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The Steady Slide Towards Tyranny: How Freedom Dies From A to Z

The American governmental scheme is sliding ever closer towards a pervasive authoritarianism.

The American people, the permanent underclass in America, have allowed themselves to be so distracted and divided that they have failed to notice the building blocks of tyranny being laid down right under their noses by the architects of the Deep State.

This steady slide towards tyranny, meted out by militarized local and federal police and legalistic bureaucrats, has been carried forward by each successive president over the past fifty years regardless of their political affiliation.

Biden, Trump, Obama, Bush, Clinton: they have all been complicit in carrying out the Deep State's agenda.

Frankly, it really doesn't matter who occupies the White House, because it is a profit-driven, unelected bureaucracy—call it whatever you will: the Deep State, the Controllers, the masterminds, the shadow government, the corporate elite, the police state, the surveillance state, the military industrial complex—that is actually calling the shots.

In the interest of liberty and truth, here's an A-to-Z primer that spells out the grim realities of life in the American Police State that no one seems to be talking about anymore.

A is for the AMERICAN POLICE STATE. A police state "is characterized by bureaucracy, secrecy, perpetual wars, a nation of suspects, militarization, surveillance, widespread police presence, and a citizenry with little recourse against police actions."

B is for our battered BILL OF RIGHTS.

C is for CIVIL ASSET FORFEITURE.

D is for DRONES. Nearly 1500 police departments across the U.S. include drones as part of their technological arsenal, and that number is growing.

E is for EMERGENCY STATE. From 9/11 to COVID-19 and beyond, we have been subjected to an "emergency state" that justifies all manner of government tyranny and power grabs in the so-called name of national security.

F is for FASCISM. A study conducted by Princeton and Northwestern University concluded that the [U.S. government does not represent the majority of American citizens](#). Instead, the study found that the government is ruled by the rich and powerful, or the so-called "economic elite."



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G is for GLOBAL POLICE.

H is for HOLLOW-POINT BULLETS. The government's efforts to militarize and weaponize its agencies and employees is reaching epic proportions, with federal agencies stockpiling millions of lethal hollow-point bullets.

I is for the INTERNET OF THINGS. This "connected" industry propels us closer to a future where police agencies can apprehend virtually anyone if the government "thinks" they may commit a crime.

J is for JAILING FOR PROFIT.

K is for KENTUCKY V. KING. In an 8-1 ruling, the Supreme Court [ruled that police officers can break into homes, without a warrant, even if it's the wrong home](#) as long as they think they may have a reason to do so, leaving Americans with little real protection in the face of all manner of abuses by law enforcement officials.

L is for LICENSE PLATE READERS, which enable law enforcement and private agencies to track the whereabouts of vehicles, and their occupants, all across the country.

M is for MAIN CORE. Since the 1980s, the U.S. government has acquired and maintained, without warrant or court order, a database of names and information on Americans considered to be threats to the nation who can be rounded up in times of martial law.

N is for NO-KNOCK RAIDS. Owing to the militarization of the nation's police forces, more than [80,000 of these paramilitary raids are carried out every year](#).

O is for OVERCRIMINALIZATION. Thanks to an overabundance of 4500-plus federal crimes and 400,000 plus rules and regulations, it's estimated that the average American actually commits three felonies a day without knowing it.

P is for PATHOCRACY. What we are experiencing is a [pathocracy](#): tyranny at the hands of a psychopathic government, which "operates against the interests of its own people except for favoring certain groups."

Q is for QUALIFIED IMMUNITY.

R is for ROADSIDE STRIP SEARCHES. The courts have increasingly erred on the side of giving government officials—especially the police—vast discretion in carrying out strip searches, blood draws and even anal and vaginal probes for a broad range of violations, no matter how minor the offense.

S is for the SURVEILLANCE STATE.

T is for TASERS.

U is for UNARMED CITIZENS SHOT BY POLICE.

V is for OPERATION VIGILANT EAGLE. One of several government initiatives that call for heightened scrutiny of those who challenge the government's authority, this particular program calls for surveillance of military veterans, characterizing them as extremists and potential domestic terrorist threats because they may be ["disgruntled, disillusioned"](#) or suffering from the psychological effects of war."

W is for WHOLE-BODY SCANNERS. Using either x-ray radiation or radio waves, scanning devices and government mobile units are being used not only to "see" through your clothes but to spy on you within the privacy of your home.



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X is for X-KEYSCORE, one of the many spying programs carried out by the National Security Agency that targets every person in the United States who uses a computer or phone.

Y is for YOU-NESS. Using your face, mannerisms, social media and “you-ness” against you, you are now being tracked based on what you buy, where you go, what you do in public, and how you do what you do. [Facial recognition programs are being rolled out in states all across the country.](#)

Z is for ZERO TOLERANCE.

None of these dangers have dissipated in any way, and yet suddenly, no one seems to be talking about any of the egregious governmental abuses that are still wreaking havoc on our freedoms.

As I make clear in my book [Battlefield America: The War on the American People](#) and in its fictional counterpart [The Erik Blair Diaries](#), this is how freedom dies.

If there is any means left to us for thwarting the government in its relentless march towards outright dictatorship, it may rest with the Tenth Amendment, which affirms that “we the people” (in the form of juries and local governments) have the power to invalidate governmental laws, tactics and policies that are illegitimate, egregious or blatantly unconstitutional.

Nullify everything.

Nullify the court cases. Nullify the laws. Nullify everything the government does that flies in the face of the Constitution.

It’s time to rein in our runaway government, reclaim our freedoms, and restore justice in America.

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