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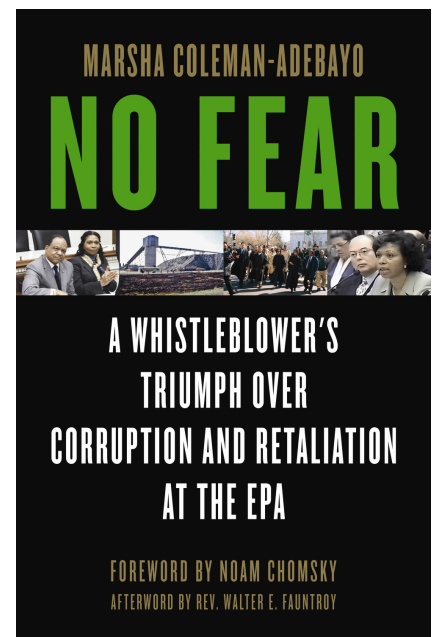
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**Fearless environmental activist Marsha Coleman-Adebayo, Ph.D
recounts her bold stand against the EPA's corrupt and racist policies
in her forthcoming memoir and exposé, *No Fear***

"Inside Marsha Coleman-Adebayo there's a streak of Rosa Parks. Certainly, her decade-long struggle to clean up the racially toxic atmosphere at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency could make history"—Jack White, TIME Magazine

CHICAGO: As Marsha Coleman-Adebayo writes in her new memoir's introduction: "We have only to look at the Wall Street bailouts, the health care 'debate,' and the fate of whistleblowers sounding the alarm on governmental malfeasance to see...[that] the government has sided with industry over the best interests and consent of the people." Coleman-Adebayo experienced federal corruption first-hand as a young, black, MIT-educated social scientist working for the EPA to assist post-apartheid South Africa. When she tried to get the government to investigate allegations that a private, multinational corporation was responsible for the deaths of hundreds of South Africans mining vanadium (a vital strategic mineral), she found that the EPA was the first line of defense for the corporation. Rather than stand down, Coleman-Adebayo set in motion the process that eventually resulted in the first civil rights and whistleblower law to be passed in the 21st century.



No Fear: A Whistleblower's Triumph Over Corruption and Retaliation at the EPA (Lawrence Hill Books, an imprint of Chicago Review Press, September 2011) by Dr. Marsha Coleman-Adebayo with a foreword by Noam Chomsky and an epilogue by Congressman Rev. Walter E. Fauntroy is Dr. Coleman-Adebayo's striking tale of bravery in the face of flagrant governmental complacency and outright racial and gender discrimination.

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At its heart, *No Fear* is a story of betrayal: a multinational mining company's betrayal of black South Africans, the EPA's betrayal of its purported goals and of Dr. Coleman-Adebayo's devoted work to end a man-made health catastrophe. This essential account follows Dr. Coleman-Adebayo from her idealistic beginnings working to protect women from environmentally related illnesses at the EPA, and later as a senior policy analyst reporting to the White House on behalf of the Gore-Mbeki Commission, dedicated to easing the transition of power in South Africa to Nelson Mandela's post-apartheid regime.

Upon discovering a private company's vanadium mining operation was endangering the lives of the South Africans whose labor supported it, Dr. Coleman-Adebayo presented her findings to the EPA, but the agency refused to investigate her claims. When the agency stonewalled, Dr. Coleman-Adebayo blew the whistle, and the allegedly liberal agency used every racist and sexist trick in their playbook in retaliation, endangering her family and sacrificing more lives in the vanadium mines of South Africa. Amazingly, Dr. Coleman-Adebayo's fight against this injustice brought about an upwelling of support from others in the federal bureaucracy fed up with its humiliating repression, resulting in federal legislation to protect future whistleblowers with the creation of the No FEAR Act, later signed into law by former President George W. Bush.

As riveting as it is inspiring, *No Fear* is essential reading for anyone concerned with governmental accountability in the face of gender, racial and environmental injustice.

Dr. Marsha Coleman-Adebayo's victory in *Coleman-Adebayo v. Carol Browner* inspired the passage of the NO FEAR Act of 2002, the first civil rights and whistleblower act of the 21st century. **Noam Chomsky** is a world-renowned linguist and social critic considered by many to be the world's foremost intellectual; he has written 120 books. **Rev. Walter E. Fauntroy** was the liaison to Congress and three presidents for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., organized the "I Have a Dream" speech on the National Mall in 1963, was a cofounder of the Congressional Black Caucus and represented the District of Columbia for twenty years.

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