Did the judicial violence of the Terror in 1793-1794 grow out of the politics and ideology of 1789? In answering this question, which has long fascinated historians of the French Revolution, Shapiro gives a resounding "No!" Revolutionary Justice in Paris, 1789-1790 provides a richly detailed exploration of the Parisian judicial system in 1789-1790 to challenge those revisionist historians, most notably Furet, who have asserted that the roots of the Terror were already apparent in the political climate and ideology of 1789.(1) This work also opposes the Foucauldian emphasis on "domination and discipline" within legal reform in the late eighteenth century (xii).(2)

In contrast to these approaches, Shapiro argues that his "examination of how revolutionary justice operated in 1789-1790 reveals that the early revolutionary authorities treated their political opponents of both left and right with a degree of restraint and indulgence that was remarkably consistent with the liberal and humanitarian ideals of the pre-revolutionary judicial reform movement" (xii). Considerations of political strategy dovetailed neatly with an Enlightenment ideology...

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