

# Of Drones and Terrorists

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In recent days there has been much discussion concerning a government document that outlined the use of what is known as drone aircraft to kill terrorists threatening the United States. A big controversy erupted when it became clear that United States citizens working for or even leading terrorists groups were not exempt from being killed. At least three terrorists with citizenship in the United States have been killed to date. Critics have pointed out that these Americans were summarily executed without ever being charged with a crime and were denied due-process rights granted to them by the United States Constitution. Some critics have applied the label, assassination by drone in an attempt to distort the issue.

I readily admit that I never have been nor ever will be an Obama supporter but on this issue I fully agree with the anti-terrorist policy even when that means killing so-called “innocent” Americans. I would do the same if I were President. Wakeup folks – these so-called “innocent” Americans are worse than nothing traitors plotting to kill law-abiding American women, children, and fathers. Those traitors deserve to be dead. They need to be dead. It is always a good thing to kill them. Life on this planet could be so much better if all terrorists could be killed.

A terrorist is a terrorist is a terrorist. Why should it matter that the terrorist has U.S. citizenship? Why should an enemy plotting dastardly acts against the United States be granted special privileges because he has U.S. citizenship? Why does it matter whether a drone or other means are used? That sounds like absolute stupidity to me. I want our government (even if I have disagreements with that government) to kill as soon as possible anyone who is a threat to me as a law-abiding citizen. In fact our Constitution mandates that (Article 1, Section 8). So the government is in fact following the Constitution when it uses drones or whatever means to perform its duties. War in general is against enemies and does not have to be against a nation in particular. I see the use of drones and other means as a legitimate act of war against real enemies of the American people. In old times wars were against nations. Now they are against groups. But an enemy is an enemy and if they are a threat then we have a right to eliminate them.

I agree with critics of the Patriot Act which was signed by President Bush and technically fully endorsed by a now President Obama – in contrast to his opposition prior to becoming President. Such is politics. If misapplied, the Act is a very scary thing that could destroy the freedoms so many have died for in the past. I am in favor of whatever controls are needed to prevent misapplication. But I also do not want any weakness that delays or prevents necessary actions from being taken. It is a complex problem with balance and I do not have all the answers. So discussion on such points is good. Citizens should always be wary. Blind faith in government or anything is both folly and dangerous.

I am not aware of any actual misapplication of the Patriot Act to date contrary to accusations by critics. Given human nature it can be expected that some misapplication will occur as it does with all other laws – nothing new here. I find it to be beyond imagination for a truly innocent American to be targeted. It is a complete waste of time and effort and is of no value to the

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government. Believe it or not there are Americans, traitors if you will, among us who for whatever bizarre reason want to wreck our system. They have a right to their opinion but there is no right for them to take violent action against us. I have no problem with government keeping a close eye for potential domestic threats and even taking pre-emptive action to prevent a tragedy. If that means killing a traitor without the normal due process then so be it. It is too late to prosecute after a tragedy. Let the record show that in recent years the government has prevented a number of tragedies by monitoring the actions of certain domestic terrorist sympathizers and leading them to fake bomb materials. That is government as it should be and we all should feel safer. Don't become obsessed with critical accusations. The system really is working well even though there are legitimate areas of concern.

Yes, because of mistakes there have been a few comical situations in which some elderly church group came under government surveillance. Such mistakes are going to happen – that is the nature of humans. The record also shows that such mistakes were corrected once exposed and no one was harmed. Again, that is government as it should be. For all I know the government has looked at me and deemed me to be no threat.

Concerning the Patriot Act and related acts – if the so-called wrong people were to gain power in our government it would not matter whether what they did was legal, Constitutional, or whatever. They are going to do what they are going to do period and we all will be victims with no protection from law. Such a scenario is a good reason for the population to possess private armaments.

I do not see, as some critics have charged, that killing terrorists causes more people to become terrorists. That is like saying that killing a roach causes more roaches to be born. Yes, one can never kill all the roaches and one can never kill all the terrorists. The goal in each case is to kill as many as possible to keep the population in check. A roach does not have a choice – it is just following the mission given to it by Nature. But an American does have a choice between being a good citizen or a traitor. That American understands the consequences of each choice. So Americans choosing to be terrorists should expect what ultimately will happen to them. That expectation is their due process. That is as it should be. That is good government per our Constitution.

Like a number of the critics, I am concerned about the concept of “civilian militias” under control of the President and of other changes that are occurring to our government via peaceful legislative means to wreck our way of life. The direct effect of those has not yet happened. The ultimate in terrorism is to use Democracy to end Democracy. I fear that is in the works and the terrorists we should be fighting are certain politicians who act under an ulterior authority to enslave the American people all the while duping the population into believing that they are working “for the people.” Sadly, the sheeple support this. Someday many sheeple will realize too late that they voluntarily stepped on the truck whose destination was the slaughter house.

The possibility of ulterior motives aside, my message to the Obama administration concerning the use of drones and other means to reduce the terrorist population is to keep up the good work.