

Terrorizing Ourselves

This edited collection examines the intersections of social control, political authority and public policy, providing an insight into the key elements needed to understand the role of governance in establishing and maintaining social control through law and public policy making.

The focus of this book is a calling to come home to our hearts. To come back to the innocence and return to the love that is forever present.

Chasing Ghosts exposes the ill-founded paranoia that has allowed the national security state to both feed at the public trough and undermine America's civil liberties tradition. Since 2001, the United States has created or reorganised more than two counter-terrorism organizations for every terrorist arrest or apprehension it has made of people plotting to do damage within the country. Central to this massive enterprise is 'ghost-chasing,' as less than one alarm in 10,000 is an actual threat - the rest all point to ghosts. Authors John Mueller and Mark G. Stewart contend that the "ghost chase" occupying American law enforcement and fueling federal spending persists because the public has been lead to believe that the terrorism threat is significant. The chance that an American will be killed by a terrorist domestically in any given year is about one in four million (under present conditions). Yet despite this statistically low risk and the extraordinary amount of resources put towards combating threats, Americans still worry and the government still spends billions. Until the true threat of domestic terrorism is understood, the country cannot begin to confront whether our pursuit of 'ghosts' is worth the cost.

Reveal the strengths and weaknesses of the nation's counterterrorism measures by tracing New York Police Commissioner Ray Kelly's antiterrorist plan for the city, and concludes that the nation has yet to develop effective strategies.

A JOURNEY TO ENLIGHTENMENT is a journey to the light within each of us. Most people instinctively know there is a greater power at the core of creation. We have named that power God and have created many religions to celebrate God. Religions at their basis teach love and the Golden Rule but unfortunately because mankind has interjected their opinions into the mix there has been great separation between religions and people on this planet. Most of the wars have been fought because of the differences in interpretation that religions have. Each religion believes they are the one true path to God. But with all of the many religions which one is the one true way? We have learned to give our power to people outside of ourselves thus making ourselves powerless. It is time we turned within to the power inside of each of us, our heart, Soul, and God within. For it is there and only there that our true power lies. God is not outside of us as many religions have inferred. When we wake up and remember our authentic self as an aspect of the Creator is when the Journey to Enlightenment happens. We are much more than these bodies we inhabit. We are an Eternal Spirit focused in these human forms having a human experience, with powers and abilities far beyond our imagining. One of these powers is the ability to co-create with all of creation. Have you heard the expression, Thoughts become things? What we think goes forth from us and it takes form in this world we live in. At this time we are moving from the third dimensional frequency to the fifth, which is assisting us to remembering our Divine self. Allow me to assist you on your Journey To Enlightenment.

The advance of identification technology-biometrics, identity cards, surveillance, databases, dossiers-threatens privacy, civil liberties, and related human interests. Since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, demands for identification in the name of security have increased. In this insightful book, Jim Harper takes readers inside identification-a process everyone uses every day but few people have ever thought about. Using stories and examples from movies, television, and classic literature, Harper dissects identification processes and technologies, showing how identification works when it works and how it fails when it fails. Harper exposes the myth that identification can protect against future terrorist attacks. He shows that a U.S. national identification card, created by Congress in the REAL ID Act, is a poor way to secure the country or its citizens. A national ID represents a transfer of power from individuals to institutions, and that transfer threatens liberty, enables identity fraud, and subjects people to unwanted surveillance. Instead of a uniform, government-controlled identification system, Harper calls for a competitive, responsive identification and credentialing industry that meets the mix of consumer demands for privacy, security, anonymity, and accountability. Identification should be a risk-reducing strategy in a social system, Harper concludes, not a rivet to pin humans to governmental or economic machinery.

The persecutory object is the element of the personality which attacks your confidence, productivity and acceptance to the point of no return. Persecuted patients torture themselves, hurt their loved ones and torment their therapists. In this book, the authors deal with the tenacity of the persecutory object, integrating object relations and Kleinian theories in a way of working with persecutory states of mind. This is vividly illustrated in a variety of situations, including: ·individual, couple and group therapy ·serious paediatric illness ·working with persecutory aspects of family business. It is argued that the persecutory object can be contained, modified, and in many cases detoxified by the process of skilful intensive psychotherapy and psychoanalysis. Self Hatred in Psychoanalysis will be invaluable to a variety of practitioners including psychoanalysts, psychotherapists, social workers, psychiatrists and mental health counsellors.

New religious movements—or so-called “cults”—continue to attract and mystify us. While mainstream America views cults as an insidious mix of apocalyptic beliefs, science fiction, and paranoia, with new vehicles such as the World Wide Web, they are becoming even more influential as the millennium approaches. Len Oakes—a former member of such a movement—explores the phenomenon of cult leaders. He examines the psychology of charisma and proposes his own theory of the five-stage life cycle of the two types of prophets: the messianic and the charismatic.

From “one of the top five psychics in the country” (Miami Herald) comes an accessible and insightful guide to help you access your intuition, communicate with angels and spirit guides, and tap into your soul’s greatest purpose and passion. Award-winning psychic Hans King provides a clear and thorough path for connecting to the invisible side of life. Based on his sixty years of work as a medium, Guided features step-by-step practices for quieting the mind and creating a clear channel for spiritual communication. Through these techniques you can discover, activate, trust, and follow your own eternal voice while uncovering your soul’s greatest purpose and passion. Filled with fascinating stories and stunning testimonials from those who have communicated with the spirit world and experienced spiritual awakenings through King’s teaching, Guided clearly explains how to accurately find the answers you are searching for and actualize them in your life. “Written in a clear and easy to follow manner” (New Spirit Jg), Guided is the ultimate spiritual user’s manual for all those who experience an inner urge to explore life’s bewildering paradoxical mysteries and deepest sensitivities, and “a blessing for those who read it” (Lisa Garr, host of The Aware

Show and Being Aware, bestselling author of Becoming Aware).

The wisdom that the 2012 code can inspire in us is to look directly at our lives, right here and now: What are our spiritual guiding principles? How can we live in greater harmony with all our personal relations? How can we embody genuine compassion? How can we become increasingly aware and self-reflective? How can we deepen our humility? How can we share our talents and gifts as a way to influence our culture and help manifest the new paradigm? How can we be of service to life, and positively contribute to the whole? How can we cultivate a balance of being and doing, receptivity and action? On this diverse planet, we all have different strengths, different abilities, different callings. Rather than looking to the world to show us our path, we need to look deep within our spiritual being and listen to our inner sense of how to navigate these times of the great unknown. It is essential we learn to hear the voice of our inner wisdom, our spiritual self. No one can give us wisdom; it is within all of us, born of our own direct experience. We each have our own direct connection to our spirit, and we must keep learning how to hear our divine, intuitive directives, whispering within. This ability to hear the voice of our inner guidance is the most practical skill we can cultivate in these times. It is what will inform us to how to synchronize in the right place at the right time.

Offers a realistic study of what the United States needs to do to protect itself against terrorism, revealing why many of the current tactics are largely a waste and calling for a new approach that emphasizes the identification and destruction of terrorist cells.

Patent provides a loving travelogue of the path he has taken to enrich and expand his own understanding of his relationship with his Soul Self, and in doing so, charts a course for the reader to consider.

From political communications expert Dr. Michael Widlanski comes a rich and detailed portrayal of how intellectual arrogance and complacency in our government has led to a failure to effectively use counter-terrorism intelligence. When 3,000 people were murdered in simultaneous terror attacks on September 11, 2001, The New York Times said the attacks came “out of the blue.” Nothing could be further from the truth. Arab-Islamic terrorists had been attacking the West for a decade—in Arabia and Africa, but the attacks began to focus on America itself with the World Trade Center strike in 1993. Dr. Michael Widlanski describes other attacks and plots that were largely forgiven, ignored, or botched by academia, media, and government in this provocative book. He paints a chilling portrait of how our top analytical institutions were unaware as terrorists bragged about their plans, in mosques in New York and New Jersey, while professors, the media, the FBI, the CIA, and CNN all dropped the ball. Terrorists want to get into our head, not into our house. Their goal is not seizing territory, but rather, controlling the mind—including manipulating communication and public opinion. Combating terror means fighting on the battlefield of the mind. *Battle for Our Minds* confronts this battle, and shows how the West has been defeating itself. Timely, informative, and thoroughly researched, this is an eye-opening portrayal of the top echelons of our country’s counter-terrorism system.

"A call to arms and to action, for anyone with a conscience, anyone alarmed about the decline of our democracy." — New York Times-bestselling author Wendell Potter "Powerful...His extensively reported tales of individual whistleblowers and their often cruel fates are compelling...They reveal what it can mean to live in an age of fraud." — The Washington Post "Tom Mueller's authoritative and timely book reveals what drives a few brave souls to expose and denounce specific cases of corruption. He describes the structural decay that plagues many of our most powerful institutions, putting democracy itself in danger." —George Soros A David-and-Goliath story for our times: the riveting account of the heroes who are fighting a rising tide of wrongdoing by the powerful, and showing us the path forward. We live in a period of sweeping corruption -- and a golden age of whistleblowing. Over the past few decades, principled insiders who expose wrongdoing have gained unprecedented legal and social stature, emerging as the government's best weapon against corporate misconduct--and the citizenry's best defense against government gone bad. Whistleblowers force us to confront fundamental questions about the balance between free speech and state secrecy, and between individual morality and corporate power. In *Crisis of Conscience*, Tom Mueller traces the rise of whistleblowing through a series of riveting cases drawn from the worlds of healthcare and other businesses, Wall Street, and Washington. Drawing on in-depth interviews with more than two hundred whistleblowers and the trailblazing lawyers who arm them for battle--plus politicians, intelligence analysts, government watchdogs, cognitive scientists, and other experts--Mueller anatomizes what inspires some to speak out while the rest of us become complicit in our silence. Whistleblowers, we come to see, are the freethinking, outspoken citizens for whom our republic was conceived. And they are the models we must emulate if our democracy is to survive.

"The most powerful spiritual healer, fixer, teacher on the planet." —Oprah Winfrey What is the lesson in abuse, neglect, abandonment, rejection? What is the lesson when you lose someone you really love? Just what are the lessons of life's hard times? Bestselling author Iyanla Vanzant has had an amazing and difficult life—one of great challenges that unmasked her wonderful gifts and led to wisdom gained. In this simple book, she uses her own personal experiences to show how life's hardships can be re-linguaged and revisioned to become lessons that teach us as we grow, heal, and learn to love. The pain of the past does not have to be today's reality. Iyanla Vanzant is an example of how yesterday's tears become the seeds of today's hope, renewal, and strength.

Most of us struggle with the “time famine”—the pervasive feeling of never having enough time. Whether we work three jobs or none, have many children or none, or live in a huge city or a small town, most of us have the feeling there is always more to do than we’re able, more time required than we can give. In *Never Enough Time*, Rev. Donna Schaper helps us think through the practical and spiritual elements of the time famine and helps us instead aim for a feast. Schaper’s advice centers around our mind-set—understanding both the structural and personal reasons we feel so pressed, clarifying what’s important to us or not, and setting realistic expectations, while enriching the time we have. The book goes beyond the idea of “Sabbath keeping” to offer suggestions for all parts of life—particularly the busy moments. Schaper draws on her years ministering to people across all walks of life to show that the time famine cuts across race, class, and gender lines to touch almost everyone. She offers practical and spiritual suggestions that won’t magically give us more time, but can help us live better with the time we have.

The book analyzes how the administrations of Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton, and George W. Bush used force in response to incidents of international terrorism - providing comparison between each of the administrations as they grappled with the evolving nature and role of terrorism in the United States and abroad.

Focusing on this broader security culture framework of analysis, this text uses a comprehensive approach to explore cultural factors empirically and pragmatically as they affect threat environment and assessment along core missions, organizational responses, and the aim of fostering safe and secure societies.

A collection of popular essays from security guru Bruce Schneier In his latest collection of essays, security expert Bruce Schneier tackles a range of cybersecurity, privacy, and real-world security issues ripped from the headlines. Essays cover the ever-expanding role of technology

in national security, war, transportation, the Internet of Things, elections, and more. Throughout, he challenges the status quo with a call for leaders, voters, and consumers to make better security and privacy decisions and investments. Bruce's writing has previously appeared in some of the world's best-known and most-respected publications, including *The Atlantic*, the *Wall Street Journal*, CNN, the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, *Wired*, and many others. And now you can enjoy his essays in one place—at your own speed and convenience. • Timely security and privacy topics • The impact of security and privacy on our world • Perfect for fans of Bruce's blog and newsletter • Lower price than his previous essay collections The essays are written for anyone who cares about the future and implications of security and privacy for society.

Describes the social and human cost of the security measures taken by the United States during the past decade.

"A much-needed guidebook . . . a treasure chest of insights." — Caroline Myss, M.D. "[A] brilliant new work . . . profound healing advice." — Brian L. Weiss, M.D. Many of us grapple with how to stay happy, calm, and focused in a world that seems to get more complex by the minute. How do we keep our wits about us, our mood stable, and our memory intact when our brains and bodies are bombarded with information and influences from every side? This one-of-a-kind resource combines cutting-edge science with compassion and wisdom to offer answers we can really use. *Heal Your Mind* continues the three-pronged healing approach that Dr. Mona Lisa Schulz and Louise Hay pioneered together in *All Is Well: Heal Your Body with Medicine, Affirmations, and Intuition*. Here, it's applied to aspects of the mind ranging from depression, anxiety, and addiction to memory, learning, and even mystical states. You'll learn what's going on in your brain and body when you feel sad, angry, or panicked; you have trouble focusing, reading, or remembering; a past trauma is clouding your mind in the present; and more. And in each chapter, you'll get a "virtual healing experience" through case studies in the All Is Well Clinic, where Dr. Mona Lisa uses medical intuition to pinpoint issues in a wide range of prototypical client histories and she and Louise offer solutions and affirmations to help restore well-being. Today, we tend to think our minds and bodies need an endless array of expensive, ever-changing pharmaceutical interventions. In truth, medicines are just one approach to healing the mind; nutritional supplements also support mind-body health; and affirmations restore us to balance by changing the way we think. *Heal Your Mind* puts all these tools at your disposal to help you choose your own path. In *We Will Get to the Promised Land*, Lee explores the entire scope of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s spirituality, tracing its roots to African communal religious traditions and African Americans' fight for racial justice. He presents communal-political spirituality as constituting the heart of King's multifaceted spirituality. Lee reinterprets King's personal journey, theology, and ethics, as well as the Civil Rights Movement, in light of this communal-political spirituality, while assessing its ongoing importance for the common life in the twenty-first century, with particular attention to the war on terror and interreligious ecumenism.

The truth is we are all just a little bit crazy in some areas of our life to a whole lot of crazy. Being miss-directed is one of the things mankind has in common as the various forms of insanity work the same way in every one of us. We've all been programmed to unknowingly believe in a host of lies and it's our belief in the need to uphold the lies that do us in. There are laws that pertain to the universe. These laws cannot be broken without creating diverse consequences. With every action there is an opposite reaction of effect. And where do the decisions we make come from? They generally come from our minds. The question then becomes, "Who's controlling the mind?" If your mind is at work and in agreement with you then you would rightly say you are controlling your mind. But if you occasionally find that your mind is working against you then you should consider "you are not solely in control." Jesus referred to Satan as, "the father of lies." I intend to show how the workings of evil are constructed through the placement of lies and how these lies in combination are at work to disrupt our lives. I will show how the longest and greatest lie is packaged and how the "six major steps" that makes up "a combined package" works powerfully against you. Then I will show how the effects from the lies get all mixed in with the pain you experience and how the end results can be devastating. This book is about our need for revelation and offers the reader an opportunity to begin a personal journey with life as it truly is. This is a lifelong journey in Spirit and truth and it begins with your full recognition of the need for having God working continuously in your life.

Be Powerfully Authentic in Every Area of Your Life... Awaken the Divine Peace Within... Live the Life You Truly Want.

When we think "terrorism," our minds conjure up dramatic and horrifying images of hijackings, suicide bombings, assassinations and various other forms of brutal carnage. Placing terrorist acts within a historical context, this book helps us understand the causes, dynamics and outcomes of terrorism. Providing a concise history of terrorism since the French Revolution, the author considers the relationship between terrorism and warfare, crime, technology globalization and the state. He investigates the meaning of the word "terrorism" and shows how the definition and practice have both evolved over time. Throughout, he considers what motivates terrorists and what they hope to accomplish. Written by a pioneer in the field, *Terrorism: The Present Threat in Context* offers a practical assessment of domestic and international threats to security. This book will help anyone concerned about terrorism learn to evaluate the risks in a rational way, devoid of the hysteria that so often dominates the subject.

The jihad has been at the centre of the West's securitization discourse for more than a decade. Theorists constantly use the jihadist as a discursive tool to further their neoliberal, military and market agendas, perpetuating massive gaps of understanding between 'the West', Muslims and jihadists themselves. They are helped by Muslim interlocutors, who all too often play the role of 'good' Muslims explaining the motifs of the 'bad' Muslims. This timely book argues that Muslim theory and fiction has been significantly commodified to cater to the needs of western ideology. It skillfully critiques the ideological contradictions of the debate around the jihadist by offering a comprehensive analysis of Muslim and non-Muslim cultural critics. Ranging from Edward Said to Slavoj Žižek, from Don DeLillo to Orhan Pamuk and from Mohammed Siddique Khan to Osama bin Laden, this vastly heterogeneous discourse produces a multi-dimensional Muslim response. O'Rourke examines some of its critical fault lines in postcolonial theory and literary analysis. This groundbreaking book argues that the temptation to appropriate the figure of the jihadist offers a fertile area from which to launch a discussion about the limits of current theory.

Written by a man who is arguably the country's most authoritative voice on counterterrorism, *Crush the Cell* demolishes, with simple logic, the edifice of false "terror punditry" that has been laid, brick by brick, since 9/11. A veteran of special ops, international diplomacy, and bruising clashes with federal law enforcement agencies, Michael Sheehan delivers in this book a two-part message: First, that we've wasted—and are continuing to waste—billions of dollars on the wrong protective measures, and second, that knowing the bad guys' next move is paramount. Somewhere in America, Sheehan maintains, are a number of terrorist cells, their members' heads filled with schemes of mayhem and destruction. Motivated not, as some believe, by feelings of disenfranchisement, disdain for freedom, or economic envy but by a compelling ideological hatred, these individuals plot not just terror but paralyzing terror—the kind that can shut down a country. Unwittingly aiding and abetting them are many (but not all) "terror experts" and members of the media who, for reasons that are partly self-serving, rate the bad guys' capabilities far higher than they are, playing into terrorists' hands with their hype. Spurred by the pundits' inflated assessments, legislation follows that drains billions from taxpayers' pockets and pours money into a bloated Washington bureaucracy championing needless programs. Here, Sheehan shows why defensive fortresses don't work, but offensive operational intelligence does. He also peels back the mystery surrounding terrorist cells, portraying them as, typically, a group of bumblers searching for a charismatic leader who has what it takes to conduct a complex symphony of violence. Sharing time in the narrative spotlight are not just agents of al

Qaeda, but also frighteningly destructive lone wolves, cults, and radical movements. In his career, Sheehan has operated in the mountain jungles of Central America, the back alleys of Mogadishu, and the teeming streets of New York City—but he has also participated at the highest levels of policy making at the White House, the State Department, and the United Nations. It's his time protecting America's most populous city as its counterterrorism czar, however, that yields this book's most fascinating insights. As Sheehan reveals thwarted threats to New York's bridges, subways, and landmarks, and recounts extraordinary simulations staged to gauge terrorists' true abilities, we gain perhaps the clearest picture yet of what modern terror-fighting is all about. *Awakening to Awe* is a self-help meditation on one of the most profound experiences of living—the sense of awe. Awe is the humility and wonder—amazement—before creation. It is also an attitude that can be both healing and life-transforming, particularly in our "awe-depleted" age. Through an in depth focus on people's life stories (including that of the author), this volume explores the nature and power of awe for individuals, for societies, and for the potential course of humanity.

Terrorizing Ourselves dismantles much of the flawed thinking that dominates counterterrorism and national security policy today. *Terrorizing Ourselves* exposes and decries how politicians manipulate fear for political purposes, and it cuts through the confusion that Americans have about terrorism and shows how to counter it.

Alongside Milan Kundera's *The Joke*, *The Axe* was one of the most influential novels to appear in Czechoslovakia during the cultural reawakening of the 1960s. Blending lyricism and iconoclasm, Vaculik portrays a culture in upheaval through the timeless story of father and son, joined by idealism but separated by a changing world. It is the mid-1960s, and in Czechoslovakia communist ideology is fading. One disillusioned, middle-aged journalist retreats from the politics of Prague to the Moravian countryside of his childhood. There he rediscovers a complex relationship with his dead father, a crusader for communism in the early days, who reappears through letters written decades earlier. When the narrator is accused of disgracing his father and his proletariat background, he realizes that he, too, is a leader - but the stakes now are reversed. He finds new relevance in his father's words: "An extraordinary time requires extraordinary measures". But now the son continues, "I followed the Party line in the first phase of my political life. In the next phase I tried to get rid of it when it prevented me from thinking for myself".

Embrace your higher purpose... If you're not using your God-given gifts to fulfill your purpose, you're robbing the world of the gift you are to humanity. With long to-do lists, responsibilities, ambitious careers and demanding roles, women are often too busy, exhausted, or frustrated to think about what their personal mission might be. Using a groundbreaking technique developed in her private practice as a therapist, Dr. Nicole LaBeach offers the missing link to help you celebrate the challenges of being a woman and stop standing on the sidelines of your own life.

What should states do with the bodies of suicide bombers and other jihadists who die while perpetrating terrorist attacks? This original and unsettling book explores the host of ethical and political questions raised by this dilemma, from (non-)legitimization of the 'enemy' and their cause to the non-territorial identity of individuals who identified in life with a global community of believers. Because states do not recognize suicide bombers as enemy combatants, governments must decide individually what to do with their remains. Riva Kastoryano offers a window onto this challenging predicament through the responses of the American, Spanish, British and French governments after the Al-Qaeda suicide attacks in New York, Madrid and London, and Islamic State's attacks on Paris in 2015. Interviewing officials, religious and local leaders and jihadists' families, both in their countries of origin and in the target nations, she has traced the terrorists' travel history, discovering unexpected connections between their itineraries and the handling of their burials. This fascinating book reveals how states' approaches to a seemingly practical issue are closely shaped by territory, culture, globalization and identity.

Are You Ready To Say Goodbye to Your Anxiety, Worry, and Panic for Good? This Book Will Reveal How... This is a guide to help you understand the symptoms of being over anxious, and then goes on to help you tackle the condition of an anxiety attack. Better still, it shows you how to recognize an imminent anxiety attack, and deal with it in simple steps. I don't wish to complicate your life further, just to make it easier. The purpose of this book is to give you the tools to reinvent your life and yourself. No... You are not going to become a god, but I can tell you this: if you take the principles in this book serious you will see a change in your anxiety levels and outlook towards life in general. You will have become a warrior of peace. *You Need This Vital Information To Eliminate Anxiety And Depression From Your Life.*

It was at Wounded Knee, huddled under a night sky lit by military flares and the searchlights of armored carriers seeking him out, that Vietnam vet Woody Kipp realized that he, as an American Indian, had become the enemy, the Viet Cong, to a country that he had defended with his life. With candor, bitter humor, and biting insight, this book tells the story of the long and tortuous trail that led Kipp from the Blackfeet Reservation of his birth to a terrible moment of reckoning on the plains of South Dakota. Kipp's is a story of Native values and practices uneasily crossed with cowboy culture, teenage angst, and quintessentially American temptations and excesses. As a boy, Kipp was a passionate reader and basketball player, always ready to brawl and already struggling with discrimination and alcoholism in his teens. From his tour of Vietnam as a Marine to his troubled return, from his hell-raising as a violent, womanizing, hard-drinking horse breaker to his consciousness-raising as a college student and foot soldier in the American Indian Movement, Kipp's memoir offers a unique, firsthand view of the enduring power and the vulnerability of Blackfeet culture, of the difficulties inherent in cross-cultural understanding, and of the urgent necessity of overcoming these difficulties if the essential heritage of Native America is to survive.

In the wake of the September 11 attacks, the U.S. government adopted a series of counterterrorism policies that radically altered the prevailing balance between civil liberties and security. These changes allowed for warrantless domestic surveillance, military commissions at Guantanamo Bay and even extralegal assassinations. Now, more than a decade after 9/11, these sharply contested measures appear poised to become lasting features of American government. What do Americans think about these policies? Where do they draw the line on what the government is allowed to do in the name of fighting terrorism? Drawing from a wealth of survey and experimental data, *Whose Rights?* explores the underlying sources of public attitudes toward the war on terror in a more detailed and comprehensive manner than has ever been attempted. In an analysis that deftly deploys the tools of political science and psychology, *Whose Rights?* addresses a vexing puzzle: Why does the counterterrorism agenda persist even as 9/11 recedes in time and the threat from Al Qaeda wanes? Authors Clem Brooks and Jeff Manza provocatively argue that American opinion, despite traditionally showing strong support for civil liberties, exhibits a "dark side" that tolerates illiberal policies in the face of a threat. Surveillance of American citizens, heightened airport security, the Patriot Act and targeted assassinations enjoy broad support among Americans, and these preferences have remained largely stable over the past decade. There are, however, important variations: Waterboarding and torture receive notably low levels of support, and counterterrorism activities sanctioned by formal legislation, as opposed to covert operations, tend to draw more favor. To better evaluate these trends, *Whose Rights?* examines the concept of "threat-priming" and finds that getting people to think about the specter of terrorism bolsters anew their willingness to support coercive measures. A series of experimental surveys also yields fascinating insight into the impact of national identity cues. When respondents are primed to think that American citizens would be targeted by harsh counterterrorism policies, support declines significantly. On the other hand, groups such as Muslims, foreigners, and people of Middle Eastern background elicit particularly negative attitudes and

increase support for counterterrorism measures. Under the right conditions, Brooks and Manza show, American support for counterterrorism activities can be propelled upward by simple reminders of past terrorism plots and communication about disliked external groups. Whose Rights? convincingly argues that mass opinion plays a central role in the politics of contemporary counterterrorism policy. With their clarity and compelling evidence, Brooks and Manza offer much-needed insight into the policy responses to the defining conflict of our age and the psychological impact of terrorism.

Reality has become an increasingly prominent topic in contemporary philosophy. The book's contributors are responding to the challenge to use the philosophically underexplored potential of film to disclose what the editors propose to call "the real of reality."

As a whole, the people of the world are lazy, and we don't use our minds for their intended purpose. Everyday, we live a lie. The way we are is dictated to us through a self-absorbed mindset that was forced on us by God. However, this is not religion. *Afraid of God: Get A Life/Keep Your Hell Private* is about relinquishing our old views, ways, and means. When author Gary E. Mendiola conducted research interviews, he found that people often felt that they have to be the way they are. But this is not true. Religion is just one more part of the system that keeps us blocked from the truth that Mendiola reveals in *Afraid of God*-pointing out not only what we are, but what we should not be. Yet he does not seek approval or redemption through, or for, a church. The God that Mendiola has discovered truly wants us to return to the knowledge that he or she gave us. In *Afraid of God*, he divulges this revelation through his own interaction with a highest power and shows us the way to enlightenment.

In this book, perhaps the most cogent expression of his mature thought, Jean Baudrillard turns detective in order to investigate a crime which he hopes may yet be solved: the 'murder' of reality. To solve the crime would be to unravel the social and technological processes by which reality has quite simply vanished under the deadly glare of media 'real time.' But Baudrillard is not merely intending to lament the disappearance of the real, an occurrence he recently described as 'the most important event of modern history,' nor even to meditate upon the paradoxes of reality and illusion, truth and its masks. *The Perfect Crime* is also the work of a great moraliste: a penetrating examination of vital aspects of the social, political and cultural life of the 'advanced democracies' in the (very) late twentieth century. However, whether stripping away the layers of hypocrisy which surround our smug perceptions of the former Yugoslavia, or deploring the New European Order characterized by 'white fundamentalism, protectionism, discrimination and control', the moraliste is also the deft and disturbing social theorist. Where critics like McLuhan once exposed the alienating consequences of 'the medium', Baudrillard lays bare the depredatory effects of an oppressive transparency on our social lives, of a relentless positivity on our critical faculties, and of a withering 'high definition' on our very sense of reality.

Examine the Bipartisan Legacy of a Remarkable Billionaire Politician *Bloomberg: A Billionaire's Ambition* tells the story of how one of America's most successful entrepreneurs was elected mayor of New York City and what he did with the power he won. Bloomberg's stunning victory against all odds just weeks after the 9/11 terrorist attack left him facing challenges unlike any mayor in history. For the next twelve years, he kept the city safe, managed budgets through fiscal crises, promoted private sector growth, generated jobs, built infrastructure, protected the environment, supported society's cultural sensibilities, and achieved dramatic improvements in public health. Bloomberg was an activist executive who used government assets boldly and wisely for the greatest good, for the greatest number of people. His time as mayor was not without controversy. Bloomberg supported stop and frisk police tactics that a judge ruled unconstitutional, and jailhouse violence rose to levels so severe the federal government intervened. The administration's homeless policies were ineffective. And he forced a change in the city charter to allow him to serve a third term. Overall, record low crime and the lasting impact of innovative policies will cause his tenure to be remembered as a remarkable success. Having returned to his global media empire, and to his private philanthropy, Bloomberg continues to challenge the National Rifle Association on gun control, promote national education reform, and support policies to combat climate change. Frequently touted as an independent candidate for president, Bloomberg leaves behind a legacy of effective government.

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