

Government Uses Anti-Terror Laws to Crush Dissent and Help the Too Big to Fail Businesses

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When the Powers-That-Be Can Label All Americans Terrorists, They Can Arbitrarily Harass Anyone They Dislike

For years, the government has been using anti-terror laws to [crush dissent](#) and to [help the too big to fail businesses compete against smaller businesses](#) (and see [this](#)).

This trend is getting worse by the day.

On January 31, 2012, the Department of Homeland Security's Behavioral Science Division pointed to the following as indicators of [potential terrorism](#) (please note – as you review the list – that some indicators are conservative, some are liberal and some are bipartisan):

- “Reverent of individual liberty”
- “Anti-nuclear”
- “Believe in conspiracy theories”
- “A belief that one’s personal and/or national “way of life” is under attack”
- “Impose strict religious tenets or laws on society (fundamentalists)”
- “Insert religion into the political sphere”
- “Those who seek to politicize religion”
- “Supported political movements for autonomy”
- “Anti-abortion”
- “Anti-Catholic”
- “Anti-global”
- “Suspicious of centralized federal authority”

- “Fiercely nationalistic (as opposed to universal and international in orientation)”
- “A belief in the need to be prepared for an attack either by participating in ... survivalism”

Given that most Americans fall into one or more of these categories, the powers-that-be can brand virtually anyone they dislike as being a terrorist.

Indeed, judges and prosecutors discuss conspiracies every day, and [federal and all 50 state’s codes include specific statutes addressing conspiracy](#), and specifying punishment for people who commit conspiracies. (But surely judges, prosecutors and legislators are not terrorists.)

And Public Intelligence [notes](#):

A flyer from a series created by the FBI and Department of Justice to promote suspicious activity reporting states that espousing conspiracy theories or anti-US rhetoric should be considered a potential indicator of terrorist activity. The document, part of a collection published yesterday by Public Intelligence, indicates that individuals who discuss “conspiracy theories about Westerners” or display “fury at the West for reasons ranging from personal problems to global policies of the U.S.” are to be considered as potentially engaging in terrorist activity. For an example of the kinds of conspiracy theories that are to be considered suspicious, the flyer specifically lists the belief that the “CIA arranged for 9/11 to legitimize the invasion of foreign lands.”

I have verified the authenticity of the flyer: here it is posted on the [Columbus Police Department’s website](#). (Take screenshots; it might soon be moved from the public section of the website.)

A number of PhD economists say that [idiotic government policies](#) and [ruthless behavior by the big banks](#) have led to [Depression-level unemployment](#). Many patriotic Americans believe the same thing. Does that make them terrorists?

Many high-level military and intelligence officials say that the never-ending wars in the Middle East and North Africa are [reducing our national security](#) and causing unnecessary misery (and see [this](#)). Many patriotic Americans believe the same thing. Does that make them terrorists?

Many 9/11 Commissioners, congressmen and high-level military and intelligence leaders believe that [there was a cover up regarding 9/11 and that the full story has never been told](#). Many patriotic Americans believe the same thing. Does that make them terrorists?

The list of [activities or attitudes which may get an American citizen labeled as a terrorist](#) grows longer by the day. Indeed, the “terrorist” label in modern America is no different from the label during the Stalinist era of “traitor to the Communist party”. It can be used by those in the halls of power to arbitrarily punish any of the commoners

Even if some of these characteristics don’t get one labeled as a terrorist, they may very well get one labeled as crazy. Specifically, government apologists are eager to [label](#) anyone “taking a cynical stance toward politics, mistrusting authority, endorsing democratic

practices, ... and displaying an inquisitive, imaginative outlook" as worthy of a Stalinist trip to the insane asylum.

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