Subject: Terror Plot Thwarted Posted by appshot on Fri, 11 Aug 2006 22:19:04 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

The terror plot didn't work! Cheers everyone.

Subject: Re: Terror Plot Thwarted Posted by cheesesoda on Fri, 11 Aug 2006 22:25:04 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

Oh, but according to (the idiots at) shoutwire, it was just Blair scaring his opposition into silence with a FAKE TERROR ALERT! How dare he and Bush do this to the innocent people?!?!?!?!

On an actual serious note, this just shows the effectiveness on increased security. Too bad that security isn't tight enough to where terror threats just make you laugh instead of throw government into a frenzy to tighten down all loose ends.

Subject: Re: Terror Plot Thwarted Posted by PlastoJoe on Fri, 11 Aug 2006 23:29:35 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

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When I was flying back in July, I made sure to finish up my drinks before I got through the security checkpoint because I didn't want any suspicion that I would be attempting to blow up the plane with liquid explosions.

Subject: Re: Terror Plot Thwarted Posted by Hydra on Sat, 12 Aug 2006 05:36:08 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

Uh-oh! This is good news for Bush and Blair and bad news for the terrorists! We better not report

Subject: Re: Terror Plot Thwarted Posted by SuperFlyingEngi on Sat, 12 Aug 2006 15:34:11 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

...in Iraq?

EDIT: This might also deserve to be read: http://www.dailykos.com/storyonly/2006/8/12/173810/788

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Quote:...nearly a quarter of a billion dollars of funding went unused, and even then the administration was still making cuts. I don't understand; if the money was not being unused, then what is the problem in cutting the funding?

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And now the Bush administration is talking about how stong they are on protecting airplanes from terrorism. So instead of installing cheap, highly effective liquid/gel explosives detectors that were already funded, the Bush administration though a better course of action was to revise transport rules so that no one can bring any sort of liquid onto a plane.

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Quote:So instead of installing cheap, highly effective liquid/gel explosives detectors that were already funded, the Bush administration though a better course of action was to revise transport rules so that no one can bring any sort of liquid onto a plane.

Sounds good to me.

Subject: Re: Terror Plot Thwarted Posted by DarkDemin on Tue, 15 Aug 2006 01:44:40 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

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No such thing dumbshit.

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Sounds like a good "simple" solution to me. But what do I know, I'm not a brainwashed liberal tool.

Subject: Re: Terror Plot Thwarted Posted by warranto on Tue, 15 Aug 2006 12:19:48 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

Now then how many airports are there in America?

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would have to have, at least, 3 of those. Then if each security check had to share them, that'd take an extreme amount of time.

Now, how about Washington National airport? That has 4+ checks for each concourse. I have yet to be at LAX or any larger airports, so I can't tell you what they would have. So everybody with a drink must arrive 7+ hours early if they plan on getting on their plane... OR we could just not allow drinks on the plane. Hmm... tough decision, and that's not even considering the price of the equipment.

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That's not quite half a million dollars. And since we're not talking about the same machine, it's also reasonable to suspect your estimate of 3 minutes per bag is not quite right, either. But I would like to see this report you substituted for the one I posted, which I must say is an inventive maneuver.

Subject: Re: Terror Plot Thwarted Posted by msgtpain on Tue, 15 Aug 2006 23:53:29 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

Quote:"We've focused for the last 10 years on solid explosives and their signatures," said William Martel, a professor of international security studies at Tufts University. "Liquid poses a different problem. Liquids are ubiquitous -- shaving cream, shampoo, bottles of water, juice, infant formula."

Vincent Cannistraro, former executive director of the CIA's counterterrorism center, said he believes the latest plot involved a Yousef formula.

"It's nitroglycerin (plus other things), no question about it," Cannistraro said. "We know it can't be

detected by any security machines in use right now, and so it scared the hell out of everyone."

Quote:The newest form of liquid explosives are so-called "binary" formulas like FIXOR, recently developed as part of the humanitarian campaign to clear land mines in Third World countries. They're stable and undetectable until mixed, and also require a detonator.

A report last year from Congress' research arm says that chemical traces often can be detected through screening devices at airports that use puffs of air to dislodge debris, but warned that the "portals" already in use at some airports are expensive and slow.

In addition, the report said, "novel explosive materials will probably not be detected by these systems." Also, if a bomber takes proper precautions, such as carefully sealing containers and not wearing contaminated clothes, those screening devices may not help.

Quote: How hard is it to screen for liquid explosives?

They're a real threat to airlines. Currently security agencies have no test for liquid explosives. Technology is in the works, and several devices have been tested in airports. One kind uses microwaves to distinguish safe, water-based liquids (like coffee or soda) from solvents and other dangerous chemicals used in explosives. But this device can't see through metal containers. Another kind of device sends laser light through clear glass or plastic. The light bounces back with a scatter signature that can be compared to a database of worrisome liquids. But this technology can't see through opaque containers.

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Oh, and as to YOUR story? How about we post the full story, not just the paragraph that you think will make your point.

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So, do you still think Bush is a big moron for restricting liquids from going on planes? Cause, as I see it, you're still the only moron here.

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Edit

I had to come edit my post because the more I think about it, the more obvious it is to me how much of a complete hypocrit you are being with this argument. After all your lectures about the National Debt, Oil, The cost of the war in Iraq, the corrupt businessmen driving yachts on taxpayer money, etc.. It somewhat amazes me that your current stance is that: "The Bush administration should have spent millions, possibly billions pushing out sketchy technology that they know probably wouldn't even catch the explosives they were going to use---INSTEAD of simply telling air travelers to leave their cokes at home and wait for a free drink at 10,000'.

I'm assuming that the "you can't bring liquid on a plane" is really "you can't get liquid through the security point", but I may be wrong. If I'm right, I don't think there is an airport in the US that doesn't have dozens of restaurants, stores, newsstands, etc behind the security points. Is it safe to assume that you can simply pass security and then purchase whatever you want to take with you? I mean sure, you may have to spend \$2 on a drink, so-the-fuck-what? That's a lot better than spending billions in an attempt to do the same thing and not "inconvenience" the American traveler.

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Owned?

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Actually, think about it. It takes more time to test the stupid bottles. That'd be more of an incovenience than having to shell out \$2 past the checkpoint.. at least, I would think so.

Subject: Re: Terror Plot Thwarted Posted by SuperFlyingEngi on Wed, 16 Aug 2006 15:35:26 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

msgtpain wrote on Tue, 15 August 2006 19:53 http://www.newsday.com/news/health/ny-hsliquid0809,0,7340017 .story http://news.com.com/Liquid+explosives+threaten+air+travel/21 00-7348_3-6104475.html http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=5633568

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Heh, slightly off topic, but that aspect of spending is fun.

I don't know how many weekend survival exercises, gliding and "fam flying" trips we did just prior to the fiscal year end in an effort to use up the remaining DND budget allocated to Cadets.

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Since you'll simply ignore all this too, lets move on to your next argument.

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PROBLEM SOLVED

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Even then, sneaking the parts of a binary compound onto a plane is the easy part of actually making these explosives work. Here's one example: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2006/08/17/flying_toilet_terror _labs/[/quote]

So I suppose the question is, why would Bush administration be rescinding funding from bomb detector research while banning all liquids on planes in an effort to prevent the fairly preposterous

notion of a binary liquid explosive? (Feel free to demonstrate to me that there are more effective liquid explosives to the example I posted above, but be conclusive.) All while not asking his Republican friends in Congress to pass security measures (like this one: http://www.theorator.com/bills109/hr4373.html) that would actually serve to defend America from real threats?

To this end, I have a hard time believing Bush is the "Anti-Terror President".

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You're directly comparing money cut from "The R&D Department" with money Bush attempted to divert from "Specific Programs". They are not the same thing.

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"I don't think anybody anticipated the level of violence we encountered" [in Iraq.] — Dick Cheney, National Press Club in Washington, D.C., June 19, 2006

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Could also be construed as

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