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- Prosecute you if you contributed or provided other support to an organization on the State Department list of foreign terrorist organizations.²
- Prevent you from ever telling family or friends that you received an FBI order to furnish private information on others.³

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- FBI may monitor religious and political institutions without suspecting criminal activity to assist terror investigation.⁴
- Government may use the new crime of “domestic terrorism” against activists whose protests “appear to be intended ... To influence the policy of a government by intimidation or coercion.”⁵
- Your private records may be stored indefinitely in giant government data warehouses accessible to thousands of people even if you have been cleared of wrongdoing.⁶

The **Fourth Amendment** guarantees **FREEDOM FROM UNREASONABLE SEARCH**, but now:

- FBI may secretly demand your private records from third parties and may search and seize your papers and effects without probable cause to assist terror investigation.⁷
- The executive branch may monitor your phone calls, email messages, or Internet traffic without a court order if it believes you are communicating with someone outside the U.S.⁸

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- Government’s secret “no fly list” may curb your ability to travel via air without offering you a reason or a procedure for clearing your name.⁹
- You may be detained indefinitely as an “enemy combatant” on the president’s say-so.¹⁰

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The **Freedom of Information Act** ensures the **RIGHT TO ACCESS PUBLIC RECORDS**, but now:

- Government has closed once-public immigration hearings.¹²
- Government has secretly detained hundreds of people without charges.¹³
- Government has encouraged bureaucrats to resist public records requests.¹⁴

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1 USA PATRIOT Act section 215
2 1994 and 1996 Anti-Terrorism laws amended by USA PATRIOT Act section 805
3 Gag order accompanying national security letters
4 Attorney General’s Investigative Guidelines, May 2002
5 USA PATRIOT Act section 802
6 Various government data-mining programs and databases
7 USA PATRIOT Act sections 203, 206, 215 and 218 expanding use of secret Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court and section 505 expanding the FBI’s ability to issue secret National Security Letters
8 FISA Modernization Act of 2008

9 Transportation Security Administration’s “no fly list”
10 Military Commissions Act of 2006
11 Dept. of Justice issued Bureau of Prisons interim regulation 66 FR 211, at 55062, Oct. 31, 2001
12 Creppy memo to “All Immigration Judges; Court Administrators, Sept. 21, 2001
13 Dept. of Justice Interim regulation 66 FR 183 at 48334, Sept. 20, 2001; President Bush’s order designating “enemy combatants.”
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