

## Printed books

Aspinall	A. Aspinall, ed., <i>Later Correspondence of George III</i> (5 vols., Cambridge, England, 1962–1970)
Burke, <i>Corr.</i>	<i>The Correspondence of Edmund Burke</i> (10 vols., Cambridge, England, 1958–1978)
Burke, <i>Works</i>	<i>The Works of the Right Honourable Edmund Burke</i> (12 vols., London, 1887)
<i>DNB</i>	<i>The Dictionary of National Biography</i>
Fortescue	Sir John Fortescue, ed., <i>Correspondence of King George III from 1760 to December 1783</i> (6 vols., London, 1927–1928)
HMC	Historical Manuscripts Commission
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<i>Parl. Hist.</i>	W. Cobbett, ed., <i>Parliamentary History of England, from the Earliest Period to the Year 1803</i> (36 vols., London, 1806-1820)
Sedgwick	Romney Sedgwick, ed., <i>History of Parliament: House of Commons, 1715-1754</i> (New York, 1970)
Thorne	R. G. Thorne, ed., <i>History of Parliament: House of Commons, 1790-1820</i> (London, 1986)
Journals	
<i>EHR</i>	<i>English Historical Review</i>
<i>HJ</i>	<i>Historical Journal</i>
<i>JEH</i>	<i>Journal of Ecclesiastical History</i>
<i>PH</i>	<i>Parliamentary History</i>
<i>P&amp;P</i>	<i>Past and Present</i>
<i>TRHS</i>	<i>Transactions of the Royal Historical Society</i>