Terrorism and Civil Rights

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Terrorism

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

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

- The Ultimate Issue is the Political Change, and not the Dead Bodies or Mangled Buildings.
Terrorism

• 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.
Terrorism

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

• 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)
Terrorism

- 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”
Terrorism

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

- Remember: “It Depends...” This is Key!
Terrorism

• 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
Terrorism

- 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
Terrorism

- During and Just After the Civil War

- Terrorism was Widely Practiced by Both Sides
  - Consider Sherman’s March/Atlanta
  - Wholesale Terror Tactics
    - To force the South to Submit to the North
    - Using Wide Scale Fear for Political Change
Terrorism

- Assassination Ignited World War I
Terrorism

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

- 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...”
Terrorism

• 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 9/11 Hijackers were Astoungly Successful
  – Why?
Terrorism

- 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
Terrorism

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

- The 9/11 Attacks Succeeded Because
  - “The People” have Submitted to the Fear
  - “The People” have Given Up Privileges
  - “The People” have Given Up Rights
  - “The People” have Given Up Immunities
Terrorism

- 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
Terrorism

- 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
Terrorism

• As the 9/11 Terrorists Caused PROFOUND Political Change

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

• Bill of Rights Made Inferior to PATRIOT Act, and PSP
Terrorism

- The 9/11 Hijackers Were Technically DOMESTIC 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
Terrorism

- 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
Terrorism

Bombing of Marine Barracks, 1983

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

- 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 **Uses Violence to Create Fear**
  - 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
Cure for Terrorism?

• The Only Cure is To **Remove the Fear**

• To Remove the Fear, **Remove the Violence**

• To Remove the Violence,
  
  − Use the **Due Process Model Only**
    
    • The Only Lawful Option
  
  − But, Use of the **Crime Control Model**
    
    • Actually Makes the Public More Fearful
Cure for Terrorism?

- 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
Cure for Terrorism?

- The Due Process Model Enhances Freedom
  - “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
Cure for Terrorism?

- **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 Mechanisms 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 U.S. Department of State under Diplomatic Protection several days after 9/11/2001
  - MBL Younger Brother (UBL) was Blamed publically
    - He had been previously (1991) stripped of his Saudi Nationality, and Position in the Royal Family, and thus NOT under Diplomatic Protections.
Terrorism

• It is all Relative to Your Point of View

• It is only Effective, If 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
To Cure Terrorism

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

• 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
To Cure Terrorism

• **Embrace** the Constitution of the United States

• **Obey** the Constitution of the United States

• **Protect** the Constitution of the United States

• **Defend** the Constitution of the United States
To Cure Terrorism

- 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 $\Rightarrow$ No Terrorism Effectiveness
Stop Being a Sheep
Terrorism and Civil Rights

Thank You for Your Time