## Terrorism and Civil Rights

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- The use of fear as a mechanism to bring about political change.
- Through violence, or the threat of violence the political process becomes perverted.

 Death and Damage is Strictly a Collateral Cost of Political Change through Terrorism.

 The Ultimate Issue is the <u>Political Change</u>, and not the Dead Bodies or Mangled Buildings.

- Historically Accepted Form of Warfare
  - The American Colonists of 1776 were terrorists in the eyes of the British for their habit of firing on soldiers while concealed behind trees and stone fences.
- The British were Terrorized by the Colonists
  - Kidnappings
  - Bombings
  - Assassinations, etc.

- The British in Turn Terrorized the Colonists
  - House Burnings
  - Church Burnings
  - Barn Burnings
  - Summary Executions
  - Torture
  - Tit-for-tat Policy

The Americans Colonists (using Terrorism)

Temporarily expelled the British Government

- Granted there was a lot of conventional Warfare at the Time
  - (involving Canons, Muskets, Pistols and Bayonets)

- The Revolutionary War was NOT the War of Independence
  - The "Revolutionary War" was really only a War of Rebellion in the Eyes of the British.

- The War of 1812, was the True War of Independence
  - The British Sought to "Humble the Colonists"

• The definition depends on what side of the equation a person or agency is positioned.

Remember: "It Depends..." This is Key!

- During the War of 1812
  - The British Used Terror Tactics
    - To Bring About Political Change
    - After U.S. State Militias Invaded Canada
      - Contrary to the Presidential Orders
      - Massachusetts Militia Actually Invaded Canada
      - Britain in Turned Bombed Massachusetts
      - Britain also Invaded Washington DC, and Burned Buildings
        - Including the White House

During and Just After the Civil War

- Terrorism was Widely Practiced by Both Sides
  - Strong Forces to Promote Political Agendas
  - Assassination of President Lincoln was the Apex of Mutual Terrorism of the Civil War

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  - Consider Sherman's March/Atlanta
  - Wholesale Terror Tactics
    - · To force the South to Submit to the North
    - Using Wide Scale Fear for Political Change

· Assassination Ignited World War I

 Bombings and Ship Sinking's Around the World Ignited World War II

- The United States utilized Terrorism Against Japan in the form of Nuclear Bombs
  - when the Japanese were already arranging a surrender.
  - Hiroshima and Nagasaki
    - · NOT Military Bases
    - · Primary Civilian Targets
    - · Remember "It Depends..."

- Four Airliners Expertly Hijacked in One Morning, and Converted to Very Large Bombs
  - Ignited the Present "Global War on Terror"
- · ...and we were truely afraid
  - We Feared Everything, From Anybody, and at All Times, Behind Every Shadow, and Tree, and Event.
  - The <u>9/11 Hijackers</u> were <u>Astoungly Successful</u>
  - Why?

- The 9/11 Attacks Succeeded Because
  - It Created Political Change Due to Fear
    - · A Uncontrollable Tsunami of Fear
    - · A Tsunami of Political Change
    - · Massive (Unlawful) Violations of Our Civil Rights
      - By Our Own Government
      - By the Politicians We Trusted, Elected, and Put Into Office

- The 9/11 Attacks Succeeded Because
  - Astounding Civil Rights Subversion
    - · Patriot Act
    - · Presidents Surveillance Program
    - · PRISM, etc.
    - Watch Lists
    - · No Fly Lists

The 9/11 Attacks Succeeded Because

- "The People" have <u>Submitted to the Fear</u>

- "The People" have Given Up Privileges

- "The People" have Given Up Rights

- "The Deeple" have Given Un Immunities

As the 9/11 Terrorists Caused Political Change

- They Win, We Lost
  - We Are STILL Afraid
    - · At Least For Now

- We Abandoned the Due Process Model
- We Adopted the Crime Control Model

As the 9/11 Terrorists Caused Political Change

- They Win, We Lost
  - 14th and 4th Amendment Initially Subverted
    - · PSP, Progeny
  - 1st and 5th Amendment Subverted
    - · PATRIOT ACT, et seq.
  - 6th and 8th Amendment Subverted

As the 9/11 Terrorists Caused <u>PROFOUND</u>
 Political Change

- President Violates War Powers Clause
  - Article I, Section 8, Clause 11 of the United States
     Constitution

 Bill of Rights <u>Made Inferior</u> to PATRIOT Act, and PSP

- The 9/11 Hijackers Were Technically <u>DOMESTIC</u> Terrorists
  - They lived here
    - · ate here
    - · went to school here, prayed here, etc.
  - A Domestic Terrorist LIVES here
    - · They DO NOT need to be a Citizen
    - · Merely to live amongst us

- · A Foreign Terrorist
  - Does Not Live Here
  - Does Not Imbed Themselves in Our Society
  - Does Not Have to Be a Citizen
  - Strikes From Outside the United States
  - May or May Not Attack Inside the United States
    - Bombing of USS Cole in Yemen
      - FOREIGN Terrorism
    - Bombing during the Boston Marathon

#### Bombing of Marine Barracks, 1983

- Foreign Terrorists
- Foreign Soil
- Very Limited Links Back to United States by the terrorists.

- Foreign Terrorism
  - United States Air Force Bombs Libyan Palaces
    - Targets Children of Libyan Leader
    - Limited Targeting of Military Bases
  - United States Air Force and Navy
    - · Farm-a-Hadda, Afghanistan, 2001
    - Date and Goat Farm
    - Not a Military Base, Primarily Civilian Casualties
      - To Instill Terror, Not a Legitimate Military Target?

## **Terrorist**

- · A Person Who <u>Uses Violence</u> to <u>Create Fear</u>
  - In Order to Bring About:
    - · Political Change
    - · or Societal Change
    - · or Religious Change
  - Any Gender, Race, Creed or Religion

## **Terrorist**

- The United States and Allies Call in:
  - Drone Strikes on Civilians in Foreign Countries
  - High Tech

- They Call in:
  - Road Side Bombs on Civilian Targets
  - Low Tech

## **Terrorist**

- The Definition is:
  - Gray
  - Vague
  - Loosely Defined

- Whatever the Government says it is!
- It Depends on Who is Defining Terrorism

## Reality of Terrorism

- One Sides "Freedom Fighter", is the Other Sides Terrorist (i.e.: Colonists in Concord)
- Military Special Operations
  - Unconventional Warfare
  - Assassinations
  - Bombings
  - Kidnappings
  - Over 4000 years of Proven History

The Only Cure is To Remove the Fear

To Remove the Fear, <u>Remove the Violence</u>

- · To Remove the Violence,
  - Use the <u>Due Process Model Only</u>
    - The Only Lawful Option
  - But, Use of the <u>Crime Control Model</u>

- · The Crime Control Model Manipulates Fear
  - "The People" Become Mindless Sheep
  - Fear Actually Becomes More Intense
  - Give Up Your Rights, to Gain Security
    - But Perhaps "a Coward Does Not Deserve Security"
  - Not a lawful option

- · The <u>Due Process Model Enhances Freedom</u>
  - "The People" Are Not Treated as Mindless Sheep
  - DOMESTIC Fear Becomes Less Intense
  - Do Not Give Up Your Rights, to Gain Security
  - Only Viable Constitutional Option

- Enforce/Obey The Due Process Model
  - The Government Trusts the People
  - The People Trust the Government (up to a point)
  - Lawful Mechanisms to Control the Government

- Reject The Crime Control Model
  - The Government DOES NOT trust the People
  - The People Certainly do not trust the Government
  - No Machanisms to Control the Government

## Domestic v. Foreign Terrorist

- Domestic Terrorist Can Have Foreign Ties or Financing, and Elaborate Logistical Support
  - i.e.: 9/11 Hijackers
  - Primary Logistics was Usama Bin Ladens Older Brother
    - · In Charlestown, Boston, MA
    - Domestic Terrorists, Domestic Funding, Domestic Training, Domestic Direction and Domestic Control
      - As a member of the Saudi Royal Family he (MBL, not UBL) was utterly immune from prosecution.
      - Evacuated by ILS Department of State under Diplomatic

· It is all Relative to Your Point of View

· It is only Effective, <u>If</u> you are fearful

Your own government has Terrorized You

Your own Government can Terrorize Others

## **Curing Terrorism**

- · Obey the Due Process Clause, Only
  - In regard to things that happen on U.S. Soil
  - In Regards to U.S. Citizens
    - · "U.S. Citizen" has a specific definition
    - · "U.S. Citizen" is not "The People"
    - Understand the Difference
  - All Government Employees Forfeit Office
    - For ANY Violation of Civil Rights
    - For ANY Violation of the Due Process Clause

- · Hold Government Agencies Responsible
  - Civil Rights Abuses
    - · 42 USC <u>1983</u>
    - · 18 USC 242
    - · 18 USC 1001
    - · 18 USC <u>14141</u>
    - Physically and Verbally Refuse to Comply with and 1st,
       2nd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 8th, or 14th Amendment Violations.
    - Also Refuse to Comply with <u>ANY Violation of the</u>
       Constitution of the United States

- Vote Wisely
  - Take an Active Part in the Political Process
  - Hold All Public Servants to the Highest Standard of Conduct
    - Distrust a Public Official as Much As you Might Distrust a Known Terrorist
    - When a Public Official Spews "FEAR" immediately distrust them.
    - · Replace any Public Official Who Steps Over the Line

Embrace the Constitution of the United States

Obey the Constitution of the United States

Protect the Constitution of the United States

<u>Defend</u> the Constitution of the United States

- Stop Being Afraid
  - Seriously...
    - · It is really as simple as that

- Embrace and Enforce Your Civil Liberties
  - Know them, embrace them, enforce them

## Crime Control v. Civil Liberties

- There no exceptions, Civil Rights always overcome Crime Control in Regards to Terrorism.
- · Deprivation of Civil Rights, increases Fear
- · An Increase in Fear, Enhances the Terrorism
- No Fear → No Terrorism Effectiveness

# Stop Being a Sheep

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Thank You for Your Time