

# Review of: "Carl Friedrich's Path to "Totalitarianism""

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Stephen Turner's piece on Carl Friedrich's Path to Totalitarianism is excellent – it is substantively strong, lucidly written, and provides a detailed, systematic analysis of key facets of the thought of an important Cold War era political theorist, who has not been discussed much in recent theory discourse but deserves attention. Turner also provides detailed discussion of the relations of Friedrich's political theory to other leaning thinkers of his time (e.g., Kelsen, Schmitt). If Turner were to revise, he might add a brief contextual section on Friedrich's role in Cold War politics and connections with colleagues and students at Harvard. However, as I already stated, the essay is excellent as it stands. I learned from it. Besides being informative about Friedrich and his time, the piece has contemporary pertinence. Turner's analysis of Friedrich's thought and his comparative points with other thinkers are precise, insightful, and of high quality all the way through.