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## Hatred of America's Presidents: Personal Attacks on the White House from Washington to Trump

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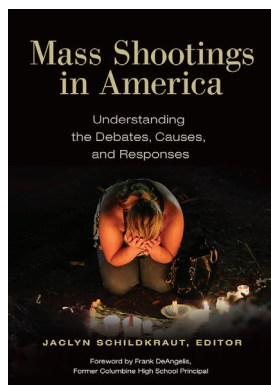
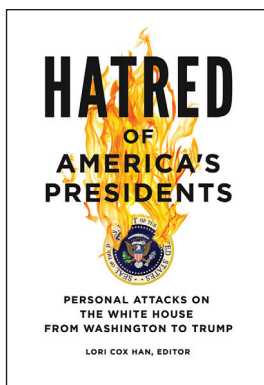
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**Americans at War: Eyewitness Accounts from the American Revolution to the 21st Century.** 3 vols. ABC-CLIO. May 2018. 1040p. ed. by James R. Arnold. bibliog. index. ISBN 9781440844058. \$325; ebk. ISBN 9781440844065. HIST

Prolific military and political history author Arnold examines the experiences of those on the front lines of combat, from the American Revolution to the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars. Organized by conflict, sections begin with a helpful overview and time line and conclude with an extensive

tails of the number of wounded and dead soldiers. An interview with Brian Taylor, a marine who operated a grenade launcher during the invasion of Iraq, discusses the difficulty of distinguishing friendly civilians from insurgents and vividly describes the chaos of battle and the platoons under attack. Readers will find it easy to locate documents, as each volume contains a useful list. **VERDICT** Of interest to lower- and upper-level undergraduate military history students seeking primary source documents.—

**Diane Fulkerson, Univ. of South Florida, Lakeland**



**Reporting from the front lines; voices of the opposition; solutions to end the ongoing violence**

bibliography. By focusing on not only officers but also enlisted soldiers, this collection of diary entries, letters, autobiography excerpts, and oral history accounts sets itself apart from similar titles. In a letter written during the Revolution, Joseph Townsend, a Quaker teenager, describes the aftermath of the Battle of Brandywine, including de-

★ **Hatred of America's Presidents: Personal Attacks on the White House from Washington to Trump.** ABC-CLIO. Jun. 2018. 420p. ed. by Lori Cox Han. index. ISBN 9781440854361. \$94; ebk. ISBN 9781440854378. POL SCI

Although many think that the current presidential political climate is an aberration,

Han (political science, Chapman Univ., CA) and other historians and political scientists convincingly prove that every U.S. president has faced heated opposition or controversy while in office. Each entry focuses on a president's prevalent personal and political lines of attack, prominent enemies, and damaging scandals or disagreements before and after taking office. Readers will be fascinated at how these issues influenced policies and effectiveness. Perhaps even more interesting is the variety of strategies leaders used to combat adversaries and theories on why some weathered the storm better than others. Various themes and topics such as the role of media, political psychology, leadership ability, character, personality, and will are expertly and entertainingly interwoven. **VERDICT** Presidential political science and history buffs will pore over this captivating study; researchers will find the further reading suggestions particularly helpful.—

**Rob Tench, Old Dominion Univ. Libs., Norfolk, VA**

**Mass Shootings in America: Understanding the Debates, Causes, and Responses.**

ABC-CLIO. May 2018. 350p. ed. by Jaclyn Schildkraut. index. ISBN 9781440856242. \$94. SOC SCI

Editor Schildkraut (social justice, State Univ. of New York at Oswego) succinctly addresses how we define mass shootings, where to obtain data, and the media's impact on our perceptions of the tragedies. This work debates and often debunks assumptions about these violent events. Eleven essays by criminology, sociology, and psychology scholars provide background. An

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### Bloomsbury Encyclopedia of Philosophers

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■ *By Brian T. Sullivan*

**CONTENT** Released in December 2017, this resource features more than 6,500 peer-

reviewed entries on individuals who have contributed to the global history of thought and philosophy. Significantly, it broadens the canon by including previously overlooked figures and incorporating civil rights activists, novelists, poets, politicians, scientists, and others. Entries on philosophers John Dewey or David Hume are found alongside those on activist and abolitionist Sojourner Truth and feminist theologian Mary Daly. Thus, Bloomsbury examines the subject through lenses such as economics, law, medicine, literature, and theology, without neglecting traditional philosophy subfields.

Overseen by general editor John R. Shook (philosophy, Univ. at Buffalo), working with an editorial board of four other philosophers, the database's initial release covers thinkers from North America, Britain, Ireland, and the Middle East (featuring a rich selection of Islamic philosophers over the past 1,400 years). New and revised content will be added twice a year at no extra charge to subscribers and will include individuals from Asia, Latin America, and Africa.

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