

America's Fatal Tendency Towards Violence: Rolf Winter

Rolf Winter: "AMI GO HOME. A Plaidoyer for Saying Goodbye to a Violent Country."

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Today I would like to introduce you to the German journalist Rolf Winter and his books, or rather remind you of him. His publications, which appeared at the end of the 1980s and the beginning of the 1990s and caused a great stir and heated controversy, are very popular again today and are worth reading (again). Winter (1927-2005) wrote his first reportage on the United States in 1963, his first book on America in 1972, and lived in New York City from 1967 to 1970. Later, travels frequently took him back to the United States.

Winter: "AMI GO HOME. A Plaidoyer to Say Goodbye to a Violent Country."

For this book, published in Hamburg in 1989, the author used exclusively American sources and quoted American scholars whose competence was unimpeachable. Winter refers in particular to the North Americans' fatal tendency towards violence, which - combined with their conviction that they live in "God's own country" and have a mission of world order - justifies a separation of Europe from the United States (1).

Winter: "The American Imposition"

Two years later, Winter published another book: "*The American Imposition. Pleas against the Land of Real Existing Capitalism.*" (2). In it, the author deepens his perceptive analysis of the land of unlimited opportunity, which in his view is in a deep crisis and can no longer be considered a model for the Federal Republic of Germany. Already 40 years ago, Winter states:

“What is remarkable is the ever-growing readiness of the world to come to terms with American intolerance, to ignore it, so to speak, or to pretend that it is all right with it after all.” (3)

Winter: “The American Nightmare. On the Decline of the New World”

In his third book, Winter acts as editor (4). The back cover of the book, which was already published in 1992, states:

“The anthology compiled by Rolf Winter, a connoisseur of America, with contributions by renowned experts, contains up-to-date stocktaking and personal accounts of experiences about a nation in crisis, whose problems are becoming a threat to the entire Western world.”

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Notes

(1) See text on dust jacket, inside cover.

(2) Winter, R. (1990). The American imposition. Munich

(3) Book cover, back cover

(4) Winter, R. (1992). The American Nightmare. On the decline of the New World. Munich

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