

USA PATRIOT ACT

Legislation signed into law 2001, reauthorized in 2006

These bills allow government officials to:

- **Conduct "sneak and peek" searches** of your home or office **without notifying you.**
- **Collect information about you**, such as **medical** and **financial records** and **library choices**, **without** showing **probable cause** of a crime. A **person** who **notifies you** of a demand for your records can be **jailed** for up to **5 years**.
- **Carry out "John Doe" roving wiretaps** **without a court order** in intelligence investigations.
- **Detain non-citizens indefinitely**, merely **on suspicion**.

Additionally, the reauthorization expands the power of the **Secret Service** to **define** and **control "national security events"** whether the president is present or not.

————— LOST CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS —————

First, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Eighth and Fourteenth Amendments.

For more information

<http://action.aclu.org/reformthepatriotact/primer.html>
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USA_PATRIOT_Act

EXECUTIVE ORDER 13438

Issued July 2007

Entitled "Blocking Property of Certain Persons Who Threaten Stabilization Efforts in Iraq" this Executive Order provides the **President**, in association with the Secretary of the Treasury and Secretary of Defense the **authority to confiscate the assets of "certain persons" who oppose the US led war in Iraq, the US led economic reconstruction and political reformation in Iraq** and/or the US government sanctioned humanitarian assistance to the Iraqi people.

————— LOST CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS —————

First, Fourth and Fifth Amendments

For more information

www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2007/07/20070717-3.html
www.phillyimc.org/en/2007/07/41369.shtml

JOHN WARNER DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Legislation signed into law October 17, 2006

- **Expands Presidential power to declare martial law** and take **control** of United States **National Guard** troops **without state governor authorization.**
- **Originally required Presidential accountability via reports** to Congress **on** interrogation and **torture** techniques being employed. This provision **was lessened in** House/Senate conference **committee sessions** and **further nullified by President Bush's October 17 Presidential Signing Statement.**

————— LOST CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS —————

The entire Constitution, including the Bill of Rights is suspended under martial law. Additionally, this law subverts Posse Comitatus, a US Federal law prohibiting Federal military personnel and units of the United States National Guard from acting in a law enforcement capacity without the express authorization of the Constitution or Congress.

For more information

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Posse_Comitatus_Act

NATIONAL SECURITY AND HOMELAND SECURITY PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE (NSPD 51/HSPD 20)

A form of Executive Order issued May 2007

Allows the sitting president to declare a "national emergency" for any reason, including a terrorist attack, **without Congressional approval.** NSPD 51 would result in the **suspension of the Legislature** and the **militarization of justice and law enforcement** in America. NSPD 51 supersedes the National Emergency Act, **eliminating Congressional oversight.**

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For more information

www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2007/05/20070509-12.html
www.wnd.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=55824

MILITARY COMMISSIONS ACT

Legislation signed into law September 2006

- **Allows the suspension of Habeas Corpus** (a suspect's right to challenge his detention in court) for non-citizens, **including legal permanent residents.**
- **Allows officials to detain anyone, including US citizens**, by declaring them enemy combatants.
- **Allows the use of evidence obtained by coercion (torture).**
- **Gives the President authority to determine** what constitutes **torture.**
- **Authorizes retroactive immunity** for **US military** and **intelligence officials** as well as **higher officials who authorized or ordered illegal acts** of torture and abuse.

————— LOST CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS —————

Sixth and Fourth Amendments, Article 1 Section 9, Clause 2 (Habeas Corpus). Additionally, this law violates the Geneva Conventions.

For more information

www.aclu.org/safefree/detention/26947prs20060928.html

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE AND SURVEILLANCE ACT

1978 law expanded under the Protect America Act, August 2007

This law expands the power of the Executive branch to spy on Americans without FISA court approval:

- **Allows the Attorney General to issue program warrants** for international calls **without court review.**
- **Contains no protections for Americans** whose phone calls and emails are **caught up in the dragnet.**
- **Provides only a phony court review** of secret procedures.
- **Requires only meaningless reporting** to Congress.

————— LOST CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS —————

First and Fourth Amendments

For more information

www.ccr-ny.org/v2/education/nsaspying.asp
www.aclu.org/safefree/nsaspying/31203res20070807.html

