



The extraordinary authority that the U.S. government possesses at its borders is spilling into regular American streets, affecting large populations of its citizens. Nearly two-thirds of the entire population of the country now lives within 100 miles of the U.S. land and coastal borders, an area that has been designated by the government as a "Constitution Free Zone".

In a Constitution free zone, the powers granted under the Constitution no longer apply. Any person who falls into the sites of the national security apparatus while in a Constitution free zone is on his own. There is no appeal process, no case law, no Bill of Rights protection, no lawyers, and none of what Americans count on to help them when they have become justly or unjustly identified as having done wrong.

This illegal expansion of the of the extraordinary powers of agents to encroach into the internal area of the country is part of a general trend seen over the past eight years of the heedless expansion of police and national security powers without regard to the effect on innocent Americans. It is a trend that has made many U.S. citizens as well as observers in foreign lands believe that America has become a police state. Instead of a competent, targeted effort to prevent terrorism, illegal immigration, and other crimes, the Division of Homeland Security has taken an approach that turns all U.S. citizens into suspects.

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