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## Intellectual Property Law and Jewish Law: A Comparative Perspective on Absolutism

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### Abstract

David L. Lange & H. Jefferson Powell, *No Law: Intellectual Property and the Absolute First Amendment*. Palo Alto: Stanford University Press.

One's theory of law matters. The approach one takes to how that theory should be applied influences both the permissible content of that theory and its interpretation by the judiciary. In *No Law: Intellectual Property and the Absolute First Amendment*, Duke Law School professors David Lange and H. Jefferson Powell make the case for interpreting the First Amendment's language so that the phrase "Congress shall make no law. . . abridging the freedom of the press" should, in their view, be interpreted to mean exactly that. They bolster their absolutist perspective not by resort to originalism but by reliance on "text, structure, and [elegantly presented constitutional] history."

The authors' absolutist perspective influences their views not only on what Congress can enact without running afoul of the First Amendment's language, but also on the appropriate theory of legal interpretation for determining a given law's validity. In this regard, the authors adopt an interpretative framework of Justice Black, who advocated a fixed and corresponding circumscription of the judiciary's power (247). In reality that, in lieu of Justice Black's approach, the law in the United States is more influenced by the perspective of Justice Holmes, whose ideology has shaped the course of First Amendment law since the late nineteenth century. In the authors' view, an approach that calls for balancing the First Amendment's language against individual or society's modern

mistake, one that has cost us dearly particularly in the realm of *No Law* gives the reader an opportunity to contemplate how the current balancing-oriented First Amendment theory of law authors' absolutist perspective. They rely on legal history-wor to substantiate their overall point that an absolutist approach comports with the history of the Amendment's constitutional that we are now at a "crisis point" in the application of intellec necessitates a reversal of our current interpretative mode of t history provides the justification for the return to an absolutis circumstances.

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