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“Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, the alien or the poor. Let none of you plan evil in his heart against his brother.” (Zechariah 7:10)

“Once again the aggressive tactics of airport screeners has violated the civil liberties of an innocent American citizen. While I support screening for terrorizing, I do so with a sane and effective policy, with which the Obama Administration is completely unfamiliar.” –Dave



The latest violation of our civil liberties by the Obama

Administration happened to the husband of conservative talker Dana Loesch.

You can read the sordid details at Dana's [blog](#), but suffice it to say it is long past time for WE the People to rise up against this oppression.

The Transportation Security Administration's (TSA), aka Terrorizing Stalwart Americans, policy of searching passengers is, as Dana writes, based off of looking “for items rather than behavior can be easily exploited.”

Why is the TSA adhering to such an inept and insane policy? Political correctness.

God forbid we should offend an occasional person of Arab descent.

No, instead let's offend little girls, old ladies, war heroes, and your everyday American citizen all in the name of not profiling.

If the TSA, Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Department of InJustice, and the executive branch of the United State government are actually interested safeguarding US air commerce, then they need to emulate Israel.

With all the terror Israel experiences in its tiny country, rare is the occasion that terror is wreaked on its airline industry. Why? Because Israel has a security policy of focusing on behavior and not items.

We cannot willfully give up our everyday liberties, specifically our 4th Amendment rights against illegal search and seizure, just because we might be attacked. We should especially oppose this because it is driven by political correctness.

FROM THE FOUNDERS



A person's right to be protected from the abusive and intrusive physical searches conducted by TSA screeners would no doubt be fodder for the Founders' highest disdain. Americans today are silent compared to the outcry that would be heard were this happening during the Revolutionary period.

"The child independence was then and there born, every man of an immense crowded audience appeared to me to go away as I did, ready to take arms against writs of assistance." John Adams, age 25 in response to James Otis' famous [speech](#) against King George III and Parliament's use of "writs of assistance."

I do not want to keep the TSA or any law enforcement agency from its mission to protect and defend US citizens. Quite the contrary. I want to enhance's TSA's ability to keep air travelers safe. Random and unnecessary pat downs such as was done to Mr. Loesch do not add to flight safety. They do however violate an individual's [4th Amendment](#) right "to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures.

British soldiers randomly searched colonists and their property. Our Founders, primarily the anti-Federalists, [insisted](#) on a Bill of Rights because of the Constitution's "vagueness and lack of specific protection against tyranny."

Even with the concerns of the Founders, it is doubtful they could have imagined the level of government intrusion on everyday individual liberty. We were told by John Quincy Adams that our liberty was bought at a high price and that we should make good use of it:

Posterity: you will never know how much it has cost my generation to preserve your freedom. I hope you will make good use of it.

Subjecting ourselves to such outlandish searches in our nation's airports is not making good use of our freedom.

FROM THE PULPIT

“Searches that lack an objective basis for suspecting the persons searched to be dangerous may be thorough and efficient. Such searches may cause public officials and travelers to feel ‘safe.’ However, the searches are not based on reasons to suspect that a traveler is dangerous. Governmental efficiency and irrational fear of strangers do not constitute legally valid reasons to treat people as criminals or enemies. The airport screening issue involves the fundamental moral concern of whether we’ll treat people we don’t know as neighbors or enemies. Is the woman ahead of me my neighbor or my potential murderer? What reason do I have to suspect her as a murderer? Religious leaders and congregations haven’t addressed the moral implications surrounding airport screening. Terrorist attacks and threats don’t trump justice for strangers. 9-11 didn’t change the final exam.” Pastor Wendell L. Griffen, New Millennium Church, Little Rock, AR.

Ask most Americans and they will say they are thankful the TSA is screening airline passengers. Ask those same Americans if they have ever been patted down intrusively such as Mr. Loesch, and the vast majority would say no.

Pastor Griffen brings up an important point. Do we as a nation founded under God begin suspecting our unknown neighbors as possible murderers? Are we willing to live by the Golden Rule and be judged by the same measure we are judging others?

Again, most of this is driven by political correctness. As Pastor Griffen [wrote](#):

When a government requires people to be searched without any objective indication that they pose a danger to others, one usually associates that activity with a "police state." If freedom and personal dignity mean anything, people have the right to be left alone by others (including the government) unless there is a specific reason to interfere with that right.

The question is: will WE the People demand “a specific reason to interfere with” our 4th Amendment rights?

TO THE STREETS

WE the People must call on our government to stop these senseless airport screenings. While we at The Truth Watch want to be protected from terrorism when we fly, we want actual security measures that work. Here are some ways we can demand changes to the current TSA policy:

1. Insist that TSA begin using similar [measures](#) as those used at Israeli airports.
2. Insist that Congress do more than have showboat hearings with the TSA chief. We want real reform to TSA security policies.
3. Insist that the intrusive physical pat downs end immediately. There is no excuse for violating a person's privacy to the point of sexual assault.
4. Insist that legislation be passed that allows airports to [switch](#) to private security companies without requiring TSA's prior approval.

This violation of our personal liberty has been going on for far too long. If WE the People do not demand that it stop, then episodes such as Mr. Loesch's and the myriad others will just continue. Sure, there will be the momentary bad publicity and public outrage, but has that stopped the searches?

It's time to end this tyranny.

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