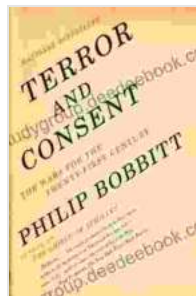


Terror and Consent: The Wars Over Government Authority After 9/11

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In his groundbreaking book *Terror and Consent*, Philip Bobbitt argues that these measures are eroding the rule of law and undermining the principles of democracy. Bobbitt warns that we are entering a new era of "hyperwar" in which the distinction between war and peace is becoming increasingly blurred. In this new era, governments will be constantly on the lookout for potential threats, and they will be willing to use any means necessary to neutralize those threats.

Bobbitt argues that this new era of hyperwar requires a new approach to fighting terrorism. He calls for a return to the principles of human rights and the rule of law. He believes that we can only defeat terrorism by winning the hearts and minds of the people who are most vulnerable to its appeal. This means providing them with hope and opportunity, and it means respecting their human rights.

Terror and Consent is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the changing nature of warfare and the implications for government authority in the 21st century. Bobbitt's analysis is clear-eyed and incisive, and he offers a compelling vision for a more just and humane future.

The New Era of "Permanent Emergency"

In the wake of the 9/11 attacks, the United States government declared a "war on terror" that has had a profound impact on the relationship between citizens and their government. This war has created a new era of "permanent emergency" in which governments are increasingly resorting to extraordinary measures to protect their citizens from terrorism.

These measures include the use of drones, mass surveillance, and indefinite detention without trial. These measures are eroding the rule of law and undermining the principles of democracy. The use of drones, for example, has led to the deaths of innocent civilians, and mass surveillance has led to the erosion of privacy rights. Indefinite detention without trial violates the due process rights of those who are detained.

The government's response to terrorism is understandable, but it is important to remember that these measures are not without cost. They are eroding the very principles that we are fighting to protect. We must find a

way to balance our security needs with our commitment to human rights and the rule of law.

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This new era of hyperwar is being driven by a number of factors, including the rise of new technologies, the globalization of terrorism, and the increasing interconnectedness of the world. These factors are making it more difficult for governments to distinguish between war and peace, and they are making it easier for terrorists to attack their targets.

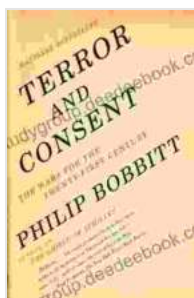
In this new era of hyperwar, governments will need to adopt new strategies to protect their citizens from terrorism. These strategies will need to be based on the principles of human rights and the rule of law. They will also need to be flexible enough to adapt to the changing nature of terrorism.

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Bobbitt's approach is based on the belief that terrorism is a political problem, not a military problem. He argues that we cannot defeat terrorism by simply killing terrorists. We need to address the root causes of terrorism, which include poverty, inequality, and injustice. We also need to build up the resilience of our communities so that they are less vulnerable to the appeal of terrorism.

Bobbitt's approach is a challenging one, but it is the only way to defeat terrorism in the long run. We need to build a world where everyone has a stake in the future, and where everyone is treated with dignity and respect. Only then will we be able to defeat the scourge of terrorism.



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