

By demonstrating your opposition to any government policy, you could be labeled a terrorist & accused of a felony under the new crime of domestic terrorism.

Meet Big Brother's USA/PATRIOT ACT

*which violates Constitutional Amendments
1, 4, 5, 6, 8, 14 & more!*

The USA/PATRIOT ACT passed during the anthrax scare out of fear, is unconstitutional, illegal, and most certainly unpatriotic. For example, the Act:

- ▶ allows the government to enter and search your home and office without ever informing you
- ▶ allows the government to tap your phone and computer without probable cause
- ▶ creates the crime of "domestic terrorism" (This criminalizes acts that "appear to be intended" to "influence the policy of the government by intimidation or coercion.")
- ▶ expands the power of government to designate a group as a "foreign terrorist organization"
- ▶ and allows the indictment of anyone who provides material support or assistance to a group so designated.
- ▶ allows the government to arrest and detain immigrants indefinitely
- ▶ expands the power of the government to gather information on every individual (Medical and financial records, e-mail, wiretaps, even the titles of books you buy or take out of the library will be collected by the government, and you will not be informed about it.)
- ▶ defines the category of "enemy combatant," removing the protection of prisoners of war under the Geneva Convention.

Attention United States citizens:
*If the Attorney General of the United States [currently John Ashcroft] labels a group you have worked with or donated to "terrorist," you could have your citizenship taken away!
No kidding!*

THE DOMESTIC SECURITY ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2003

[DSEA, aka Patriot Act II, recently leaked draft legislation] gives the lie to the Justice Department's denial that any such legislation was in the works. For a detailed account of this further frightening erosion of our civil liberties, go to the American Civil Liberties Union website at aclu.org, get informed and TAKE ACTION NOW!

Briefly, the bill would—

- ▶ strip Americans of their citizenship based solely on their support for the lawful activities of organizations labeled as "terrorist" by the federal government (Section 501). Such persons would be deprived of any nationality at all, and presumably could be detained indefinitely as undocumented aliens.
- ▶ further deprive immigrants of basic due process. For example, allowing the summary deportation of immigrants accused by the Attorney General of being threats to national security (Section 503).
- ▶ sanction a massive invasion of privacy by allowing the federal government to sample and catalogue the DNA of innocent Americans with neither consent nor a court order (Sections 301-306).
- ▶ further strip from federal judges the power to supervise highly intrusive law enforcement activities, including wiretaps.
- ▶ nullify consent decrees that stop local police from spying on people absent a crime-based reason for doing so.
- ▶ permit secret arrests of non-citizens in the U.S., and of citizens and non-citizens abroad

TAKE ACTION to Stop the New Patriot Act

at the ACLU's *Keep America Safe AND Free* website:
American Civil Liberties Union [www.aclu.org]
www.aclu.org/SafeandFree/

Read more about the Patriot Acts I and II, the Homeland Security Act, Total Information Awareness and other threats to democracy then use the ACLU's "take action" sections to let Congress know what you think!

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