

## The Terrorist Watch List reaches 1,000,665 Names and is still Growing!

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Are you an activist, an author, a journalist, a patriot, or maybe a scholar who speaks out his or her mind in the defense of democracy? If you are, then, the chance of having your boarding pass stamped with the ominous symbol of “SSSS” on your next flight from the United States is very high.

SSSS stands for “selectee for enhanced security screening.” That means that Home Land Security and TSA have labeled you as a US citizen-security risk, and used your tax money to transform themselves into your dictators.

According to a tally maintained by the ACLU, the nation’s terrorist watch list has hit one million names and is still growing by the minute. That is based upon the government’s own reported numbers for the size of the list. Members of congress, nuns, war heroes, reverends, former assistant attorney general, ACLU administrator, people with difficult names and all American names like Robert Johnson and Gary Smith, have become caught in the vast tentacle of this list. [1].

Once you are on it, a rigorous procedure short of a divine intervention would become necessary to have you taken off this list. Many are wary of raising this issue in fear of

additional fascist strategies like harassment, retaliation, and intimidation would be used against them.

The ACLU also announced on July 14th, 2008 the creation of an online form where victims of the watch list can tell them their stories. The link to the form is [www.aclu.org/watchlist](http://www.aclu.org/watchlist) or directly at [www.aclu.org/watchlistform](http://www.aclu.org/watchlistform). [1].

It appears that the watch list is designed to ensnare innocent citizens, intimidate and silence the voice of dissent, crush activism, and pave the way for a robotized, frightened, fascist, and military society.

The key questions to ask are the following: How could this happen in our great republic? Why would a democracy prepare itself for martial law if it is a true democracy?

Have sadism, and bullying replaced civility and constitutional rights?

Has fear transformed our free society into a nation of prisoners who are helpless, dependent, and frightened?

Has the alleged war on terror become a domestic war on US citizens that is tailored to control, subdue, and microchip everyone?

Have the citizens of the United States fallen asleep at the wheel?

Or have they simply become so brainwashed and consumed with fear, apathy, self-alienation, and desperation that they have given up their hopes and dreams, and abandoned the greatest gift of liberty that the framers of this nation have given to them?

Finally, I would like to add that it is always difficult to believe the stories that are told by others, until they happen to you. By then, it is too late! Don't be fooled with party rhetoric, or false political promises, because both parties have equally collaborated and conspired to create the neo- America . Our leaders are supposed to be public servants who answer to the people, but in actuality these leaders are pre-chosen slaves who answer only to their global corporate masters.

Therefore, I would like to urge citizens to learn and to practice their civic duty as well to learn their constitutional rights, awaken from their deep trance of political illusions and propaganda, and hold accountable the charlatans they elected into office who are the true highjackers of our democracy, in order to save this great land!

## **Reference:**

1. <http://www.aclu.org/watchlist>

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