
Subject: Re: Patriot Act Renewal rejected by the Senate
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runewood wrote on Mon, 02 January 2006 17:08Javacx wrote on Mon, 02 January 2006 11:24Actually, if you want to play the legal game: You cannot commit the legal definition of "treason" without it being established as such by a court. You can be CHARGED with treason, but it must be proven.

Military law, in context, is a bit different however.

Thats the damn point, YOU DONT NEED TO BE CONVICTED! Its like there has been an invasion of enemy troops, when you capture them you dont give them a trial.

Let's not have trials for anything, because everyone accused of a crime must be guilty! Yeah, let's go back to ninth century human rights!

Under our own law, there is a huge difference between being charged with a crime and having been found guilty. Until you are found guilty, your rights are protected by the Constitution. The government cannot (legally) abridge the rights of a citizen that has not been found guilty in a court of law. This includes nasty crimes like treason.

Honestly, it scares me that there are people who think like you. The government is not infalliable. Our founding fathers realized this and tried to create a governmental system that protects itself against corrupt individuals who want to seize power. If you buy into this whole "culture of fear" nonsense-- that it's somehow okay to take away our rights because a bunch of bad men want to kill us, then you are only asking for your fundamental rights to be removed.