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BRADLEY CENTER SYMPOSIUM EXPLORES CONSERVATIVE VISION AND PHILANTHROPY

On the same day as the Bradley Prizes ceremony, the Bradley Center for Philanthropy and Civic Renewal at the Hudson Institute in Washington, D.C., held a symposium on “Vision and Philanthropy” at The Ritz-Carlton hotel there. At the symposium, a group of 20 nationally prominent conservative intellectuals, commentators, activists, and philanthropists explored what the conservative vision for America is today and how philanthropy can best promote it. About 150 people, most of them also prominent thinkers and writers themselves, attended.

“We often hear that the key to conservatism’s success in the policy world is that it has the ability to get beyond a litany of isolated policy proposals and instead to offer the American people a unified, coherent vision of the public

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