

America's Reign of Terror: A Nation Reaps What It Sows

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"The means of defense against foreign danger have been always the instruments of tyranny at home." — James Madison

Who [designed the malware worm that is now wreaking havoc on tens of thousands of computers internationally](#) by hackers demanding a king's ransom? The U.S. government.

Who is the [biggest black market buyer and stockpiler of cyberweapons](#) (weaponized malware that can be used to hack into computer systems, spy on citizens, and destabilize vast computer networks)? The U.S. government.

What country has [one of the deadliest arsenals of weapons of mass destruction](#)? The U.S. government.

Who is the [largest weapons manufacturer and exporter](#) in the world, such that they are literally arming the world? The U.S. government.

Which is the [only country to ever use a nuclear weapon in wartime](#)? The United States.

How did [Saddam Hussein build Iraq's massive arsenal](#) of tanks, planes, missiles, and chemical weapons during the 1980s? With help from the U.S. government.

Who gave [Osama bin Laden and al-Qaida "access to a fortune in covert funding and top-level combat weaponry"](#)? The U.S. government.

What country has a [pattern and practice of entrapment](#) that involves targeting vulnerable individuals, feeding them with the propaganda, know-how and weapons intended to turn them into terrorists, and then arresting them as part of an elaborately orchestrated counterterrorism sting? The U.S. government.

Where did [ISIS get many of their deadliest weapons](#), including assault rifles and tanks to anti-missile defenses? From the U.S. government.

Which country has a [history of secretly testing out dangerous weapons and technologies](#) on its own citizens? The U.S. government.

Are you getting the picture yet?

The U.S. government isn't *protecting* us from terrorism.



The U.S. government is *creating* the terror. It is, in fact, the source of the terror.

Just think about it for a minute: almost every tyranny being perpetrated against the citizenry—purportedly to keep us safe and the nation secure—has come about as a result of some threat manufactured in one way or another by our own government.

Cyberwarfare. Terrorism.

Bio-chemical attacks. The nuclear arms race.

Surveillance. The drug wars.

In almost every instance, the U.S. government has in its typical Machiavellian fashion sown the seeds of terror domestically and internationally in order to expand its own totalitarian powers.

We're not dealing with a government that exists to serve its people, protect their liberties and ensure their happiness. Rather, these are the diabolical machinations of a make-works program carried out on an epic scale whose only purpose is to keep the powers-that-be permanently (and profitably) employed.

Case in point: For years now, the U.S. government has been creating what one intelligence insider referred to as a [cyber-army capable of offensive attacks](#).

As part of this cyberweapons programs, government agencies such as the NSA have been stockpiling all kinds of nasty malware, viruses and hacking tools that can "[steal financial account passwords, turn an iPhone into a listening device, or, in the case of Stuxnet, sabotage a nuclear facility](#)."



And now we learn that [the NSA is responsible for](#)

[the latest threat](#) posed by the “WannaCry” or “Wanna Decryptor” malware worm which—as a result of hackers accessing the government’s arsenal—has hijacked more than 57,000 computers and crippled health care, communications infrastructure, logistics, and government entities in more than 70 countries already.

All the while the government was repeatedly warned about the dangers of using criminal tactics to wage its own cyberwars.

It was warned about the consequences of blowback should its cyberweapons get into the wrong hands.

The government chose to ignore the warnings.

This has become the shadow government’s *modus operandi* regardless of which party controls the White House: the government creates a menace—knowing full well the ramifications such a danger might pose to the public—then without ever owning up to the part it played in unleashing that particular menace on an unsuspecting populace, it demands additional powers in order to protect “we the people” from the threat.

Yet the powers-that-be don’t really want us to feel safe.

They want us cowering and afraid and willing to relinquish every last one of our freedoms in exchange for their phantom promises of security.

As a result, it’s the American people who pay the price for the government’s insatiable greed and quest for power.

We’re the ones to suffer the blowback.

As historian Chalmers Johnson explains,

[“blowback is another way of saying that a nation reaps what it sows.”](#)

Unfortunately, as I make clear in my book [Battlefield America: The War on the American People](#), “we the people” are the ones who keep reaping what the government sows.

We’re the ones who suffer every time, directly and indirectly, from the blowback.

We’re made to pay trillions of dollars in blood money to a military industrial complex that kills without conscience. We’ve been saddled with a crumbling infrastructure, impoverished cities and a faltering economy while our tax dollars are squandered on lavish military installations and used to prop up foreign economies. We’ve been stripped of our freedoms. We’re treated like suspects and enemy combatants.

We’re spied on by government agents: our communications read, our movements tracked, our faces mapped, our biometrics entered into a government database. We’re terrorized by militarized police who roam our communities and SWAT teams that break into our homes. We’re subjected to invasive patdowns in airports, roadside strip searches and cavity probes, forced blood draws.

This is how tyranny rises and freedom falls.

America will never be safe or secure as long as our government continues to pillage and plunder and bomb and bulldoze and kill and create instability and fund insurgencies and stockpile weapons of mass destruction and police the globe.

So what can we do to stop the blowback, liberate the country from the iron-clad grip of the military industrial complex, and get back to a point where freedom actually means something?

- For starters, get your priorities in order.
- Stop playing politics with your principles.
- Value all human life as worthy of protection.
- Recognize that in the eyes of the government, we're all expendable.
- Demand that the government stop creating, stockpiling and deploying weapons of mass destruction: nuclear, chemical, biological, cyber, etc.
- Finally, stop supporting the war machine.

Until these missteps are corrected, we should probably do as Chalmers Johnson suggests and [stop talking about "democracy"](#) and "human rights."

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