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"Architecture of Authority wraps compelling, confronting photographs by Richard Ross in a pair of rousing essays condemning coercive, generally American authoritarianism." -- Sally Dominguez --Monument: Architecture and Design

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