

“This Court has ever since [Weeks was decided in 1914] required of federal law officers a strict adherence to that command which this Court has held to be a clear, specific, and *constitutionally required*—even if judicially implied—deterrent safeguard without insistence upon which the Fourth Amendment would have been reduced to a ‘form of words.’”⁴⁴⁵ It was a necessary step in the application of the rule to the states to find that the rule was of constitutional origin rather than a result of an exercise of the Court’s supervisory power over the lower federal courts, because the latter could not constitutionally be extended to the state courts.⁴⁴⁶ In fact, in *Wolf v. Colorado*,⁴⁴⁷ in declining to extend the exclusionary rule to the states, Justice Frankfurter seemed to find the rule to be based on the Court’s supervisory powers. *Mapp* establishes that the rule is of constitutional origin, but this does not necessarily establish that it is immune to statutory revision.

Suggestions appear in a number of cases, including *Weeks*, to the effect that admission of illegally seized evidence is itself unconstitutional.⁴⁴⁸ These suggestions were often combined with a rationale emphasizing “judicial integrity” as a reason to reject the prof-

⁴⁴⁵ *Mapp v. Ohio*, 367 U.S. 643, 648 (1961) (emphasis added).

⁴⁴⁶ An example of an exclusionary rule not based on constitutional grounds may be found in *McNabb v. United States*, 318 U.S. 332 (1943), and *Mallory v. United States*, 354 U.S. 449 (1957), in which the Court enforced a requirement that arrestees be promptly presented to a magistrate by holding that incriminating admissions obtained during the period beyond a reasonable time for presentation would be inadmissible. The rule was not extended to the States, *cf. Culombe v. Connecticut*, 367 U.S. 568, 598–602 (1961), but the Court’s resort to the self-incrimination clause in reviewing confessions made such application irrelevant in most cases in any event. For an example of a transmutation of a supervisory rule into a constitutional rule, *see McCarthy v. United States*, 394 U.S. 459 (1969), and *Boykin v. Alabama*, 395 U.S. 238 (1969).

⁴⁴⁷ *Weeks* “was not derived from the explicit requirements of the Fourth Amendment The decision was a matter of judicial implication.” 338 U.S. 25, 28 (1949). Justice Black was more explicit. “I agree with what appears to be a plain implication of the Court’s opinion that the federal exclusionary rule is not a command of the Fourth Amendment but is a judicially created rule of evidence which Congress might negate.” *Id.* at 39–40. He continued to adhere to the supervisory power basis in strictly search-and-seizure cases, *Berger v. New York*, 388 U.S. 41, 76 (1967) (dissenting), except where self-incrimination values were present. *Mapp v. Ohio*, 367 U.S. 643, 661 (1961) (concurring). *See also id.* at 678 (Justice Harlan dissenting); *Elkins v. United States*, 364 U.S. 206, 216 (1960) (Justice Stewart for the Court).

⁴⁴⁸ “The tendency of those who execute the criminal laws of the country to obtain convictions by means of unlawful searches and enforced confessions . . . should find no sanction in the judgment of the courts which are charged at all times with the support of the Constitution” *Weeks v. United States*, 232 U.S. 383, 392 (1914). In *Mapp v. Ohio*, 367 U.S. 643, 655, 657 (1961), Justice Clark maintained that “the Fourth Amendment include[s] the exclusion of the evidence seized in violation of its provisions” and that it, and the Fifth Amendment with regard to confessions “assures . . . that no man is to be convicted on unconstitutional evidence.” In *Terry v. Ohio*, 392 U.S. 1, 12, 13 (1968), Chief Justice Warren wrote: “Courts which sit under our Constitution cannot and will not be made party to lawless invasions