

### **Perspectives Questions for Discussion**

#### **John E. Finn: Current Anti-Terrorism Efforts in The United States Compromise Civil Liberties? Are the Compromises Necessary?**

1. What are this expert's answers to the questions presented?
2. According to the expert, what kinds of information do we need to reach a position on whether anti terrorism efforts threaten civil liberties?
3. Why does the expert maintain we should care about whether anti-terrorism policies threaten civil liberties? Do you agree? Why? What other reasons can you think of to support the contention that we should care?
4. Under what circumstances does he argue civil liberties rank lower than other values? Explain his argument.
5. How does the author define "counterterrorism policy"? Is it a static definition? How so?
6. What are the most serious aspects of our current counterterrorism policies, according to the expert? In other words, which aspects of the policies or "counterterrorism regime" should give us all pause?
7. Do you agree with the expert that what we need to understand about the changes wrought by the most troublesome current counterterrorism policies is that they "strike at the very heart of the rule of law.' Why?