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Miller John C. : Crisis and Freedom: The Alien and Sedition Acts (1951) [Miller] before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Crisis and Freedom: The Alien and Sedition Acts (1951) [Miller]:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Hamiltonism: the original McCarthyism!By CMW-TzviI have awaited this book anxiously!!! As I read part of the first chapter aloud to my wife, including quotes from A. Hamilton, she I were both struck with the thought that the campaign of the Federalists sounded VERRRRY MUCH like McCarthyism!!! However, since the Alien Sedition Acts predate McCarthy by several hundred years, I am determined now to refer to the entire scenario historically as Hamiltonism!!!Having read about the Alien Sedition Acts, seeing various short references to them here and there as I read history, I never had availed myself of the opportunity to read about them in depth. I had also wondered why the Federalist party started off with a bang, but then just seemed to crumble to dust after 2 presidencies. Reading this volume made the whole scenario clear: the Federalists showed their true colors with the Alien Sedition Acts, sealing their fate as a party as a result! Taking the well-put-together history from this volume and having read Thomas J. DiLorenzo's book exposing Alexander Hamilton's political philosophy, the natural collapse of the Federalist party becomes quite understandable!Although Hamilton was not the moving force behind the Alien Sedition Acts, His party stood steadfastly behind them, constantly consistently insisting that they were constitutional, explaining away any reference to the Bill of Rights as not applying to these acts of legislation. Since only Federalists had been in a position to nominate justices to the Supreme Court, it is no surprise that all legislation by a Federalist-dominated Congress would be declared to be constitutional, whether it actually was

or not!!With these acts being used as a device to prevent other (non-Federalist) candidates from being able to gain control of Congressional power, it soon became obvious to non-Federalists (previously known as Anti-Federalists, and quickly becoming known as Republicans or democrats sometimes called Democrat-Republicans) that the way to obtain power was through those who were most targeted by the Alien Sedition Acts: newly naturalized citizens and those who wanted to become citizens!It is interesting how up-to-date this book seems to be for a book originally released in 1951! Using laws /or departments of the government to further partisan goals, finding ways to explain away the plain meaning of the Constitution in favor of partisan legislation, et cetera, et cetera, ad infinitum, ad nauseum... It almost seems like we're talking about just the last few years, doesn't it???For a real understanding how things stay the same no matter how much it seems that they have changed, I HIGHLY recommend this book!

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