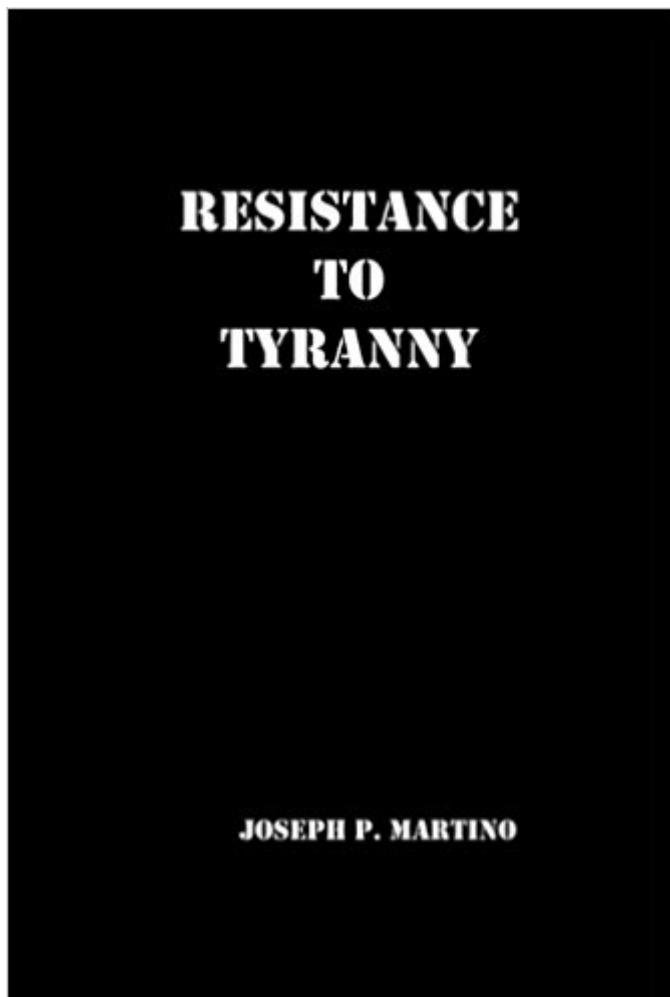


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Resistance To Tyranny: A Primer



Synopsis

This book is a primer on armed resistance to tyranny. It is intended to answer questions the reader might not think of asking, and to direct the reader to sources of more detailed information. Topics covered include justifying revolt, conditions for success, possible government responses, strategy & tactics, the overt and covert organizations, weapons, equipment, survival skills, land navigation, camouflage, boobytraps, weapons caching, training, secure camps, safe houses, communications, encryption & codes, gaining public support, sniping, sabotage, raids, intelligence and counter-intelligence. It is intended for scholarly information purposes only.

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Resistance to Tyranny begins with a chapter entitled "Why Armed Resistance?" Martino explains that international warfare was not the 20th Century's greatest killer, but rather that official government tyranny holds that position of dishonor by a very wide margin. He then explores the link between gun control and state genocide, going through the historical cases of Turkey, the Soviet Union, Germany, China and other countries. Then, brick by brick, Martino builds the case for the morality of armed resistance to tyranny, postulating a "just insurgency doctrine" similar to the more

familiar "just war" doctrine. In the first five chapters Martino studies past rebellions and insurgencies from the American Revolution to the present day, to draw out and explore their timeless lessons. He also examines the government reactions to these insurgencies, starting with the crushing of dissent via state propaganda and the creation of enemy classes, use of economic leverage, deliberately nurturing crime waves for the purpose of installing police-state controls, through the full spectrum of violent repression by a gangster state. Martino's analysis is consistently well thought out, lucid and downright fascinating in this overview of the eternal struggle between the forces of repression and freedom. It would not be possible to examine the remaining contents of the book in any meaningful detail in a short review. In the interest of brevity, here is a partial listing of the remaining chapter titles, to give you an idea of the ground that is covered:- Overt and Covert Resistance, - Personal Weapons, - Personal Equipment, - Survival Skills, - Camouflage and Concealment, - Boobytraps, - Weapons Caching, - Logistics, - Training, - Secure Base Camps, - Safe Houses, - Communications, - Encryption and Codes, - Ambushes, - Sniping, - Sabotage, - Raids, - Strategic Intelligence, - Tactical Intelligence, and - Counterintelligence. The information is current; for example, taking into account the use of UAV for covert population surveillance, internet data-mining, and other evolving technological frontiers. This book is meant to be a primer, and not a collection of nuts-and-bolts tips to be employed in the field. For example, the chapter on boobytraps does not include details on how to build them, but rather lays out the general types of devices and the principles of their employment, as well as their pros and cons. For those who wish to study the subject matter in greater depth, at the end of each chapter there is a bibliography. If Resistance to Tyranny is a primer for successful insurgency, then the entire reading list included would constitute a post-graduate education. The content that was mastered and then synthesized by Martino in order to produce this work is staggering. For that effort alone he deserves our hearty salute. Here is just one of the hundreds of titles cited in the book, in this case with Martino's comments following: "U.S. Army and Marine Corps Counterinsurgency Field Manual (U.S. Army Field Manual No. 3-24), University of Chicago Press. Undoubtedly the finest manual ever written on the subject. It will almost certainly be used by tyrannical governments faced with freedom-oriented resistance forces, as well as by democratic governments faced with communist or fascist insurgencies. Resistance forces should study it carefully, to prepare for government counter-operations. (Also available as a download at [...])." That is just one of the countless nuggets and gems contained in Resistance to Tyranny. Martino's examination of likely government counterinsurgency tactics could be particularly helpful to those who may be at personal risk during a future time of official state repression. If cruel history is a guide, today's patriotic and freedom-oriented opinion leaders will likely be considered

tomorrow's potential dissident leaders by a state gradually turned tyrant. Punishment for resisting tyranny may range from the loss of employment all the way to the gulags or worse. Martino points out that the period while a nascent insurgency is attempting to emerge is particularly dangerous. He even cites historical examples of the establishment of bogus resistance organizations created for the covert purpose of identifying enemies of the state through false-flag recruitment. This is certainly something to consider in the internet era, with anonymous government-sponsored provocateurs busily typing away. 'Keyboard commandos', indeed. If you believe in your heart that your homeland could never be dragged down into a dictatorship, Resistance to Tyranny will be of no interest to you. But perhaps you are not so sanguine about your country's future, and you observe your government in action with growing trepidation. If you would rather shape your own future and influence events in the ongoing struggle for human freedom, and not merely allow yourself to be buffeted by the storm winds of possible coming strife, you should not only read this book but study it. If and when the conditions are met for a "just insurgency," books like this may be banned and will certainly not be as easily obtainable as they are today, during freedom's long eclipse. (Of special note to those who prefer reading on electronic tablets: e-books may disappear into the ether with the same alacrity with which they appeared on your screen. Consider what is truly saved, and what is not. You might consider purchasing a dead-trees copy of this and similar titles.) Resistance to Tyranny is an up-to-date study of insurgency methods, tactics and strategies. I recommend it most highly. If you believe that at this juncture it is critical to be a student of civil conflict throughout history, you should give Joseph Martino's outstanding contribution to the cause of freedom a place of honor on your patriot's bookshelf. While always hoping, of course, that the information it contains is never needed ... except to entertain your unceasingly inquisitive mind on all matters of the gloriously messy and commonly unjust human condition.

Joseph P. Martino's "Resistance To Tyranny" sets out legal and Constitutional criteria to even legally, consider armed resistance in the first place. Early headings explain prior tyrannical governments and how they were to prevail over their citizens, especially since, relatively speaking, their numbers are so inferior to the general population. The answer, in all cases, is finding a way to disarm their citizens. Later chapters outline the structure of the organization, and considerable narrative covers the difference between overt and covert resistance. Then, there are chapters on small unit tactics, such as ambushes, raids, sabotage and intelligence. I found these chapters very valuable. I previously instructed small unit tactics and can confirm the value of these chapters. And now, the one downside. The chapter on Sniping and Counter-Sniping ran 33 pages, and included

extremely detailed information on selecting sniper rifles, scopes, mil-dot reticles, bullet drop compensators and then a whole narrative on specialized ammunition. As a qualified sniper I understood all this, but to a casual reader I think a dozen pages would have covered the use, tactical value, spotting enemy snipers and other important, but less technical narrative. With that said, this is a very informative and valuable manual on the subject of armed resistance to tyranny. I rate it a strong 4.7, and would suggest it as required reading when considering such an organization. Rossi

This is isn't a propaganda book for hotheads. It rather serves as a guide, not only to the (highly) hypothetical case where you or I might have to engage in asymmetric warfare against a sitting government, but also to the understanding of historical revolutions, why they happened, how they were prosecuted, and why some succeeded while others failed. It is distasteful to contemplate such an extreme step in reference to our own lives. No one craves the precarious existence of an insurgent, or life in the conditions that create them. But an educated person will understand that revolutions have occurred throughout history, have shaped it, and must be understood to understand it. He will also understand that there is no special magic associated with the time and place of his birth that will prevent bad things from happening here as opposed to somewhere else. If he understands that, this is an excellent book to pick up. It explains clearly how a motivated civilian population can prevail against superior force of arms, by waging the conflict on numerous different levels... because wars, especially asymmetric ones, are never waged solely in the field. This book is not a complete manual of everything a successful revolutionary (whether his name is Washington or Mao) needs to know. It is rather an overview of what subjects he needs to learn, and what questions he must consider. As such, it is an excellent guide regardless of whether the readers' interests are historical, theoretical, or practical.

The author calls this a primer rather than a handbook and I think his point is well taken. Revolution or resistance is much more involved than grabbing an AR and heading for the hills. There are 30 chapters on various subjects and copious references in each. The subject is vast and complex and this book is a good place to start. The last chapter chronicles some of the founders' trials and is a sobering review, however the author also points out that freedom is worth our lives and sacred honor when the alternative is slavery. The author points out right at the beginning that governments have killed far more than war ever has, and that gun control, registration, and civilian disarmament is always the first step toward tyranny.

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