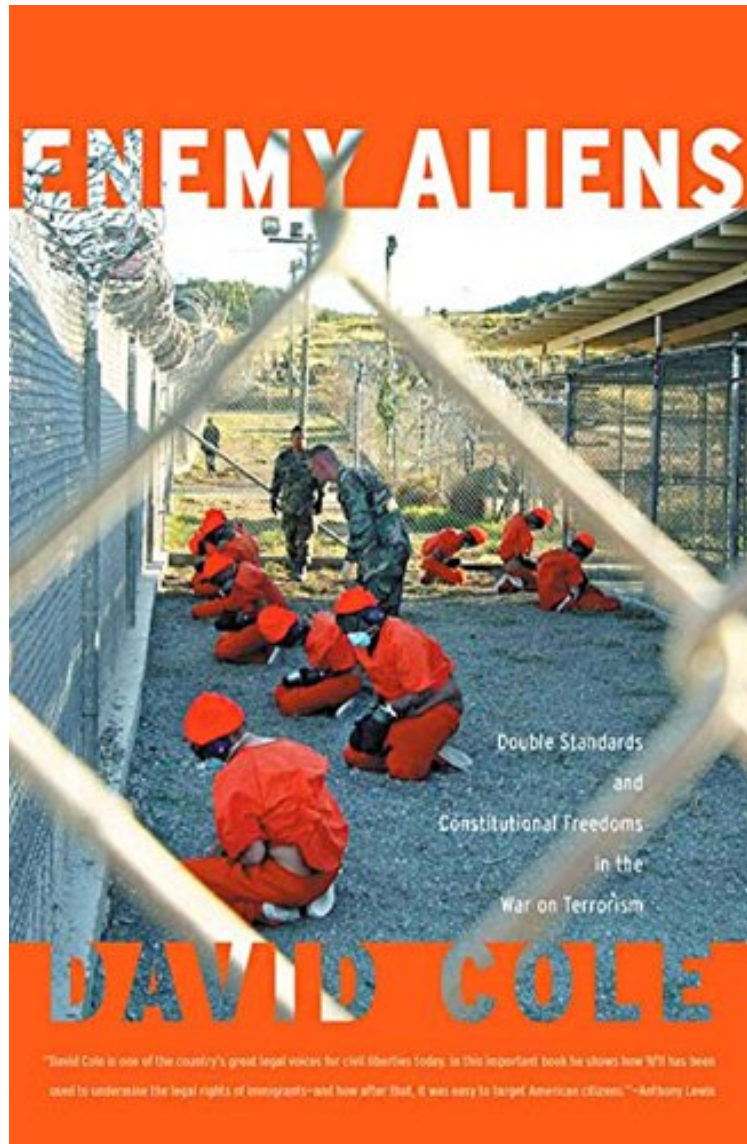


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David Cole : Enemy Aliens: Double Standards and Constitutional Freedoms in the War on Terrorism before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Enemy Aliens: Double Standards and Constitutional Freedoms in the War on Terrorism:

9 of 10 people found the following review helpful. A must read By user0923955A previous reviewer stridently denounces Cole's supposed reliance on "fabricated instances of government abuses." I wonder if he or she has even

read the book, which is based on a law review article with several hundred footnotes. Perhaps he thinks all of the citations are to the liberal mainstream media and so cannot be trusted? The "Constitution is very clear about citizen/non-citizens," the previous reviewer also writes. I agree. The Fifth Amendment says, in relevant part, "no person shall . . . be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law." Person, not citizen. The Supreme Court has resoundingly rejected the position that a state of war is a blank check for the President. The rule of law and the due process requires, at a minimum, that unlawful combatants be given a fair opportunity to rebut the basis for their classification as such before a neutral and independent decisionmaker, not a sham status review tribunal. As citizens in a representative democracy, it is our obligation to be informed of what is being committed in our names. Cole's book offers a terrifying and timely glimpse into how the Administration is pursuing the global war on terrorism. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By cshpy Quickly shipped; as described 30 of 32 people found the following review helpful. We Are All Americans By Pierce O'Donnell and delores valdez David Cole has authored a masterful and compelling book about the discriminatory and abusive treatment of non-citizens in the wake of 9/11, the Patriot Act, and the Bush Administration's resort to the modern-day version of W.W.I Palmer Raids. A distinguished Georgetown University Law Center Professor, David Cole writes with a lucidity and command of facts that makes this major work on civil liberties in time of crisis such a powerful indictment of the federal government's Unamerican-like disrespect for the Constitution and laws. The author's use of historical antecedents shows that we have not really learned many valuable lessons from our checkered history of shortchanging individual rights in time of war and national emergency. That so few of the thousands of immigrants rounded up by the Justice Department's indiscriminate dragnet were in fact guilty of any criminal conduct (much less terrorist activities) exposes Attorney General John Ashcroft's craven pandering to public fear and hysteria. Co-author of the outstanding book "Terrorism and The Constitution," Professor Cole warns that American citizens should care deeply about what happens to non-citizen residents who are our neighbors and co-workers. Why? Because it is only a short step for the government to rationalize the abuse of the rights of citizens in the same ways that it has oppressed non-citizens--all in the name of national security. For proof, all you need to note is President Bush's illegal detention without charges, counsel or trial of two American citizens suspected of terrorist associations (Hamdi and Padilla) for almost two years. Everyone who cares about striking a proper balance between civil liberties and national security should read "Enemy Aliens."

When David Cole was first writing *Enemy Aliens*, in the immediate aftermath of 9/11, the anti-immigrant brand of American patriotism was at a fever pitch. Now, as the pendulum swings back, and court after court finds the Bush administration's tactics of secrecy and assumption of guilt unconstitutional, Cole's book stands as a prescient and critical indictment of the double standards we have applied in the war on terror. Brilliantly argued by Edward Said and the essential book in the field by former CIA director James Woolsey, *Enemy Aliens* shows why it is a moral, constitutional, and practical imperative to afford every person in the United States the protections from government excesses that we expect for ourselves.

From Publishers Weekly About 5,000 foreign nationals have been detained by the United States since September 11 and denied basic constitutional rights in the name of "wartime" expediency. Cole, who has litigated civil liberties cases on behalf of resident aliens and writes for the *Nation*, argues that denying foreigners rights within our legal system usually ends with citizens being stripped of those same rights. Cole (*No Equal Justice*) documents how this process has already started and discusses provisions of the Patriot Act that he believes will allow for even further government encroachment on our freedom. He also provides detailed historical examples of the government's record of persecuting opposition voices in the name of security against a foreign menace. He argues for the moral and pragmatic importance of avoiding a double standard and according foreigners the same rights as citizens. Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc. "David Cole is one of the country's greatest voices for civil liberties today." #8212 Anthony Lewis "If there is a flaw in Cole's logic, it escapes me." #8212 John W. Dean, Los Angeles Times Book "Remarkable and fascinating." #8212 The New York of Books