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Homeland Insecurity:

Aliens, Citizens, and the Challenge to American Civil Liberties in World War II

McKinleyville, California –Author Stephen Fox’s *Homeland Insecurity* ([published by iUniverse](#)) begins with the introduction that “Historical memory and the messages we derive from the past are selective.” What follows is Fox showcasing the selective embrace of historical lessons, allowing the reader to see the present and future more clearly through examples from the past. His book shows how history repeats itself and must not be ignored through the stories of Italian and German Americans, who were the objects of security policies and, the government officials, including J. Edgar Hoover, Attorney General Francis Biddle, and Lieutenant General John L. DeWitt, who were charged with carrying out those policies.

Set in World War II, but with an eye to the present and future, *Homeland Insecurity* offers a unique, thematic commentary on the experiences of men and woman of Italian and German ancestry who were relocated, interned, or excluded. Award-winning author Fox mines government documents, including those of the FBI and Immigration and Naturalization Service, to analyze the impact on detainees and their families of profiling, FBI bungling, military commissions, secret arrests, suspension of due process and habeas corpus, deportation, extraordinary rendition, second-class citizenship, and other forms of harassment.

Stephen Fox shares the stories of men and women of European ancestry whose constitutional and civil liberties were assaulted. He then makes the powerful connection between what happened in the United States from 1941-1948 and the post-9/11 world. What happened to those during WWII was tragic, but, tragically, has been repeated at our peril.

About the Author

Dr. Stephen (Steve) Fox is a Navy veteran and the award-winning author of monographs and articles on Italian and German Americans. His most recent book, *Fear Itself: Inside the Roundup of German Americans During World War II (iUniverse)* was published in 2005. Fox, who taught U.S. history for thirty years at Humboldt State University, is recognized nationally and internationally as the leading scholar on the subject of European-American relocation and internment during World War II. The author is also an avid and experienced long-distance bicyclist. He and his wife, Françoise, live near the sea in California’s Redwood Country. For more information, visit careystevens.blogspot.com. The author is available for interview.

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