



## The Democratic Party: Defending America and Her Freedoms

**John Kerry** Joins Republicans and Democrats alike in seeking to strengthen the USA Patriot act: by preserving the 95% of it that works and fixing the 5% of it that does not. While the Bush/Cheney White House seeks to squash debate and refuses to see room for improvement in any of their policies, Kerry and the Democratic Party continue to be a voice of reason and a voice for the voiceless whose precious civil liberties may be eroded by the USA PATRIOT ACT:  
Bush's UN-PATRIOTIC ACT!

### The Bush Administration Crushes Our Civil Liberties.

Did you know that the PATRIOT ACT allows:

- ❖ Traditional political dissent to be classified as 'Terrorism'?
- ❖ The FBI to access your medical records, your library records, and your student records...and prevents anyone from telling you it was done?
- ❖ The FBI to obtain those records and conduct searches and other forms of surveillance without requiring probable cause or even a warrant?

Did you know that the Bush Administration has used the PATRIOT ACT to:

- ❖ Investigate individuals, initiate wiretaps, and seize assets related to non-terrorism-related Investigations?
- ❖ Identify non-citizens and citizens alike as 'Enemy Combatants' -- allowing secret arrests and indefinite incarceration?
- ❖ Monitor church meetings and political rallies?

Did you know that the Bush Administration wants to enact PATRIOT ACT II to:

- ❖ Do away with limits on local police spying on religious and political activities?
- ❖ Strip lawful immigrants of the right to a fair deportation hearing or federal courts review of immigration rulings?
- ❖ Expand the overbroad definition of terrorism so that individuals engaged in civil disobedience could lose their citizenship?

"You're either with us, or you're with the terrorists!"  
-President George W. Bush

**Is This the America You Grew Up with?**  
**Let America BE America Again!**

## The PATRIOT ACT in Action:

- In the immediate aftermath of 9/11, the Government detained over 1,100 internationals, most for minor immigration offenses or petty crimes. The Government has refused to disclose their names or their alleged offenses. Only three have been charged with terrorism-related indictments.
- Jose Padilla and Yasser Hamdi, American citizens, have been arrested and handed over to military custody where they have been held without any access to a lawyer or contact with the outside world for nearly two years. Guilty or innocent, these are American citizens.
- Think It Can't Happen To You? On May 30, members of the performance art collective, Critical Art Ensemble (CAE), were subpoenaed by the FBI. CAE is under investigation for their use of basic lab equipment to produce art projects that question the relationship between commerce, politics, and biotechnology. One member of the CAE has already been indicted.
- Think It Can't Happen To You? A Fresno Peace organization was infiltrated and investigated by local law enforcement for their political activities.

## Kerry Stands For Defending Our Nation AND Our Freedoms

- John Kerry stands by his vote for the Patriot Act. In fact, he authored most of the money laundering provisions in the law. He wants to strengthen aspects of it, such as improving intelligence information sharing.
- The problem with the Patriot Act is not the law, but abuse of the law. Police powers have been used in secret and for political purposes - to monitor church meetings and political rallies without any cause or oversight.

### John Kerry on Defending Our Nation

- Keep PATRIOT ACT provisions that actually HELP the War on Terrorism
- End money-Laundering for terrorist organizations; cut off their funds
- Improve intelligence information sharing

### John Kerry on Defending Our Freedoms

- Stop holding detainees without cause indefinitely
- Stop unreasonable searches and unwarranted spying on Americans
- Maintain the right To consult a lawyer
- Stop secret monitoring Of Attorney-Client conversations.

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**John Kerry and The Democrats:**  
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