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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**AUTHOR, PROFESSOR AND POLITICAL COMMENTATOR DR. GEORGE LAKOFF  
TO SPEAK AT AGPA ANNUAL MEETING IN SAN FRANCISCO**

**NEW YORK, Feb. 1, 2006**— During the American Group Psychotherapy Association's 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting in San Francisco, Feb. 20-25, **George Lakoff, Ph.D.**, Professor of Cognitive Science and Linguistics at the University of California at Berkeley and the author of *Don't Think of an Elephant: Know Your Values and Frame the Debate*, will present "The Family Morality and Politics: Strict and Nurturant Parents," on Feb. 22, 2006, at the Mitchell Hochberg Memorial Public Education Event. Dr. Lakoff, who has also authored *Moral Politics: How Liberals and Conservatives Think* and *Women, Fire and Dangerous Things: What Categories Reveal About the Mind*, will present his unique, thought-provoking concepts of family models and how they are reflected in and affect societal issues.

"Group psychotherapists practice within the community-at-large and awareness of societal issues is an important part of the process of best serving clients," said Robert Klein, Ph.D., CGP, FAGPA, AGPA President. "Dr. Lakoff's concepts have great impact upon the individuals with whom we work on a daily basis."

Dr. Lakoff's presentation is supported by the Group Psychotherapy Foundation, AGPA's charitable organization, through its Mitchell Hochberg Memorial Public Education Fund. This fund was established by Mitchell Hochberg's family to honor the memory of this man who had a great admiration for the healing power of groups. The public education event serves thousands of group psychotherapists with lectures at AGPA's Annual Meeting on topics of current interest that impact communities. The fund has also supported the development of the "Group Works" consumer brochure, which includes information about group therapy for the public benefit. Media are invited to attend this timely and provocative event.

This session is a highlight of AGPA's 2006 Annual Meeting in San Francisco, Feb. 20-25, at the Westin St. Francis. Entitled "Bridging Differences: Healing a House Divided," this meeting attracts more than 1,000 group therapists, researchers and scientists from around the United States. Group therapists of all disciplines will gather to learn the most effective techniques in working with a variety of populations and to further their professional development with this powerful and effective treatment modality. The theme, Bridging Differences, reflects the meeting's emphasis on the power of groups to bring people together to heal and create resiliency. For more information, contact AGPA at (212) 477-2677 or visit [www.agpa.org](http://www.agpa.org).

EDITOR'S NOTE: Media are invited to attend other select sessions of the AGPA 2006 Annual Meeting. To register, please send e-mail request to [dfeirman@agpa.org](mailto:dfeirman@agpa.org) or call 404.898.0423.

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***About AGPA***

The American Group Psychotherapy Association is the oldest and largest professional association dedicated to the field of group psychotherapy, operating through a tri-partite structure: AGPA, a professional and educational organization; the Group Psychotherapy Foundation, its philanthropic arm; and the National Registry of Certified Group Psychotherapists, a standard setting and certifying body. This multidisciplinary association has approximately 3,000 members, including psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, nurses, pastoral counselors and creative arts therapists, many of whom have been recognized as specialists through the Certified Group Psychotherapist credential. The association has 31 local and regional societies located across the country. Its members are experienced mental health professionals who lead psychotherapy groups and various non-clinical groups. Many are organizational specialists who work with businesses, not-for-profit organizations, communities and other "natural" groups to help them improve their functioning.

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