

## **Fear of Being Intolerant Puts Lives at Risk in the U.S.**

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By the time you read this the revelation that the FBI may have dropped the ball on several aspects leading up to the September 11 disaster will be old news. Both sides will have put their spin on the issues jockeying for political leverage.

It's an old story typical of government run agencies. They occur over and over for the same principal reason. There is little or no accountability mandated on the part of most government fun entities. Contrarily official gaffes are rewarded by promotions, citations or other accolades. They are proffered in lieu of upper echelon types taking responsibility for gross mismanagement decisions. It's a brazen ploy that hopefully will stifle criticism but is acceptable only to those with the same ideological bent.

Waco, Ruby Ridge and Elian Gonzales sagas serve as perfect examples of bungled situations where many of the guilty were treated thus. The person responsible for all three debacles is her party's leading candidate for governorship of Florida. The fact that many of the party faithful will support her proves my contention any aberration is acceptable to those with the same ideological views.

Both major political parties play the same game. They never hold anyone accountable for negligence no matter how gross. The hypocrisy is appalling on both sides.

The public recently learned a small child under the care of Florida's Department of Social Services has been lost for over 5 years and is presumed dead. The people responsibly are being shielded along with the circumstances from the press and public. Will the truth never be known?

Louise Freech left the FBI in disarray with several career personnel in place. It is very difficult to gain any allegiance or cooperation from staff insulated by unrealistic civil service protection and political correctness. It and the military were hamstrung by the previous administration that loathes the rule of law and military.

Fear of being accused of racial profiling has compromised and corrupted all facets of law enforcement. It is now evident that it played a role in the possible prevention of the country being alerted in advance of the attack on 9/11. It's the climax of thirty years of political correctional that has ultimately jeopardized our very existence. Any political base founded on its basis should be repudiated and rejected.

The whole episode has provided a windfall of political leverage to the very people who were the political architects and proponents of the system. They have placed legal constraints on security that hinders their activities and are the first to cry foul when the system fails.

Ann Coulter poses an interesting question to those responsible for implementing and promoting legislation mandating political correctness. I quote the following:

Suppose Bush had known 19 Muslim immigrants planned to hijack four planes on September 11. What could he have done? Throw Arabs out of the country? Put them in preventive detention? Order airport security to take an extra little peek at swarthy men boarding planes?

Liberals won't let us do that now!

The following are actions critics of the government's handling of the case prior to the attack are pursuing since the attack.

Gephardt's pushed to federalize airport security, but refused to let airport security scrutinize passengers who looked like the last two dozen terrorists to attack civilian aircraft.

Sen. Leahy charged Attorney General Ashcroft with threatening the civil liberties of Arabs.

Sen. Tom Daschle babbled about having the proper balance between fighting terrorism and protecting constitutional rights. Why should illegal aliens have constitutional rights?

Rep. Sheila Jackson-Lee railed that the detention of Arabs smacks of racial profiling.

Maxine Waters complained the Bush administration was literally dismantling justice.

David Bonior dragged the FAA administration and eight FAA assistants to Detroit to listen to constituents who claimed they had been profiled at airports.

Sen. Richard Durbin hysterically attacked people who support ethnic profiling of airline passengers as troglodytes, "crawling on (their) bell(ies) in the mud at a right wing militia training camp on Idaho."

Sen. Hillary Clinton's first act in the Senate was to sponsor a bill prohibiting ethnic profiling.

Ann Coulter ends her column with a thought-provoking paragraph.

"Liberals may have no basis for complaint with George Bush, but Americans do. Pick your poison, Mr. President: Order ethnic profiling and be subjected to attacks on the pages of *The New York Times* or permit American women and children to be murdered in the next terrorist attack."

My question to my fellow Americans is why do you continue to support politicians who are more interested in votes from ethnic groups and perpetrating their status and blind ideology than they are the safety, sovereignty and very existence of the nation?