Troops 'targeted by NSA for Anti-Obama Views'

Attorney claims visits from FBI, Secret Service about Web postings

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Note from Pastor Kevin Lea follows this article.



The NSA is systematically monitoring the Internet posts and telephone conversations of U.S. military returning from Afghanistan, according to a civil-liberties attorney.

"The FBI and the Secret Service are showing up to request an interview to question specific Internet posts the veteran has placed on websites such as Facebook," explained attorney John Whitehead, founder of the Rutherford Institute.

Whitehead said the agencies are looking for "anti-Obama views that can be interpreted to reflect psychological problems of sufficient seriousness to disqualify the veteran from ever owning a firearm."

Whitehead told WND credible sources within the National Security Agency have told him the NSA is downloading 1 trillion communications on the Internet per month, including posts to various websites, emails, instant message communications and texting messages.

As <u>WND reported last week</u>, Whitehead and the Rutherford Institute in a lawsuit filed in the U.S. District Court in Richmond, Va., are representing Marine veteran Brandon Raub, 27, who was arrested by FBI and Secret Service agents for comments he made on Facebook expressing dissatisfaction with the present direction of the U.S. government.

Whitehead said his office has received numerous calls from U.S. military returning from Afghanistan with reports they are being visited by the FBI and Secret Service to ask questions about their Internet postings.

"We are advising veterans being visited by the FBI or the Secret Service to take the Fifth Amendment rather than answer questions that might end up with a diagnosis of PTSD, post-traumatic stress disorder, which goes into the veteran's file and can be used in the future to prevent the veteran from purchasing a firearm," he said.

Whitehead said that in most of the cases, there isn't enough information to obtain a search warrant from a judge.

But if the veteran answers questions, he said, the Secret Service or the FBI might get a psychiatrist to visit with the vet for 10 or 15 minutes in the jail cell to acquire enough information to certify in front of a judge that the person should be placed in a civil commitment because of a psychological problem.

In February, <u>Investors.com reported</u> a complaint by Michael Connelly, executive director of the United States Justice Foundation, that veterans have been getting letters from the Veterans Administration informing them they have been declared mentally incompetent.

The vet must provide evidence to the contrary within 60 days. If the vet desires a hearing, he or she must inform the Veterans Administration within 30 days.

According to the provisions of the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act any person receiving a determination of incompetency can be prevented from purchasing, receiving, owning, or transporting a firearm or ammunition.

Ronald S. Honberg, director of policy and legal affairs for the National Alliance on Mental Illness, testified before the Domestic Policy Subcommittee of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee on

May 10, 2007, that the term "adjudicated as a mental defective" is both stigmatizing and incompatible with modern terminology used in the diagnosis and treatment of people with a mental illness.

"No state official charged with carrying out the requirements of the Brady bill could possibly know what this means, as it is a term that has been obsolete for close to 40 years," Honberg explained to Congress. "We have received emails and other communications in the past few weeks from people who are incredulous that such a term would still be used in federal law."

Whitehead explained the problem is intensifying as an increasing percentage of the U.S. military serving in Afghanistan have become disillusioned with Obama administration policy toward the war.

"I've had veterans returning from Afghanistan tell me that they passed by the opium fields and it shocked me that the U.S. government was helping the Afghans plant that stuff," Whitehead said.

"There's a lot of corruption in the Afghanistan government, passing around bags of cash to top officials, and our troops are beginning to ask, 'Why am I here?'

He said of these veterans "enlisted wanting to be a great soldier, but they are coming back disillusioned."

"I'm getting a lot of reports that soldiers are getting pronounced PSTD and there's nothing they can do about it," he said. "Then they come home and the process continues. The NSA is targeting veterans, there's no doubt about it."

Whitehead said "the technology is driving the show now" at the NSA, with computer software identifying "problematic phrases" that target a person as a potential troublemaker.

He said that with the NSA is doing a trillion downloads a month, "the surveillance is pervasive."

"Anything digital is subject to government investigation, typically without the person having any knowledge it is happening," he said. "If you want to go on Google and be anti-war, you are going to end up in a file and you are going to be subject to further investigation."

Whitehead warned that the telephone call interviewing him for this article was almost certainly being recorded by the NSA and that the contents would end up in a file both for him and for WND.

"The United States is already in a police state, such that the only question is how we are going to deal with it," he stressed. "With Bush, the surveillance state was beginning. Under Obama, the NSA has blossomed to a whole new level unimaginable in an era only a few years ago before this computer technology existed."

Whitehead told WND he was convinced...

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Note from Pastor Kevin Lea: In the early 1990s I made two trips into China to smuggle Bibles for distribution to the underground church. It was shocking to be in a society where no one was allowed to speak their mind. Several times we were cautioned about what we could and could not say in public in order to avoid potential government scrutiny and intervention. Everyone on the train was reading the same government-approved newspapers. No one was reading books, and we were told that it was because the people feared that the undercover police who were on every train might find that a passenger's selection of reading material was unacceptable to the government and then place them under additional surveillance or interrogation.

It now appears that Americans will soon be treated like the Chinese. However, the technological tools at the disposal of the coming socialist/communist police state will allow the surveillance of all American citizens from afar. No need for secret police on your train, in your car, or in your house. They can now snoop while sitting at their desks in the recently completed, two billion dollar, National Security Agency (NSA) data collection center in Utah.

It should come as no surprise that Obama is at the helm, while various government agencies strive to eliminate free speech as a step towards our enslavement. In 2009, shortly after being elected for his first term, his White House Communication Director, Anita Dunn, stated that Mao Tse Tung (responsible for the

death of 60 million Chinese when he established his police state) was one of her two favorite philosophers. What impressed her about Mao was how he succeeded in taking over China even though everything was stacked against him. (http://newsbusters.org/blogs/tom-blumer/2009/10/18/anita-dunn-mao-establishmentpress-predictably-mostly-muzzled.)

Now Obama and the shadow government he serves are about to convert America into a totalitarian police state, even though everything (the Constitution, the citizens, police, military, judicial branches) are (to a certain extent) stacked against him. But how could this happen to America, the land of the **FREE** and home of the brave? What about our rights?

The Bible is clear that freedom and its associated blessings come from God, not from our "Founding Fathers." These blessing are contingent on the people living in submission to the God of the Bible, and failure to do so brings oppression and judgment as God removes His protective hand from a rebellious people. For proof, read the history of the Jews found in Judges and 1Kings through 2 Chronicles. Numerous times, the Jews became enslaved because of their sin. In the midst of their suffering they would then cry out to God and repent by turning back to Him, getting rid of their idols, and obeying His law. Then God would restore their protection and freedom and the nation of Israel would again flourish, until the next cycle of sin and judgment.

So how does this apply to America and our rapidly dwindling freedoms? Today, about half of all Americans believe it should be legal to kill a baby in the womb. Yesterday, the President dropped the federal challenge to a judge's ruling that any child can purchase a morning-after pill over the counter. A month ago, I was present when my daughter-in-law signed a permission form to allow an ear piercing business to punch a couple holes in my granddaughter's ear lobe. But a mother now has no say about whether her daughter is allowed to purchase a pill to kill a baby in her womb, and God must weep.

Most Americans now also endorse the homosexual agenda and support (with their billions of dollars) the pornography industry and its abuse of women and children. Hollywood keeps putting out darker and darker movies with more and more violence and immorality because that is what people are paying them to do.

All of these are an abomination to God and signs that tens of millions of Americans have cast aside the God of love and His laws. By asking God to leave, most Americans are now inviting Satan and his enslavement, death, and destruction. Judgment is just around the corner. Since this trend is now global, the judgment is also going to be global. It is called the Tribulation Period, and its horrors are described in detail in the biblical books of Daniel and Revelation.

For those who love the God of the Bible, we can rejoice that this is not our world and that His law is ruling in our hearts, no matter what the world thinks about Him or us. We can rest in the fact that Jesus has given us a freedom that neither the NSA nor the shadow government can take away. We are free to follow Jesus even if the government persecutes us for doing so. By keeping our affections on Jesus, we will someday be ushered safely into His everlasting kingdom. Until then, we have been commissioned by our Lord and Savior to warn others about the wrath to come and invite them into a saving relationship with God, by faith in Jesus the Christ. I hope the reader has done so, because the horsemen of the Apocalypse are approaching.