

Balancing Public Security & Individual Rights in a Volatile World

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The Case for Individual Rights

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The Lawful Government Situation

- The Government **MUST** have the support of the body public;
- No Government can function with an alienated body public for very long;
- 25% can change the government from within the democratic system;
- 10% can change the government from outside the system.

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Understanding the Terrorist

- One of the aims of all terrorist, insurgent and revolutionary groups is drive a wedge between the Lawful Government and the body public;
- They do this by causing the Lawful Government to enact legislation which negatively impacts the body public's freedoms and actions.

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Understanding the Terrorist

- This is standard terrorist, insurgent and revolutionary groups tactics;
- Is one of the main reasons why their actions and acts are so unpleasant, dramatic, public and “messy”;
- Is taught in all terrorist, insurgent and revolutionary groups training manuals and books.

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What is the Balance?

- When a Lawful Government is aiming to deal with a:
 - ▶ Counter Terrorism (CT),
 - ▶ Counter Insurgency (CI), or
 - ▶ Internal Security (IS);
- There are **ALWAYS** likely to be restrictions on the personal freedoms of the Body Public;
- But they **MUST** not become constraints on their freedoms and actions.

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The Balance Objectives

- **Restrict the Terrorists, Insurgents, Revolutionaries freedom to move:**
 - ▶ Minimise the restrictions and impositions on the Body Public,
 - ▶ Facilitate their movement;
- **Restrict the Terrorists, Insurgents, Revolutionaries freedom to act:**
 - ▶ Minimise the restrictions and impositions on the Body Public's actions,
 - ▶ Facilitate their actions.

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An Example

- **A National Identity Card:**
 - ▶ Make it very hard to obtain one,
 - ▶ Make the level of proof of entitlement very high,
 - ▶ Make the penalties for fraud and false information very severe,
 - ▶ Make the penalties for counterfeit very severe,
 - ▶ Make the card very hard to fake,
 - ▶ Make penalties for false use very severe,
 - ▶ Make the value of possession very high:
 - Simple possession gives access to all facilities,
 - Free and easy movement with the card,
 - Make the card highly trusted and accepted.

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The Balance

- Security that does not restrict public freedoms;
- This kind of security takes more effort to develop and maintain;
- The body Public must be supportive;
- They must be educated and brought into decisions;
- Privacy and Public freedom must never be sacrificed;
- Security must not be sacrificed.

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Summary

- "We sleep safely in our beds because rough men stand ready in the night to visit violence on those who would harm us."
 - ▶ George Orwell

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