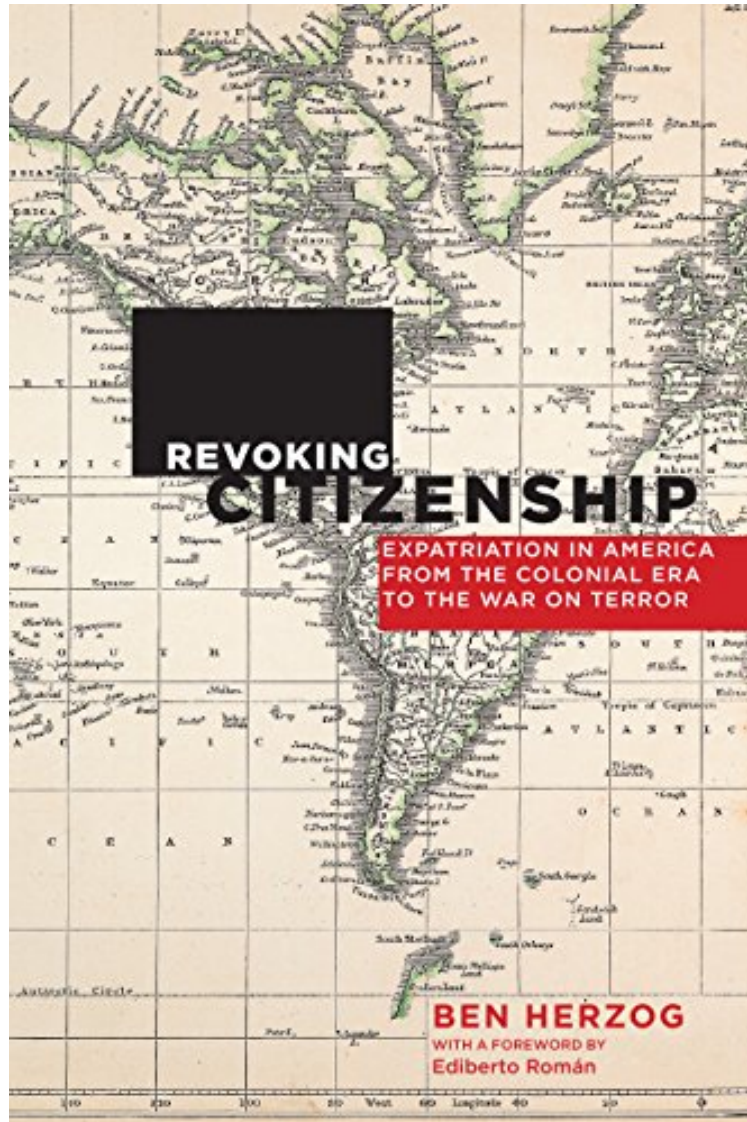


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War on Terror (Citizenship and Migration in the Americas):

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Reveals Americas long history of making both naturalized immigrants and native-born citizens un-American after stripping away their citizenship Expatriation, or the stripping away citizenship and all the rights that come with it, is usually associated with despotic and totalitarian regimes. The imagery of mass expulsion of once integral members of the community is associated with civil wars, ethnic cleansing, the Holocaust, or other oppressive historical events. Yet these practices are not just a product of undemocratic events or extreme situations, but are standard clauses within the legal systems of most democratic states, including the United States. Witness, for example, Yaser Esam Hamdi, captured in Afghanistan in November 2001, sent to Guantanamo, transferred to a naval brig in South Carolina when it was revealed that he was a U.S. citizen, and held there without trial until 2004, when the Justice Department released Hamdi to Saudi Arabia without charge on the condition that he renounce his U.S. citizenship. Hamdi's story may be the best known expatriation story in recent memory, but in *Revoking Citizenship*, Ben Herzog reveals America's long history of making both naturalized immigrants and native-born citizens un-American after their citizenship was stripped away. Tracing this history from the early republic through the Cold War, Herzog locates the sociological, political, legal, and historic meanings of revoking citizenship. Why, when, and with what justification do states take away citizenship from their subjects? Should loyalty be judged according to birthplace or actions? Using the history and policies of revoking citizenship as a lens, *Revoking Citizenship* examines, describes, and analyzes the complex relationships between citizenship, immigration, and national identity.

"Herzog's contribution to the growing debate over membership in our polity is important for its reminder that citizenship has historically been contingent in the United States, despite the claims to constitutional status that citizenship might invoke. At 139 pages, it is a short read that will induce the reader to rethink the nature of citizenship in our democracy."-California Lawyer "In this pioneering study, Ben Herzog shows that in order to understand the continually-contested status of citizenship, we must understand how citizenship is lost. Challenging the popular notion that only totalitarian regimes take away citizenship, his book throws much needed light on the long history of revocation in the United States, the postwar judicial revolution that minimized the practice, and new challenges in the twenty-first century to that revolution's achievements. By deftly placing contemporary controversies about terrorism and the right to have rights into this broader historical and social context, *Revoking Citizenship* provides a timely yet sure to be lasting contribution to scholarship. For anyone concerned with the problems of citizenship, it is essential reading."-Chad Alan Goldberg, University of Wisconsin-Madison "For Herzog, expatriation policy and practices are windows to American understanding of citizenship."-Choice "An original fascinating and insightful interpretation of a neglected dimension of American political culture: the power to revoke citizenship. Herzog's book is an important exploration of the deeper meaning of political and national culture as it affects and is affected by legal arrangements."-Pnina Lahav, Boston University "Scholarship on citizenship has awakened to the potential power that lies in laws of expatriation. Ben Herzog's political, philosophical, and jurisprudential history of expatriation practices reaches back further in U.S. history than other such studies and sheds much needed light on the contemporary relevance of this important facet of U.S. citizenship."-Elizabeth F. Cohen, Syracuse University That *Revoking Citizenship* not only provokes questions but also simultaneously provides the groundwork necessary for further inquiry into these issues illustrates why the book is likely to become a staple in the canon of historical and legal scholarship on citizenship."-The Journal of American History About the Author Ben Herzog is a Lecturer (equivalent to Assistant Professor in the U.S.) at the Ben-Gurion Research Institute, at the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. In 2012-2013 Ben Herzog served as the William Lyon Mackenzie King Research Fellow at the Canada Program of Harvard's Weatherhead Center for International Affairs. Ediberto Romn is Professor of Law at Florida International University. He is the author of *The Other American Colonies: An International and Constitutional Law Examination of the United States Nineteenth and Twentieth Century Island Conquests*, and edits the NYU Press series *Citizenship and Migration in the Americas*.