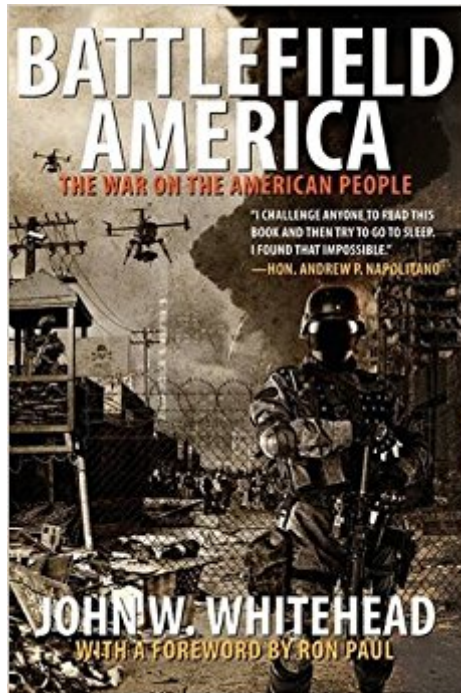




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# Battlefield America: The War On The American People



## Synopsis

Police forces across the United States have been transformed into extensions of the military. Our towns and cities have become battlefields, and we the American people are now the enemy combatants to be spied on, tracked, frisked, and searched. For those who resist, the consequences can be a one-way trip to jail, or even death. *Battlefield America: The War on the American People* is constitutional attorney John W. Whitehead's terrifying portrait of a nation at war with itself. In exchange for safe schools and lower crime rates, we have opened the doors to militarized police, zero tolerance policies in schools, and SWAT team raids. The insidious shift was so subtle that most of us had no idea it was happening. This follow-up to Whitehead's award-winning *A Government of Wolves*, is a brutal critique of an America on the verge of destroying the very freedoms that define it. Hands up! the police state has arrived.

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The very fact that books like this can still be written and published shows that we have not lost all our freedoms. John Whitehead's work should motivate us all to redouble our efforts to reclaim our freedoms. —from the foreword by Ron Paul, twelve-term U.S. congressman and former presidential candidate (Ron Paul) Constitutional attorney John W. Whitehead makes a compelling and urgent case in *Battlefield America* for Americans to unite under one common goal: the defense of our freedoms. —Nadine Strossen, former president of the ACLU and constitutional law professor at New York Law School (Nadine Strossen) Once again, John W. Whitehead shows himself to be a

thorough reporter, an insightful scholar and a tireless defender of the Constitution. Battlefield America is the most penetrating, eye-opening proof to date of the imperialist government's desecration of our constitutional personal liberties. •Nat Hentoff, syndicated columnist and historian (Nat Hentoff) In his compelling book Battlefield America, John W. Whitehead describes the danger posed to liberty and humanity itself by the control impulse of government and technology. •Paul Craig Roberts, former Assistant Secretary, US Treasury, and former Wall Street Journal columnist and editor (Paul Craig Roberts) John Whitehead is freedom's defense lawyer. He'll never give up, and neither must we. •Llewellyn H. Rockwell, Jr., author and chairman of Mises Institute (Llewellyn H. Rockwell) "I challenge anyone to read this book and then try to sleep. I found that impossible." Hon. Andrew P. Napolitano, Senior Judicial Analyst, Fox News Channel, Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law, Brooklyn Law School (Hon. Andrew P. Napolitano) In this potent follow-up to A Government of Wolves (2013), Whitehead, a constitutional attorney and the president of the Rutherford Institute, continues to investigate what he sees as an increasingly aggressive, fascistic America that the founding fathers would find offensive. Whitehead's scathing tone •matched in the foreword from former congressman Ron Paul •can be heavy-handed and strident, but he presents the U.S. government as "a hyper-militarized, twitchy, easily offended, suspicious, locked down, paranoid, all-seeing bureaucracy" that uses fear and paranoia to reduce civil liberties in a calculated post-9/11 scam of terrorism and national security. He uses the responses of heavily armed police forces to recent incidents •including the Boston Marathon bombing and the protests in Ferguson, Mo. •as indicators of an occupying army... Whitehead scores points when addressing needed reforms in the court system, education, and individual rights to privacy. Following his literary forebears such as Orwell and Huxley, he warns: "Either we gather together now and attempt to restore freedom or all will be lost." Detailed and provocative... Whitehead's call to take the U.S. back before civil liberties vanish mostly rises above boilerplate rhetoric and hysteria. (Apr.) (Publisher's Weekly)

John W. Whitehead is an attorney and author who has written, debated, and practiced widely in the area of constitutional law and human rights. Whitehead's concern for the persecuted and oppressed led him, in 1982, to establish The Rutherford Institute, a nonprofit civil liberties and human rights organization whose international headquarters are located in Charlottesville, Virginia. His approach to civil liberties issues has earned him numerous accolades and accomplishments, including the Hungarian Medal of Freedom and the 2010 Milner S. Ball Lifetime Achievement Award for his decades of difficult and important work, as well as his impeccable integrity in defending

civil liberties for all. • Whitehead currently serves as the Institute's president and spokesperson, in addition to writing a weekly commentary that is posted on The Rutherford Institute's website ([www.rutherford.org](http://www.rutherford.org)), as well being distributed to several hundred newspapers, and hosting a national public service radio campaign. Ronald Ernest "Ron" Paul is an American physician, author, and former Republican congressman, two-time Republican presidential candidate, and the presidential nominee of the Libertarian Party in the 1988 U.S. Presidential Election.

This book was written in a style that suggests the author aimed it at persons who still read books but are not aware of the extent to which the government and police have changed for the worse. The book is composed of five principal parts that have been sub-divided into 34 short chapters containing many black and white pictures. The author John Whitehead has been around long enough to be able to look back to times that were more in step with the U.S. Constitution than now. This reviewer has been here even longer. Whitehead's message is this: The Federal Gov't. is increasingly overstepping its Constitutional boundaries, acting more like a dictatorship than a republic. Also its urban police have become less like keepers of civil peace and more like military forces of occupation dressed in battle gear. Whitehead's formula to rein-in Gov't. and police calls for the citizenry to act LOCALLY in ways that lead back to Constitutionality. If this means that locals should vote out bad representatives and vote in those who will take remedial action in Washington, I say "Good luck with that!" Why? We recently got ourselves Republican majorities in both House and Senate. What good have they been? Those members want to stay in Washington. The only way they see to accomplish this is to pander to the leftist/big government crowd. The new majorities in D.C. seem to think they were put there by sensible voters who are not conservatives, which is a contradiction in terms. "Conservative" and "Tea Party" are bad words to them. They act as if they believe those words are treasured only by white trash in the deep South, most of whom are Christians who salute and wave the Confederate battle flag each morning -- qualities and acts that Progressives equate with Neanderthal-ness. Whitehead cautions against revolution. To this reviewer that means no way exists to remove the "one-worlders" and starry-eyed Progressives, the people who lead the U.S. away from all that made America work for a couple of centuries.

I bought this book after hearing the author describe some rather disturbing things going on in our system today. I am a person of facts, I like to know that what I am saying holds truth. So I research and come to a conclusion based on the facts of the matter. This book lays out in detail the diatribe actions that government agencies are taking against individual Americans like you and me. While I

personally have never experienced these things, that 30 years ago were unheard of, it is important to look at the direction these agencies are heading. I would encourage you to give this book a read and find out what is going on around us. We don't have to agree on politics, but we should be able to agree on the principle that we have individual liberty to make decisions for ourselves.

An excellent book that brings attention to what is fast becoming a police state of our country. A must read if you want to be brought up to speed on this topic and what we must do (if it's not too late yet) to get our rights and our country back from a current government that sees us as nothing but cash cows. And why our local police and sheriff departments are being trained to view the common citizen as terrorists, or at best suspicious, if you believe that the Constitution of the U.S. gives you rights that are irrevocable or inalienable (now there's a concept!). These units are being militarized and being trained by the military. You've seen the military gear on our police, but who are they protecting? You or the government? John W. Whitehead's *Battlefield America* should be required reading for all Americans to enlighten them on current actions and non-actions by our elitist government run by lobbyist or special interest groups. "We the People" is a once upon a time phrase. We're fast becoming a Fascist country!

"While many flail at the branches of evil ... few strike at the root." In this compelling sequel from where his 2013 book *"A Government of Wolves"* left off ... Mr. Whitehead now whacks directly at the tap-root! These books are each a timely accounting of the exponentially escalating attacks on American civil rights, liberties and freedoms that have been steadily and frighteningly increasing over the last half-century. From his exhaustive research and personal experience the author has added fresh new incite and additional perspective to his main premise - "Too many individual constitutional rights and freedoms are being trampled on and dangerously eliminated by government in the name of escalating societal pressure." While it remains for each individual reader to determine the degree, impact and precise steps required to overcome these injustices; after reading this important book you will be much better informed on both the nature of the problems and potential remedies.

Author Whitehead has researched this one well and covers all facets of what has happened and continues to happen in our country and the world as our rights and long held beliefs and American customs and practices are eroded, subjugated and disregarded in favor of "safety and security" all the while being glossed over or given lip service by the mainstream media...

I think this is a very good book. You can see the government corruption all around us. Certainly today's media had hypnotized the masses and has pulled the wool over most people's eyes today. I think the final chapter sums up the problem. The loss of moral fortitude has given way to a culture who wants to be entertained all the way to the gas chamber rather than face the moral responsibility freedom requires.

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