

# **Public Anxiety, Protest and Political Violence in 21<sup>st</sup> Century America**

**Dr. Adam Garfinkle, *The American Interest* magazine**

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## **UNM Continuing Education Auditorium**

1634 University Blvd. NE (at the intersection with Indian School Rd.)

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Three discrete sources of trouble--the shocks of globalization and automation, political institutional dysfunction and plutocratic parasitism--have combined to plunge the American future into doubt. Public reactions to accumulating signs of systemic crisis have so far been mild, episodic, confused, disorganized and almost entirely non-violent. Aspects of American exceptionalism help to explain this reaction, but both social science and comparative historical scholarship suggest that some of these forms may become violent.

Dr. Adam Garfinkle received his Ph.D in International Relations from the University of Pennsylvania and is founding editor of *The American Interest*. Before founding *The American Interest* in 2005, he served in 2003-05 as principal speechwriter to the Secretary of State (S/P, Policy Planning). He has also been editor of *The National Interest* and has taught at the School for Advanced International Studies (SAIS), the Johns Hopkins University, the University of Pennsylvania, Haverford College and other institutions of higher learning. Dr. Garfinkle served as a member of the National Security Study Group (as chief writer) of the U.S. Commission on National Security/21<sup>st</sup> Century (the Hart-Rudman Commission), and as an aide to Senator Henry M. Jackson. A widely published scholar, he has received awards and grants from the U.S. Department of State, the Fulbright Fellowship Program, the American Academy in Berlin, the German Marshall Fund, the United States Institute of Peace, and the Moshe Dayan Center for the Study of Middle Eastern and African Affairs (Tel Aviv University). Dr. Garfinkle's most recent substantive book is *Jewcentricity: How the Jews Get Praised, Blamed and Used to Explain Nearly Everything* (Wiley, 2009). His *Telltale Hearts: The Origin and Impact of the Vietnam Antiwar Movement* (St. Martin's) was named a "notable book of the year" (1995) in the *New York Times Book Review*.

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