

HOMELAND SECURITY AND FEDERALISM

Protecting America
from Outside the Beltway

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In this most timely book, Mayer uses the principle of federalism to present a compelling case that the best way to protect America from terrorists is to get the power out of Washington and into the hands of governors, mayors, and the countless men and women serving on the front lines in our communities.

His book takes the reader from the streets of Ismailia, Egypt, in 1921 to New York City on September 11, 2001, and from America's Colonial period to the inner workings of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to show what worked historically and why the approach taken after September 11 failed to heed the bright lessons of history on how best to protect our nation against this new threat.

After asking where today's federalists are—those who will push back on Washington's power grab—Mayer develops a rational risk model to guide where our limited resources should be allocated so that they will lead to less pork and more protection. The book then systematically builds the case that states and localities are uniquely suited to lead efforts on terrorism preparedness, disaster management, illegal immigration, counterterrorism, and community resiliency. Case studies throughout the book highlight best practices from outside the Beltway that, once again, vindicate the role of federalism in solving America's complex challenges.

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