

July 4th ... INDEPENDENCE DAY!

NEW LAW THREATENS CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS!

It's called : Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required To Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism....

P.A.T.R.I.O.T. Act for short But it is **UNPATRIOTIC!**

Don't take our word for it. Find out for yourself.
Check up on it at the library. Do an internet search.*

Once you've drawn your own conclusions,
stand up and be a real Patriot, just like the Founding Fathers.

**Stand up for your Freedom.
Stand up for your Rights.**



Don't grab a gun.

Grab a pen and sign a petition opposing the Act.

Grab a pen or phone, contact your State Representative and State Senator

... tell them to pass a resolution opposing the Act. .
(it's already happened in Alaska, Hawaii and Vermont.)

Grab a pen or phone, contact your Congressman and your Senators
...tell them to repeal the Act.

Grab a pen or phone, tell all your friends and family what you've learned and what you've done about it ... ask them to do the same.

Remember. **We can be safe and free,**
but we can never be safe if we're not free.

Internet Sources:

www.aclu.org/SafeandFree

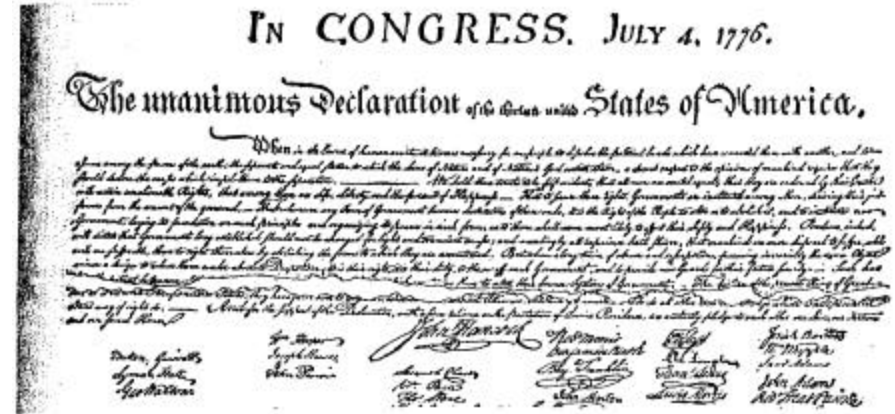
www.bordc.org

www.truthout.org/docs02/04.02JVB

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Q. Why is July 4th called Independence Day and why do we celebrate it?

A. On July 4th, 1776, representatives. of the thirteen colonies bravely signed the **DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE...** thereby declaring their independence (i.e. freedom) from their government (the King of England and the Parliament) and essentially starting a war with their government.

Q. What do we call the signers of the DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE?

A. Patriots and the Founding Fathers.

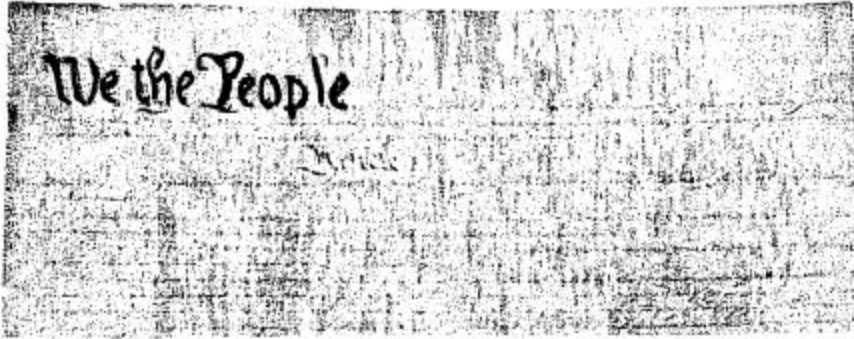
Q. What did George III call the signers of the DECLARATION?

A. Traitors!



“Oh say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave,
O'er the land of the FREE and the home of the BRAVE?”

Francis Scott Key
U.S. national anthem



Several years after winning the war the founders completed the set up of a new form of government by writing the **CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES**. The U.S. CONSTITUTION does many very important things including:

1. It states that power and authority come from the People, not from a king, in the PREAMBLE TO THE CONSTITUTION...
"We the People of these United States..."
2. It creates a government with "checks and balances" so that no one person and no group of officials would become too powerful over the People.
3. It spells out that the Constitution itself was only to be changed by a two-thirds vote of the national representatives of the People, called the U.S. Congress AND with the approving votes of three-fourths of another group of representatives of the People, called the State Legislatures.
4. It spells out in the BILL OF RIGHTS (the first ten amendments to the Constitution) the minimum rights to be secured to the People by the government.

It is important that all U.S. government officials must swear to:
"preserve, protect and defend the Constitution..."

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THIS NEW LAW?

According to the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU):

"Just six weeks after the September 11 attacks, a panicked Congress passed a revision of the nation's laws that vastly expanded the (Executive's) authority to spy on citizens, while simultaneously reducing checks and balances...like judicial oversight, public accountability and the ability to challenge government searches in court."

Unchecked Power, Secret Searches

Here are just two of many warnings from the ACLU:

1) Agents of the FBI and CIA now have the power to "rifle through individuals" financial records, medical histories, Internet usage, bookstore purchases, library usage, travel patterns, or any other activity that leaves a record.... The FBI does not even have to show a reasonable suspicion that the records are related to criminal activity, much less the requirement for 'probable cause' that is listed in the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution."

2) Agents of the FBI and CIA now have the power to "enter a house, apartment or office with a search warrant when (you) are away, search through..., take photographs, and in some cases even seize property...without notifying (you), at least not until long after the search."

Secret Searches, Gag Orders

Those persons who maintain your records can be required to disclose information about you to the FBI and CIA, but they cannot tell you that they did. Therefore, many libraries have posted warning signs like this:

"Although (this library) makes every effort to protect your privacy, under the new federal law...records of the books and other materials you borrow...may be obtained by federal agents. That federal law prohibits library workers from informing you if federal agents have obtained records about you."

**DO YOU WANT TO GIVE UP YOUR PRIVACY?
DO YOU WANT TO GIVE UP FREE SPEECH?**

