

New York is a great city because it has always welcomed people from all nations to live free and realize their human potential. The Manhattan Libertarian Party is working to defend that heritage

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## THE DRUG WAR AND TERRORISM

If you watched the Super Bowl, you probably saw the \$3 million in ads accusing Americans of supporting terrorists if they've used illegal drugs. This taxpayer-funded propaganda has since been expanded to the print media.

One ad shows a young woman's face, and says: "Last week, I washed my car, hung out with a few friends, and helped murder a family in Colombia." Then it says: "Drug money helps support terror. Buy drugs and you could be supporting it too."

What the ad *doesn't* say is that the **War on Drugs** *causes* the very problem these ads complain about. It turns ordinary, cheap plants like marijuana and poppies into expensive black market products that enrich terrorists.

As long as the government creates an artificial black market through its insane War on Drugs, violent criminals at home and abroad will exploit it. Ironically, the War on Drugs was the favorite excuse of the politicians to restrict our civil liberties until the War on Terrorism came along.

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## CHOOSE LIBERTY

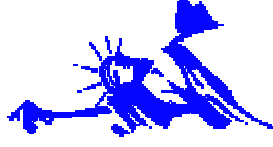
Benjamin Franklin said, "They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety." What was true in 1755 is true in 2002. As badly as we want to protect ourselves, our families and our friends after the terrible events of September 11<sup>th</sup>, we cannot allow ourselves to be forced to

choose between safety and liberty. It is a false dichotomy.

Standing up to the political establishment when they ask us to surrender our hard-won freedom is never unpatriotic. It is the most courageous, patriotic—and uniquely American—act to which we can aspire.

**The Manhattan Libertarian Party** stands up to the political establishment every day. We're running candidates, participating in forums, organizing protests and making our voices heard, even when what we have to say is unpopular.

We invite you to join us.



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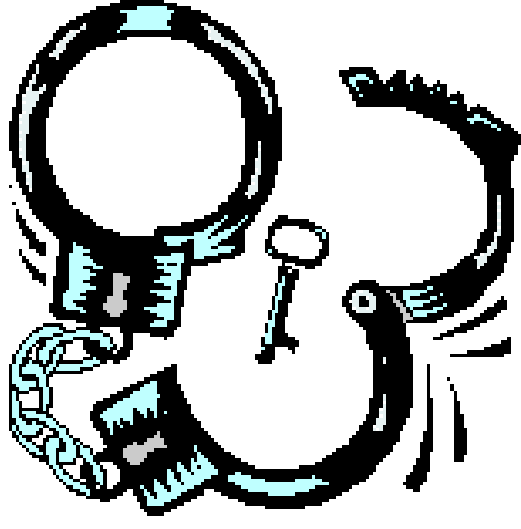
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ASKS:

*Is this a War on Terrorism, or*

*A War ON  
Civil Liberties?*



# WHO IS THE REAL ENEMY, ANYWAY?

On September 11th, 2001, America suffered a devastating loss of life due to senseless acts of terrorism. Understandably, all of us want to take steps to ensure that such terrible events never recur.

But as we take those steps, we must be wary of another, more insidious threat from within our own ranks. Our political leaders have callously called for—and in some cases won—far-reaching restrictions on our civil liberties. From immigrants outrageously detained indefinitely with no charges pressed against them to new electronic surveillance authority for the FBI to trial balloons for a national ID card, America is a different, less free place than it was prior to September 11th.

Testifying on behalf of the cynically titled PATRIOT Act, Attorney General John Ashcroft told Congress, “To those who scare peace-loving people with phantoms of lost liberty, my message is this: your tactics only aid terrorists.” Ashcroft accused critics of President Bush’s plan to create military tribunals of providing “ammunition to America’s enemies.”

**The Manhattan Libertarian Party** believes it is Ashcroft’s bullying tactics that aid terrorists, by destroying what was good and noble about our once-free country. Military tribunals give ammunition to America’s enemies, by providing a rationale for their

hatred. Such tactics are unethical and counterproductive.

## WHERE ARE YOUR PAPERS?!

In one of his last acts before leaving office, former New York State Senator (and current member of the Bloomberg administration) Roy Goodman chaired a “blue-ribbon commission on terrorism” that recommended a **National ID Card**. Actually, this isn’t a new idea; it’s been a favorite of power-grabbing, freedom-hating politicians for decades. Certainly, Senator Goodman is old enough to remember the sinister SS officer in every World War II movie who demanded, “*Papers! Where are your papers?!*” If you didn’t have your papers, you didn’t travel.

But what was the epitome of jack-booted thuggery a generation ago is considered a reasonable security measure by many politicians today. Moreover, the modern version would include ominous features that Nazi villains could only have dreamed about. Current proposals call for biometric identifiers such as digital fingerprints, retinal scans, criminal, financial and medical records, and other personal information, all carried on a “smart” chip.

Recognizing that some elected officials might shy away from such an intrusive plot, government bureaucrats have devised a way to bypass the democratic process. Their plan calls for the individual states to standardize drivers’ licenses and share computerized information, thus creating a de facto National ID. This scheme could be enacted by the executive branches of the states through their administrative agencies without legislative approval.

**The Manhattan Libertarian Party** demands that New York stay out of any standardized licensing scheme. Drivers’ licenses were created under the promise that they would be used to prove one’s competence to operate a motor vehicle. Any expansion of that mission constitutes a breach of trust and a violation of our privacy rights.

## IMMIGRANTS IN CHAINS

Following the September 11th attacks, the Immigration and Naturalization Service **rounded up and detained more than 700 immigrants**, most of whom were peaceful, hard-working members of our communities. Over 325 remain behind bars as of mid-February 2002, with no end to their detainment in sight. Shockingly, the Justice Department has blocked the departure of 87 immigrants who have been ordered deported or agreed to leave the country, despite the fact that their immigration cases have been resolved and no other charges have been brought against them. The Justice Department has refused to allow these detainees to meet with legal counsel.

**The Manhattan Libertarian Party** finds this behavior by our public servants to be an outrage. When government thugs are allowed to detain people indefinitely, without charges and without legal representation, it is a clear and flagrant violation of their 4th, 5th and 6th Amendment rights of due process and protection against unreasonable search and seizure. Some politicians argue that immigrants have no Constitutional rights because they are not U.S. citizens. These pols are either lying or ignorant of the meaning of the Bill of Rights. All human beings are born with “certain inalienable rights”; the first 10 Amendments to the Constitution are merely a prohibition on government from infringing on

those rights. When government officials violate the Bill of Rights, they violate their oath of office to defend the Constitution. They betray their country in a time of war.