



HUGO LA FAYETTE BLACK

Hugo L. Black, born February 27, 1886, Harlan, Clay County, Alabama, died September 25, 1971, Bethesda, Maryland.

Lawyer, politician, and associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States (1937–71).

Black’s legacy as a Supreme Court justice derives from his support of the doctrine of total incorporation, according to which the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States makes the Bill of Rights—originally adopted to limit the power of the national government—equally restrictive on the power of the states to curtail individual freedom.