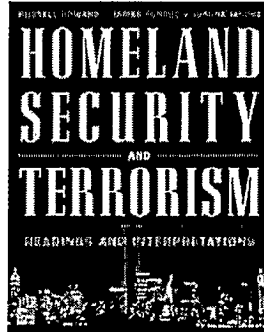


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Defense of the homeland is the primary responsibility of the federal government and is the core of its national security strategy. This book takes as its premise that, while much has been done to secure the American homeland since 9/11, much more remains to be done, not only by the federal government but also by state and local governments, the private sector, and ordinary citizens. Authors explore various threats to the homeland and review a diverse group of particularly vulnerable U.S. targets; address the ability of national, state, and local agencies to respond to acts of terrorism, with special emphasis on the importance of interagency coordination; examine the tensions surrounding the complicated issue of civil liberties in a democratic nation under attack; and ask whether the lessons learned from natural and man-made disasters, such as the blackout of 2002 and the outbreak of the SARS and West Nile viruses, can be used to better prepare the nation for certain types of terrorist attack.

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