

NO LIBERTY FOR LICENSE: THE FORGOTTEN LOGIC OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT

(a book review by Dr. Ted Baehr)

No Liberty For License: The Forgotten Logic of the First Amendment, was written by David Lowenthal (Spence Publishing Company, 1997)

Almost everybody recalls Prof. George Santayana's statement that, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." However, few remember that Prof. Santayana made this profound statement while explaining that primitive societies could not progress in terms of civilization because they could not learn from their mistakes.

The founders of the United States of America learned from the mistakes their ancestors made in Europe and created a wonderful experiment called the American Republic. These were men of strong faith and values, clear convictions and deep understanding of political and philosophical issues. Regrettably, for the last 75 years, the courts in the U.S. and in particular the Supreme Court has been unraveling the work of the founding fathers.

Many people have touched on this serious problem and complained about the Supreme Court's deliberate deconstruction of the free exercise of religion and free speech clauses of the First Amendment. Now, David Lowenthal in his superb book, **NO LIBERTY FOR LICENSE**, carefully exposes the confusion of the courts and shows clearly where and how the court erred and why we need to return to the principles of the founding fathers as expressed in the Constitution so that we can progress as a civilization.

There have been several reviews of this book which have missed the point. Some of them have been outright lies, showing how powerful this book is. Mr. Lowenthal does not advocate censorship, but rather an accurate reading of the First Amendment, which will achieve the goals and affirm the foundations of our Republic.

This book is one of the most important books of the last hundred years. Having studied law at a prestigious top ten law school and worked at the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Southern District of New York, I usually read fast and don't mark anything. Here, however, I found myself treasuring every page, marking large portions of the book and trying to memorize great passages for future use in my work.

Every member of the Supreme Court should read **NO LIBERTY FOR LICENSE: THE FORGOTTEN LOGIC OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT**. Every concerned American should read it. And, every Christian leader should read this paradigm shifting book. It is more than a must read. It is a book that can return us to the right track so that we can go forward to a better future.

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In an original and iconoclastic reassessment of the First Amendment, a distinguished political philosopher reaches unorthodox yet compelling conclusions about the place of free speech and religion in the American constitutional order. Revisiting the internal logic of the Amendment's language and the legal culture from which it emerged. First, how postmodernism evolved through three phases from high theory to coercive activism: Second, other anti-liberal and anti-rational movements learn and adopt the same strategies to their own ends: "Will the Alt-Right Make the Left embrace the Enlightenment? That's the intellectual form the dynamic takes." David Lowenthal of Boston College in 1987 published a book called *No Liberty for License: The Forgotten Logic of the First Amendment*. In it there is quite a bit about the clear and present danger rule that Oliver Wendell Holmes made up that goes totally against what the founders would have thought was rational: therefore you get threats of violence toward other groups that end up happening and the police are put in the position of being fortune-tellers.