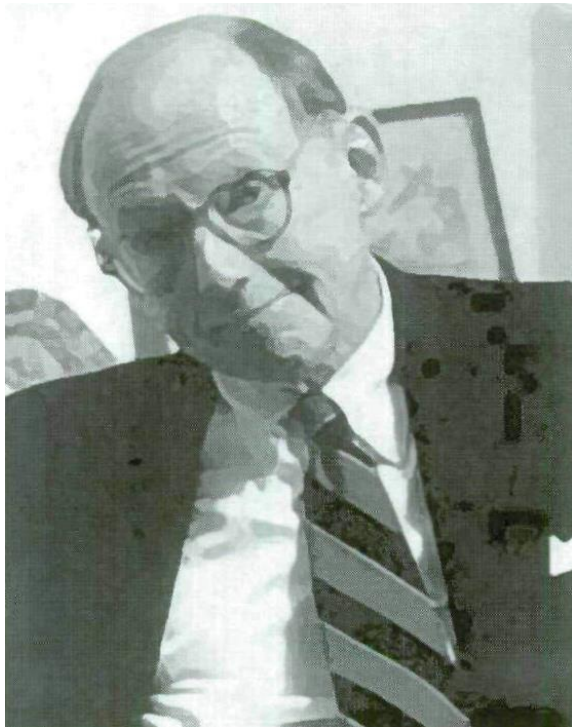


FROM THE EDITOR

Sam Huntington, 1927-2008

"If there is one central, recurring mistake the United States makes when dealing with the rest of the world, it is to assume that creating political stability is easy..."

"...We should have paid more attention to the words of a wise man who opened one of his pioneering studies by declaring that



"the most important distinction among countries concerns not the form of government but their degree of government."

Excerpt from *Sam Huntington, 1927-2008*
by Fareed Zakaria, Newsweek, January 12, 2009

Samuel P. Huntington - a longtime Harvard University' professor, an influential political scientist, and mentor to a generation of scholars in widely divergent fields - died Dec. 24 on Martha's Vineyard. He was 81.

Huntington, who graduated from Yale College at age 18 and who was teaching at Harvard by age 23, was best known for his views on the clash of civilizations. He argued that in a post-Cold War world, violent conflict would come not from ideological friction between nation states, but from cultural and religious differences among the world's major civilizations.

Huntington first advanced his argument in an oft-cited 1993 article in the journal *Foreign Affairs*. He expanded the thesis into a book, *The Clash of Civilisations and the Remaking of World Order*, which appeared in 1996, and has since been translated into 39 languages.