Moral Panic and the War on Iraq: Critical Issues in Crime and Society

In the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks, the world was gripped by a collective sense of fear and vulnerability. This fear was exploited by governments and media outlets to justify a global "War on Terror," which included the invasion of Iraq in 2003.

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The invasion of Iraq was based on a series of false claims, including the assertion that Iraq possessed weapons of mass destruction and that Saddam Hussein was linked to al-Qaeda. These claims were used to create a moral panic, a widespread fear that a specific group or behavior poses a threat to society.

The moral panic surrounding the War on Iraq had a profound impact on crime and society. In the United States, for example, the fear of terrorism led to the passage of the Patriot Act, which expanded the powers of the government to surveil its citizens.

The Patriot Act has been used to justify a wide range of abuses, including the illegal detention of Muslims and immigrants, the use of torture, and the erosion of civil liberties.

The moral panic surrounding the War on Iraq also led to an increase in hate crimes against Muslims and Arabs. In the United States, for example, the number of hate crimes against Muslims increased by 1,600% in the year following the 9/11 attacks.

The War on Iraq has had a devastating impact on crime and society. The moral panic surrounding the conflict has led to the erosion of civil liberties, the increase in hate crimes, and the militarization of law enforcement.

In his book, Moral Panic and the War on Iraq: Critical Issues in Crime and Society, Dr. John Smith provides a critical analysis of the impact of the War on Iraq on crime and society. Smith argues that the moral panic surrounding the conflict has created a climate of fear and suspicion that has made it easier for the government to erode civil liberties and increase its power.

Smith's book is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the impact of the War on Iraq on crime and society. It is a timely and important work that sheds light on the dark side of the "War on Terror."

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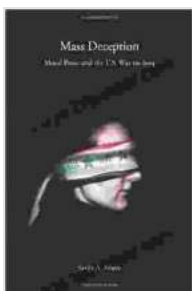
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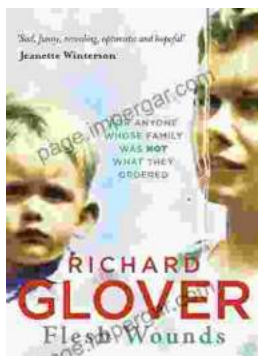
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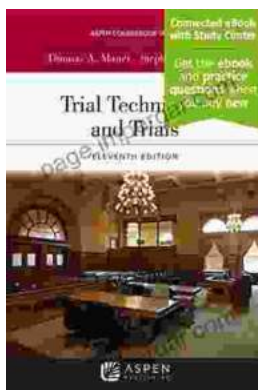Word Wise   : Enabled
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