

## NDAA Set To Become Law: The Terror Is Nearer Than Ever

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### American Democracy: 1776-2011.

It turns out that destroying the American democratic republic was easy to accomplish, historians will write someday. Simply get the three major cable news networks to blather on about useless bull\*\*\*\* for a few days, while legislators meet in secret *behind closed doors* to rush through the National Defense Authorization Act of 2012 (NDAA), and its evil twin sister, the Stop Online Piracy Act (SOPA), which is a clever name for an Internet censorship bill straight out of an Orwellian nightmare.

Sure, some independent media web sites and Jon Stewart warned us about this. Ron Paul & Son warned us about this. Amnesty International and the ACLU have been screaming from the rooftops, crying bloody murder. But the American people let it happen, because the vast majority of us simply didn't find out in time.

And now President Obama's advisers are saying he is withdrawing his veto threat against NDAA, so it will become law.

As will SOPA, since it is becoming ever more apparent that our "elected officials" in Congress are not satisfied with their 9% approval rating. They want a 0% approval rating.

I have no idea why Congress is pushing through anti-American legislation that is not only incompetent, but openly belligerent.

I have no idea why an American media blackout on NDAA is still in effect -- Anderson Cooper, Chris Matthews, Bill O'Reilly and the other broadcast "journalists" have been disgustingly silent on what is undoubtedly the most important news story of the past decade. The single most important news story since September 11th, 2001.

**Combined, NDAA and SOPA simply destroy American democracy.** That isn't hype. That isn't exaggeration. Within a few days, your freedom of speech will be gone -- post something controversial online, and the government can legally "disappear" it.

Annoy the government too much, or criticize Congress' infinite wisdom and mercy, and you may find yourself in military prison for the remainder of your life, without access to a trial or attorney. Even if you're an American citizen on US soil.

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This is a brave new world. Watch what you say. Be mindful of who you associate with. You may criticize your government within the privacy of your own home, amongst close family or friends, but do not post negative comments online. Do not assemble. Do not protest. Do not agitate. Do not give "comfort" to the "enemy."

This is a sad day for all of us. All of our military spending, all of our fortresses and moats, and it turns out democracy was *attacked from within*, the historians will write someday. We didn't even see it coming.

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Linda on Dec 14, 9:49 PM said:

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I'm an international law student from Europe and I've been following the progress of this bill for days. It has been incredibly frustrating to see this (intentionally?) loose worded bill -that very likely infringes not only US civil rights, but also human rights worldwide!- pass so silently through Congress and the Senate and to not hear ONE WORD about that on the big news networks.

I've even tried to interest a big national news paper overhere to run the story. But 'if it's not on CNN', then our newspapers apparently won't pick it up either. In fact, the most in depth discussion of the possible implications of the bill, was on Al Jazeera English, oh the irony!  
<http://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/features/2011/12/201112773810926474.html>

This also shows the limitations of Twitter and Facebook: there has been fierce posting about NDAAs on social networks for days. But if the big news networks don't pick up on a fast moving bill like this one, it's very hard to inform enough people just through tweets.

I saw on Twitter that some US civil rights organizations are planning to take to the streets tomorrow and protest, so maybe that might generate some press. I really hope at least ONE big news network or even Obama himself will seriously address the genuine concerns about this, before it is signed into law. And I take some solace in reading that I'm not the only one who is astonished by the way this is working out, so thank you Dave :-)

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@Linda: Linda, another European (well for now, not sure how long the EU will allow my Muppet government to stay-British pride ) here and international law student as well.

I just wanted to say, I share your thoughts and this just proves what us 'pandy liberals' have been saying for years, all the politicians and news reporters are puppets to business and money. It won't get on TV until the last few days when few reporters fain interest and pretend that not as degrading to the US as we are making out, it will pass then we all go back to our everyday lives knowing the world is a little darker.

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@Alex-12223333444444: "If America sneezes, Europe often gets a cold pretty quickly too'. So I'll be on the lookout for similar