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In most countries, the suppression and prevention of terrorism have become a topic of intense debate. Many people are increasingly worried about excessive state interference in civil liberties in the name of protecting public security.

The purpose of this book is to analyze whether and to what extent Germany and China provide their citizens with adequate human rights protection in their fight against terrorism. The book also aims to provide new perspectives for improving Germany's existing anti-terror legislation and, more importantly, to offer constructive recommendations for the making of anti-terror laws in China.

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