



Criminalizing Everything

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1. Define: ransacking, specter, covert, indictment, partisan, arcane, overcriminalization, repressive, entrepreneur, stigma
2. Why were Kathy and George Norris the subject of a government investigation?
3. What is the difference between civil court and criminal court?
4. Why are many seemingly minor offenses like the Norris's being treated as federal crimes?
5. Is it a good use of money and resources to investigate, prosecute, and imprison people like Mr. Norris? Is he a criminal for improperly filing paperwork?
6. What would it mean to have a "clean line between lawful and unlawful conduct"?
7. According to the author, why should the federal government be ashamed of these two cases -- and others like them? Do you agree? Explain.
8. Do you think increased criminalization is a threat to liberty? Why/why not?

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