

CHICAGO TOWN MEETING ON CIVIL LIBERTIES AND NATIONAL SECURITY

April 19, 2004

Substantive Questions

The United States confronts a terrorist challenge that raises the fundamental question of how best to protect national security and public safety while insuring the continuation of cherished civil liberties. This symposium will examine the balance struck in the Patriot Act (and related law enforcement actions) between these often competing concerns. The intent is to provide an informed analysis and discussion that will contribute to public education on this topic. Our discussion takes on even greater significance in light of the anticipated debate over the renewal of the Patriot Act and the Supreme Court's review of detention policies and practices.

We are particularly concerned with addressing issues of criminal justice and procedure, freedom of expression, privacy, and immigration in an intellectually credible, accessible, and concrete fashion. The following points constitute a general framework for the discussion:

1. What are the primary provisions of the Patriot Act and associated counter-terrorist initiatives? How do these policies modify or extend existing policies and practices? Are counter-terrorism policies consistent with the historical response of the United States to threats to national security?
2. Consider the contribution of these initiatives to counter-terrorism and the implications for civil liberties and federalism. What is the impact on the average citizen? Is the appropriate balance being struck between national security and civil liberties?
3. Might we anticipate amendments, reforms, or new counter-terrorist initiatives in the future?
4. Do counter-terrorist policies impact on local law enforcement and the enforcement of criminal law?

SYMPOSIUM FORMAT AND PROCEDURES

1. Introductions

Professor Dennis Rosenbaum will introduce Chancellor Manning of the University of Illinois at Chicago. She will introduce Professor Matthew Lippman, who will serve as Moderator (2 minutes)

2. Presentations (Confirmed)

Patrick J. Fitzgerald, U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois (10 minutes)

Viet Dinh, Professor, Georgetown University Law School (10 minutes)

David Cole, Professor, Georgetown University Law School (15-20 minutes)

3. Panelists' Comments and Presentations (Confirmed) (5 minutes each)

Ron Allen, Professor, Northwestern University, School of Law

Douglass Cassel, Director of the Center for International Human Rights,
Northwestern University, School of Law

Colleen Connell, American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois

Kareem Ifran, Chairman, Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago

Thomas Kneir, Special Agent in Charge, Chicago Division, Federal Bureau of
Investigation

4. Questions from the Moderator and Audience

5. Reception

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DATE: Monday, April 19, 2004

TIME: 1:00PM to 3:30PM with a reception following program

LOCATION: Student Services Building, 1200 West Harrison Street, Rooms B and C

PARKING: Parking structure located at 1100 West Harrison Street

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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM:

The Department of Criminal Justice and the Center for Research in Law and Justice at the University of Illinois at Chicago announce a symposium featuring leading national and local figures in the debate over national security and civil liberties. This discussion takes on even greater significance in light of the anticipated renewal of the Patriot Act and the Supreme Court review of counter-terrorism strategies. The symposium will center on issues ranging from privacy, technology, and information to racial profiling, detention, and immigration. The general public is cordially invited to attend.

MODERATOR:

Matthew Lippman, Professor, Department of Criminal Justice, University of Illinois at Chicago

PRESENTERS:

David Cole, Professor, Georgetown University Law School, and author of Enemy Aliens Double Standards and Constitutional Freedoms in the War on Terrorism (New Press, 2003)

Viet Dinh, Professor, Georgetown University Law School and former Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Policy, and active in drafting of the Patriot Act

Patrick Fitzgerald, U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, and a lead prosecutor in several significant counter-terrorism cases

PANEL:

Ron Allen, John Henry Wigmore Professor, Northwestern University, School of Law

Douglass Cassel, Clinical Professor of Law, and Director of the Center for International Human Rights, Northwestern University, School of Law

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