



A Matter of Justice: Eisenhower and the Beginning of the Civil Rights Revolution

David A. Nichols

Download now

[Click here](#) if your download doesn't start automatically

A Matter of Justice: Eisenhower and the Beginning of the Civil Rights Revolution

David A. Nichols

A Matter of Justice: Eisenhower and the Beginning of the Civil Rights Revolution David A. Nichols
Fifty years after President Dwight D. Eisenhower ordered troops to Little Rock, Arkansas, to enforce a federal court order desegregating the city's Central High School, a leading authority on Eisenhower presents an original and engrossing narrative that places Ike and his civil rights policies in dramatically new light.

Historians such as Stephen Ambrose and Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., have portrayed Eisenhower as aloof, if not outwardly hostile, to the plight of African-Americans in the 1950s. It is still widely assumed that he opposed the Supreme Court's landmark 1954 *Brown v. Board of Education* decision mandating the desegregation of public schools, that he deeply regretted appointing Earl Warren as the Court's chief justice because of his role in molding *Brown*, that he was a bystander in Congress's passage of the civil rights acts of 1957 and 1960, and that he so mishandled the Little Rock crisis that he was forced to dispatch troops to rescue a failed policy.

In this sweeping narrative, David A. Nichols demonstrates that these assumptions are wrong. Drawing on archival documents neglected by biographers and scholars, including thousands of pages newly available from the Eisenhower Presidential Library, Nichols takes us inside the Oval Office to look over Ike's shoulder as he worked behind the scenes, prior to *Brown*, to desegregate the District of Columbia and complete the desegregation of the armed forces. We watch as Eisenhower, assisted by his close collaborator, Attorney General Herbert Brownell, Jr., sifted through candidates for federal judgeships and appointed five pro-civil rights justices to the Supreme Court and progressive judges to lower courts. We witness Eisenhower crafting civil rights legislation, deftly building a congressional coalition that passed the first civil rights act in eighty-two years, and maneuvering to avoid a showdown with Orval Faubus, the governor of Arkansas, over desegregation of Little Rock's Central High.

Nichols demonstrates that Eisenhower, though he was a product of his time and its backward racial attitudes, was actually more progressive on civil rights in the 1950s than his predecessor, Harry Truman, and his successors, John F. Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson. Eisenhower was more a man of deeds than of words and preferred quiet action over grandstanding. His cautious public rhetoric -- especially his legalistic response to *Brown* -- gave a misleading impression that he was not committed to the cause of civil rights. In fact, Eisenhower's actions laid the legal and political groundwork for the more familiar breakthroughs in civil rights achieved in the 1960s.

Fair, judicious, and exhaustively researched, *A Matter of Justice* is the definitive book on Eisenhower's civil rights policies that every presidential historian and future biographer of Ike will have to contend with.

 [Download A Matter of Justice: Eisenhower and the Beginning ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online A Matter of Justice: Eisenhower and the Beginn ...pdf](#)

Download and Read Free Online A Matter of Justice: Eisenhower and the Beginning of the Civil Rights Revolution David A. Nichols

From reader reviews:

Rita Heil:

Now a day folks who Living in the era just where everything reachable by connect with the internet and the resources within it can be true or not involve people to be aware of each data they get. How a lot more to be smart in getting any information nowadays? Of course the solution is reading a book. Looking at a book can help individuals out of this uncertainty Information particularly this A Matter of Justice: Eisenhower and the Beginning of the Civil Rights Revolution book as this book offers you rich info and knowledge. Of course the knowledge in this book hundred percent guarantees there is no doubt in it as you know.

Wilda Alexander:

Information is provisions for individuals to get better life, information nowadays can get by anyone from everywhere. The information can be a knowledge or any news even restricted. What people must be consider while those information which is within the former life are challenging be find than now could be taking seriously which one is acceptable to believe or which one the resource are convinced. If you find the unstable resource then you obtain it as your main information you will have huge disadvantage for you. All those possibilities will not happen with you if you take A Matter of Justice: Eisenhower and the Beginning of the Civil Rights Revolution as the daily resource information.

Gayle Meek:

Playing with family in a park, coming to see the ocean world or hanging out with friends is thing that usually you may have done when you have spare time, in that case why you don't try issue that really opposite from that. 1 activity that make you not experiencing tired but still relaxing, trilling like on roller coaster you are ride on and with addition of knowledge. Even you love A Matter of Justice: Eisenhower and the Beginning of the Civil Rights Revolution, you are able to enjoy both. It is fine combination right, you still desire to miss it? What kind of hang type is it? Oh seriously its mind hangout fellas. What? Still don't understand it, oh come on its known as reading friends.

Jeffrey Martinez:

Book is one of source of expertise. We can add our expertise from it. Not only for students but additionally native or citizen have to have book to know the upgrade information of year to be able to year. As we know those ebooks have many advantages. Beside we add our knowledge, may also bring us to around the world. From the book A Matter of Justice: Eisenhower and the Beginning of the Civil Rights Revolution we can get more advantage. Don't one to be creative people? To become creative person must choose to read a book. Just simply choose the best book that appropriate with your aim. Don't end up being doubt to change your life at this time book A Matter of Justice: Eisenhower and the Beginning of the Civil Rights Revolution. You can more inviting than now.

**Download and Read Online A Matter of Justice: Eisenhower and
the Beginning of the Civil Rights Revolution David A. Nichols
#A1ETOIBZNV9**

Read A Matter of Justice: Eisenhower and the Beginning of the Civil Rights Revolution by David A. Nichols for online ebook

A Matter of Justice: Eisenhower and the Beginning of the Civil Rights Revolution by David A. Nichols Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read A Matter of Justice: Eisenhower and the Beginning of the Civil Rights Revolution by David A. Nichols books to read online.

Online A Matter of Justice: Eisenhower and the Beginning of the Civil Rights Revolution by David A. Nichols ebook PDF download

A Matter of Justice: Eisenhower and the Beginning of the Civil Rights Revolution by David A. Nichols Doc

A Matter of Justice: Eisenhower and the Beginning of the Civil Rights Revolution by David A. Nichols Mobipocket

A Matter of Justice: Eisenhower and the Beginning of the Civil Rights Revolution by David A. Nichols EPub