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McPherson, Alan. **Yankee no!: anti-Americanism in U.S.-Latin American relations.** Harvard, 2003. 257p bibl index afp ISBN 0-674-01184-8, \$39.95

McPherson (Howard Univ.) does a superb job of debunking the myths surrounding this slippery topic. He examines the roots of anti-Americanism in Latin America and goes beyond US stereotypes, showing that Latin American anti-Americanism is genuinely popular, not just the product of a few intellectuals. He convincingly demonstrates the ambivalent nature of the phenomenon. Latin Americans admire US democratic institutions but resent US military interventions in the region and take exception to the patronizing attitude of US policy makers. The book is based on four case studies: the riots against Vice President Nixon in Caracas, Venezuela (May 1958); the US response to Cuban anti-Americanism after the overthrow of the pro-US Batista regime in January 1959; the Panamanian riots of 1964 (elite-co-opted anti-Americanism) and atomized anti-Americanism in the Dominican Republic, culminating in the 1965 US military intervention. McPherson persuasively shows that "anti-Americanism has not been a pathological prejudice but a complex cultural and political" phenomenon. The Latin American experience is a good starting point to analyze the complexities of "global anti-Americanism" briefly discussed in the epilogue. Based on dozens of interviews, archival research, and government documents, this book provides a balanced perspective on an emotionally charged, politicized issue. **Summing Up:** Highly recommended. Researchers, upper-division undergraduates, graduates, and faculty interested in US-Latin American relations.—*M. E. Carranza, Texas A&M University—Kingsville*