

Call It What It Is: America Is a Police State

By Brandon Turbeville Global Research, March 03, 2016 Activist Post 2 March 2016 Region: <u>USA</u> Theme: <u>Police State & Civil Rights</u>

Over the years in my own articles, I have used the terms "creeping fascism," "growing police state," and "descent into totalitarianism" among others to describe the domestic situation in which we find ourselves. I have often written that, if Americans do not stand up to the myriad of laws being passed by federal, state, and local governments we will soon wake up to find ourselves in an Orwellian police state nightmare.

Now, however, I cringe whenever I read those words in contemporary articles. This is because such warnings are so far past their time they are utterly useless. In fact, they may do more to hurt any potential for change in American society than they do to promote it.

These warnings work on the supposition that the U.S. is not a police state yet but, if things do not change, it will become one in the future. Thus, the readers are left with the impression that, while their freedoms are being taken away, the police state is somewhere down the road – in the future – and they have plenty of time to entertain themselves until it comes knocking on their door with a uniform and a bright flashing neon sign that says "ATTENTION!!! POLICE STATE!!!"

But the police state is not coming – it is here.

The United States is a police state.

Americans may not be able to admit it to themselves but the military soldiers parading on the streets as police officers, police-operated tanks, and horrifying number of imprisoned citizens have spoken for them. The number of Americans brutalized physically and mentally by those who are sworn to "serve and protect" are speaking clearly enough.

The relatively recent concept of "pain compliance," "rough interrogation," and "rough rides" coupled with the long held tradition but fast increasing commonality of direct beatings, shootings, murders, and "on-site executions" by police in America have had the final say. Since 2003, police have killed more American citizens than were killed by "insurgents" in Iraq, a country whom the US invaded illegally and subsequently imposed a reign of terror upon.

The United States is now a country where millions of people are locked away in inhuman conditions of confinement, the overwhelming majority of them for crimes in which there was no victim.

From the federal, state, and local levels, behavior previously considered normal and innocuous is now mandated and regulated by a tangled web of government agencies. Of course, any disagreement or defiance of those mandates will result in a clash from the militarized police forces mentioned above and an eventual confinement to a cage where the offender is treated like an animal at best.

In the United States of 2016, children are regularly removed from parents by the State simply because of the parents' economic status, political beliefs, or methods of upbringing. Surely no country that imprisons as many people as America, "enforces" oppressive law with military-style troops, and snatches children away from loving homes simply because those homes are not the ideal model of what the state desires can be called a free country.

With the recent increase of PC fascism enveloping the nation, even free speech and expression, no matter how ineffectual, is becoming regularly silenced by the long arm of the law.

Children are being routinely arrested for acting out in elementary school while citizens learn that their first "duty" in America is to "obey" police authority lest they be subject to brutal takedowns, torture, and possibly death.

This is the America many warned about years ago when they protested the militarization of police but were met with responses citing "officer safety" and "growing crime rates." It is the America they warned about when they opposed the drug war but were met with programmed responses of a "drug-addicted youth" and "drug-related crimes." It is the America many could see coming a mile away when the State-sponsored threat of terrorism was used to justify any and all means of "keeping us safe" and providing "security" to the frightened citizens of the world empire.

Those warnings were ignored and now we have the result.

It is now time to call the United States what it is – a police state.

Brandon Turbeville – article archive here – is the author of seven books, <u>Codex Alimentarius</u> — The End of Health Freedom, <u>7 Real Conspiracies</u>, <u>Five Sense Solutions</u> and <u>Dispatches</u> <u>From a Dissident</u>, <u>volume 1</u> and <u>volume 2</u>, <u>The Road to Damascus</u>: <u>The Anglo-American</u> <u>Assault on Syria</u>, and <u>The Difference it Makes</u>: <u>36 Reasons Why Hillary Clinton Should Never</u> <u>Be President</u>. Turbeville has published over 650 articles dealing on a wide variety of subjects including health, economics, government corruption, and civil liberties. Brandon Turbeville's radio show Truth on The Tracks can be found every Monday night 9 pm EST at <u>UCYTV</u>. His website is <u>BrandonTurbeville.com</u> He is available for radio and TV interviews. Please contact activistpost (at) <u>gmail.com</u>.

The original source of this article is <u>Activist Post</u> Copyright © <u>Brandon Turbeville</u>, <u>Activist Post</u>, 2016

Comment on Global Research Articles on our Facebook page

Become a Member of Global Research

Articles by: Brandon Turbeville **Disclaimer:** The contents of this article are of sole responsibility of the author(s). The Centre for Research on Globalization will not be responsible for any inaccurate or incorrect statement in this article. The Centre of Research on Globalization grants permission to cross-post Global Research articles on community internet sites as long the source and copyright are acknowledged together with a hyperlink to the original Global Research article. For publication of Global Research articles in print or other forms including commercial internet sites, contact: publications@globalresearch.ca

www.globalresearch.ca contains copyrighted material the use of which has not always been specifically authorized by the copyright owner. We are making such material available to our readers under the provisions of "fair use" in an effort to advance a better understanding of political, economic and social issues. The material on this site is distributed without profit to those who have expressed a prior interest in receiving it for research and educational purposes. If you wish to use copyrighted material for purposes other than "fair use" you must request permission from the copyright owner.

For media inquiries: publications@globalresearch.ca