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*culture? In Empire of  
Conspiracy, Melley explores  
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anxieties about thought-  
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stalking, surveillance, and  
corporate and government*

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*plots. At the heart of these developments, he believes, lies a widespread sense of crisis in the way Americans think about human autonomy and individuality. Nothing reveals this crisis more than the remarkably*

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*consistent form of expression that Melley calls "agency panic"—an intense fear that individuals can be shaped or controlled by powerful external forces. Drawing on a broad range of forms that manifest this*

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*fear—including fiction,  
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*to recent addiction  
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"stalker" novels of Margaret  
Atwood and Diane Johnson to  
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Burroughs, Don DeLillo, and  
Kathy Acker. Throughout,*

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*Melley finds recurrent anxieties about the power of large organizations to control human beings. These fears, he contends, indicate the continuing appeal of a form of individualism that is no longer wholly accurate*

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*that broke out-or merely continued-in Asia after peace was proclaimed at the end of World War II. Under occupation by the victorious Allies, this part of the world was plunged into new power struggles or back into*

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*Chiang Kai-shek's regime and  
Mao's revolutionaries.*

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in Malaya settled old scores  
and terrorized the  
indigenous population, while  
mujahideen holy warriors  
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*killings against the Chinese—hundreds of innocent civilians were killed on both sides. In Indochina, a nativist political movement rose up to oppose the resumption of French colonial rule; one of the*

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as archives in other parts  
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*parents to integrate the  
Alpine, Texas, public  
schools in 1969—fifteen  
years after the U.S. Supreme  
Court ruled that separate  
schools were inherently  
unconstitutional. The second  
describes how El Paso's*

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*first Mexican American  
mayor, Raymond Telles,  
quietly challenged  
institutionalized racism to  
integrate the city's police  
and fire departments, thus  
opening civil service  
employment to Mexican*

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*this country. With its corruptive influence on politics and stranglehold on the American economy, Wall Street is held in high regard by few outside the financial sector. But the pitchforks raised against*

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*this behemoth are largely rhetorical: we rarely see riots in the streets or public demands for an equitable and democratic banking system that result in serious national changes. Yet the situation was vastly*

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*shows that banking and politics were directly shaped by the literal and symbolic investments of the grassroots. This engagement remade financial institutions and the national economy, through*

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*behind seemingly arcane legislation, as well as the power of the people to demand serious political repercussions for the banks that caused the Great Depression. One result of this sustained interest and*

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*pressure was legislation and regulation that brought on a long period of relative financial stability, with a reduced frequency of economic booms and busts. Ironically, this stability led to the decline of the*

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*understanding of what might  
be possible in balancing the  
needs of the people with  
those of their financial  
institutions.*

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the postwar era. A time of  
arch political conservatism*

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*and vast social conformity.  
A time in which our nation's  
leaders question and  
challenge the patriotism of  
those who oppose their  
policies. But before there  
was Jon Stewart, Al Franken,  
or Bill Maher, there were*

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*impressive range of  
comedy—not just standup  
comedians of the day but  
also satirical publications  
like MAD magazine,  
improvisational theater  
groups such as Second City,  
the motion picture Dr.*

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W. E. B. Dubois, Roy Wilkins, and,  
especially, Paul Robeson, this work  
should be required reading for all  
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*brought unparalleled  
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grew by over 650% between  
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