

Journalist Shield Laws – A VERY BAD IDEA

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To Victoria Taft, reporter, and all:

What our President and some Republican cronies are attempting to do with this legislation is evil. They seek to exploit public outrage and endless rolling crisis (Obama's "phony scandals") to attack and erase our basic **Unalienable, God-Given Constitutional rights**. *"We all have these rights. The Washington Post's Bob Woodward has no more rights than my dentist,"* says blogger Jonah Goldberg.

NSA is turning America into a "Total Surveillance State," a "Prison without walls." DOJ is lying to judges and committees while bugging reporters and Congress. IRS and many other Federal agencies are being used as political attack dogs, and NOT just against the TEA Parties, against companies like Gibson Guitar, non-profits like True the Vote, and, yes, against journalists and writers. We also have the Benghazi, Extortion 17, and Syria cover-ups. Who dares speak against this? Where is Paul Revere?

The media has totally failed in its traditional 4th Estate role. It has moved beyond bias to being an integral part of Team Obama, a propaganda arm with financial and family connections. The old media is no longer trusted, declining, and becoming irrelevant.

New networks are emerging, from *Fox* to *The Blaze*, part of a return to grass roots journalism with powerful new technology. Instead of Thomas Paine and his pamphlets, we now have legions of bloggers, writers, PACs, and informal networks, most of us seeking to spread truth, each in our own way. America is seeing a new awakening. The embers of freedom still burn.

This threatens Washington insiders, the power elites in both parties. They don't want to face investigations, arrests, and impeachments. Instead of enforcing existing laws, they seek to pass new laws and empower bureaucracies to **ration freedom** and **circumvent the Constitution**.

The proposed "Shield Laws" are just one more attempt to create classes of **Government Given Rights** to favor insiders and to replace the **God Given Rights** endowed to **ALL** Americans by our Creator. Obama's "Soft Tyranny" is growing fangs and claws. Our rights come from God, not from any government, and we cede these at our peril. *"Those who seek safety by giving up Liberty will wind up with neither."*

It is an interesting time to be a Thriller novelist. My last novel, **Privacy Wars**, won three national awards, predicted the NSA and IRS scandals, and is getting more discussion in political groups than in bookstores. My next book, **Soft Target**, has a SPEC OPS storyline. I don't even **HAVE** a blog yet. I've planned to start one as my Email lists are badly overloaded, but if we have government control of public speech, it is game over. Not just for bloggers, for all of us, and for the America we love.

"Share" if you want our politicians to start respecting the Constitution! Send them a message here: <http://bit.ly/1doWd52>.