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"illustrates superbly the major discontinuity in AmAbout the AuthorA retired law professor who taught in the Criminal Justice Department, Central Missouri State University, Harriet C. Frazier now lives in Kansas City, Missouri.