

Weapon of the Strong

Conversations on US State Terrorism

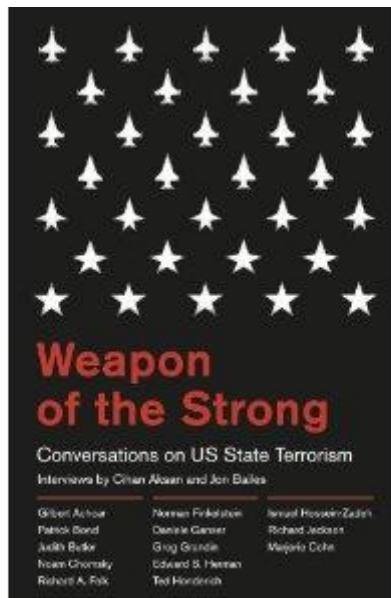
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Product Description:

Terrorism is often thought of as a 'weapon of the weak' that is employed exclusively by non-state groups or specific 'rogue states'. Far less attention is given to state terrorism carried out or sponsored by powerful democracies, most notably the United States. History shows that this state terrorism has been responsible for the deaths of millions of people.

Weapon of the Strong analyses the forms of US state terrorism through exclusive, never before published interviews with leading commentators and theorists. The interviews explore the different aspects of state terrorism: its functions, institutional supports and the legal and moral arguments surrounding it, and consider specific case studies in Europe, Latin America and the Middle East.

Weapon of the Strong makes an indispensable contribution to contemporary debates on terrorism and constructs a damning critique of US foreign policy from World War Two to the present day.

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Reviews:

Terror exercised by states is infinitely more deadly than terrorism by non-state actors. This outstanding book is welcome precisely because it starts by challenging the hegemonic views of both terrorism and democratic power. Nuanced and uncompromising, the interviewers have posed some of the most penetrating and important questions of our time. The answers received will change forever the way we think about terror. (Professor Penny Green, King's College London, Director of the International State Crime Initiative (ISCI) and co-author of *State Crime: Governments, Violence and Corruption* (Pluto 2004))

A wide range of compelling topics are expertly explored by leading academics. Each is skilfully interviewed by Cihan Aksan and Jon Bailes who also provide an excellent introduction. A job well done. (Michael Parenti)

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