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# **Are SUV Drivers Supporting Acts of Terrorism?**

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The share of imported automobiles in the gross output value of

the motor vehicle industry has grown significantly during the last two decades. Automakers built over 57 million vehicles in the year 2004, a 3% peak from its prior year of 55 million in 2003. In North America alone we are manufacturing in excess of 8 million cars a year; the United States taking the lead of the production at 5.5 million. Try to count to 1 million, and it may assist in a general perspective of the annual car output globally. The automotive industry is far larger than most would think, and the argument of excess gas and oil consumption of SUV owners is simply not valid when evaluating the bigger picture.



# Relationships and Integration:

The automobile industry is essentially an assembly industry. It brings together an immense number and variety of components, many of which are manufactured by independent firms in other countries. There are three major processes prior to final assembly: the manufacture of bodies, of engines and transmissions, and of other components (e.g., electrical components, braking systems, tires, exhaust systems). Moreover, the automobile industry is often regarded as one of the most fragmented and hence the most global manufacturing industry. Is there room for a terrorist movement? Absolutely, but the slight increase of fuel and oil consumption has little to do with this factor.

#### Production and trade of automobiles and automobile parts: Global trends

Between 1960 and 1995 the world production of automobiles almost tripled. At the same time, major changes occurred in the global distribu-

tion of the industry. The share of Japan in the total passenger car production of the world increased from about 1 percent in 1960 to 18 percent in 1999, whereas the share of the United States decreased from more than half the world total to about 25 percent. Even more dramatic was the decline of the UK automotive industry. Its share declined from about 11 percent of the world's total in 1960 to a mere 4 percent in the 1999 world total. Within the EU, Germany and France remain the dominant producers with 11 and 6 percent respectively. The most impressive growth in automobile production in Europe occurred in Spain, whose share in world total increased from about one half of one percent of the world total in 1960 to about 5 percent in 1995.

Outside the triad (Japan, the United States and Western Europe) some important locations for automobile production have emerged. One center is Latin America where Mexico, Brazil, and

Argentina together account for about 6 percent of the world total. Another more recent location is South Korea with about 5 percent of the world total. A third center is the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. In the former Soviet Union the automobile production is in serious disarray, whereas the former state-owned automobile industries in Poland, the Czech Republic, Hungary and Slovenia are in various stages of transition, commonly through joint ventures with foreign manufactures.

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In most of the other developing countries, the bulk of automobile production is simply assembly of imported components, although the 'local content' varies significantly. Another important element of the globalization of the automobile industry is the increasing role of international trade. Both export orientation and import market penetration in the major producer countries have steadily increased during the last three decades. For example, exports of the large Western European countries and Mexico have increased to levels of 40 percent of domestic production or more. By contrast, the export orientation of large countries, especially the United States is only moderate. Significant increases

were recorded for the case of Japan in the 70's, Spain in the 80's, and South Korea in the 90's. Although data is a bit dated in this area, it reflects in general the import/export capacity in the automotive industry. Perhaps we should stop complaining about our next-door neighbor's vehicle; they might find your vehicle as equally repulsive in a different fashion. Who says anyone has the right to complain about the other 57 million cars created that you personally have not purchased this year, and what if your car leaks a little oil? SUV owners are not supporting acts of terrorism, nor are Porsche, BMW or Mercedes owners directly related to the Communist Party. The fuel consumption on a Porsche running 190 m/p/h for 100

miles is greater than driving an SUV 200 miles at 55 m/p/h...believe me on this one.

Live and let drive!

(All statistics complied by Ward Industry Almanac)





#### Who Would Have Thought?

Once upon a time, barbers were not only good for a shave and a haircut, they were also in the business of pulling teeth and various types of surgical procedures including bloodletting. The pole represents the staff used during bloodletting. The patients would grasp the staff in order to make their veins swell and easier to puncture. After being washed, the bandages used during the various surgical procedures were often hung out on a pole to dry. The red and white stripes represent the bandages that twisted around the pole in the wind—red for the bandages stained with blood and white for the clean bandages. The pole was often topped by a brass basin that was used to catch blood during bloodletting and also used to hold leeches. Blood-stained bandages became the symbol of the profession and was eventually replaced by a wooden pole painted with red and white stripes. The blue stripe was added later and there are a few theories as to what the blue stripe symbolizes. Some say that the blue stripe was added to the pole to represent the colors of the American flag. Others believe that the blue stripe represents venous blood, red represents arterial blood and white symbolizes the bandage.



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#### Will Americans Suffer Short-term Attention & Defeat?

By George A. Torres, MBA, Law Enforcement Specialist



It is reprehensible that liberal politicians put their desire for power before the security and survival of the nation they desire to control. Think about It. Is their

desire to rule in hell instead of serving in heaven? It is obvious that the liberal politicians and media do not recognize we are in a protracted "war with Islamic terrorism", do not have the will to win, just hate President Bush or are only concerned with regaining power.

During an interview with Chris Wallace on FOX news, 11/13/05, Senator Jay Rockefeller perpetuated the liberal lie that Bush lied about Saddam being an imminent threat and having WMD's since no WMD's have been found. When pressed by Wallace about the truth of the matter, that Bush never said Saddam was an imminent threat, that he and fellow liberal democrats did and played excerpts of their statements, Jay Rockefeller avoided an answer. What was outrageous was he then admitted meeting with the heads of state of Arabia, Jordan and Syria and warned them Bush was going to war soon. Any wonder why more WMD's weren't found?

Then liberal democrats parade Representative John Murtha out with a message to pull out of Iraq now, hoping his reputation will give some credibility to their lame position. Then Sunday, 11/20/05, Senator Joe Biden was interviewed by Chris Wallace on FOX 40. At least he opposed the calls for immediate withdraw from Iraq but then bashes President Bush by trying to compare his low approval rating and declining support for the war with

FDR and WWII. Maybe he read October's newsletter? Biden claimed FDR had more support because he gave the American public regular reports on the status of the war, victories and defeats, which is not true. FDR and the military censored much of the information about the war defeats and casualties. Sen. Biden failed to point out that public support for FDR and the war have more to do with Republicans refusal to bash FDR daily in the media nor did he have to deal with daily media attacks and lies about the war.

America's short attention span is not new. President Grant experienced the same problem during Reconstruction after the "Civil War". Northerners were taking retribution for the war out on Southerners, and Southerners, specifically the KKK terrorists, were taking out vengeance on the black population. Since democratic politicians condoned or supported the KKK, Grant sent federal troops into the south to engage the KKK, protect blacks and ensure their constitutional rights. Things changed after his election to a second term. The public grew tired of the fight with the KKK terrorist and no longer supported federal troops occupying the south. Grant withdrew the federal troops and the atrocities against blacks by the KKK increased significantly and continued for years.

If Senator Biden is looking for a comparison, the Vietnam War would fit the bill. Melani McAllister (2002) examined the concept of the "Vietnam syndrome", which suggested that not only had the United States failed to use adequate force to win the war, but that in the wake of the failure, the nation suffered from a failure of nerve, an

unwillingness to act decisively. The only flaw in this premise is the U.S. did use adequate force and win the war. The political left and liberal media caused the defeat. However, the perception remains, the legacy of Vietnam is U.S. weakness. The liberal message is not lost on our enemy. During an interview after Clinton's failed response to terrorism, Bin Laden made reference to the U.S. failure in Vietnam and legacy of U.S. weakness.

The U.S. war with Islamic terrorists did not start with the attack on Sep. 11, 2001. After President Carter bungled the Iran situation in 1979 and failed miserably with the hostage crisis, President Reagan proclaimed a war with terrorism in Jan. 1981. The U.S. has been at war with Islamic terrorist for 25 years and the American public was not aware of the war. The attack on Sep. 11<sup>th</sup> was a wake up call. President Bush correctly forewarned this war would last beyond his terms in office. We have been fully engaged with Islamic terrorist for four years now. The question is this; will the American public listen to the liberal defeatist politicians and media, tire of the war and surrender, or will we continue to take the fight to the terrorist until victory, as long as it takes?

McAlister, M. (Sep 2002). A cultural history of the war without end. The Journal of American History. 89(2). 439-457.



# The First Amendment & Free Speech

By Eric Chevreuil, Retired Captain, French Military



Since 1641, when Massachusetts first drafted a document including the concepts of freedom of speech and due process, about 120 signifi-

cant Supreme Court decisions and historical events have reshaped our First Amendment.

Americans have forever disputed what freedom of speech should be and there is not a single day that goes by without our legal system redefining its applications or trying to limit it to the politically correct. Recently, the war on terrorism and the PATRIOT Act have been perceived as new attempts by a government to rein in free speech in the name of national security while judges across the country have gagged the press or dragged reporters to the bench in a "private vs. public interests" legal shootout.

It looks like since the independence, the American people have had a hard time with the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

- How should these fundamental texts be interpreted and should they be interpreted at all?
- Is it all about the context, the intent or the wording?
- Do any of these 220-year-old laws apply to our modern world? Somehow, it seems like with the passage of time, the ultimate responsibility to answer these recurrent questions has been transferred to lawyers all the way up to our Supreme Court and that "WE", the people (citizens of a country), have abandoned our democratic "by the people" birth- right to a handful of

powerful individuals.

When the Declaration of Independence stated our equality, it meant equality regarding our human laws and not nature's. When a judge renders justice, thanks to the due process granted to us by the Fourteenth Amendment, he just applies our laws or their most commonly accepted significances forged through jurisprudence.

Ironically, we are guaranteed our most basic rights by century old imperfect texts open to all kinds of interpretations and challenges.

- What should be the criteria to challenge the First amendment? To answer that question, one might have to go back to the root and figure out what defines America as a nation, Americans as "a people" of this nation and the First Amendment in that context.



Is America a single unique nation perceived as such by the rest of the world because it is composed "of a large community of people of mainly common descent, language, history, etc., usually inhabiting a particular territory and under one government" (Oxford American dictionary) or is it a multi-facetted entity its citizens would selfishly mold to better fit their individuality?

"Nation and duties vs. individualism and freedoms", what a challenge for the Supreme Court!

Common sense should be re-

introduced into the equation and maybe it is time to do some introspection and ask ourselves if our precious little person is really more important than the next door neighbors' or take precedence to the interests of the people of the nation.

- Should our First Amendment protect "an average person applying contemporary community standards"?
- Should it be about "embracing at the least the liberty to discuss publicly and truthfully (and peacefully) all matters of public interest"?
- Should it only protect a content that is not contrary to the commonly agreed upon American values and that preserves "the social interest in order in morality"?
- Should it enforce compliance with "a valid and neutral law of general applicability" fitting the standards held by the majority, while "balancing the competing private and public interests at stake"?

If the answers to these questions seem so obvious, common sense ruling, one should wonder why, as of today, the First amendment also protects hate speech, Nazi and Klan parades, flag and cross burning, dissent, private possession of "obscene" material, Internet pornography, promotion of pedophilia, offensive and profane speech, hard core lyrics, media smear campaigns and even political parties "whose intentions include overthrowing the US government".

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The French have a saying that states that one's freedom stops when it infringes in someone else's! Maybe that is the common sense that we are missing when we challenge our laws and rights.

- Have we actually gone so far in our individualism that we now truly believe that one person's rights and freedom can supersede the welfare of the nation, the rights and freedoms of the people that hold these famous "contemporary community standards"? Furthermore, according to some Supreme Court decisions, free speech has been given the function (...) "to invite dispute (...) induce a condition of unrest, create dissatisfaction (...) or even stir people to anger" to better serve "uninhibited, robust and wide open" debates on public issues.

- Does it mean that our rights and freedoms as individual citizens come without DUTIES toward the people?
- Can one just walk around expressing anything he pleases the way he wants without fearing any kind of challenges in the name of this new self centered approach of debate?



In 1919, Supreme Court Justice Holmes said it all when he wrote that not all speech is protected by the First Amendment, citing the now famous example of

falsely crying "fire" in a crowded theater. A common sense approach based on commonly approved standards and values seems to make more sense when rewriting our laws and freedoms, but that would mean depriving the (precious) individual from its self serving interests and focusing on the group, the majority of the American people of the American nation that hold the commonly agreed upon American values.

- After all, are we a Republic by the people and for the people, by the lawyers and for the lawyers or just by me and for me? I believe President Kennedy showed us the path when he asked us to figure out what we could do for the nation and not what the nation could do for

But what do I know? I am French!

- Holibay Safety Tips
  Be smart...be very smart...
  At night, travel in well lighted areas, and in pairs if possible. Avoid short-cuts and deserted areas
  Do not leave valuable items in your car, including personal items
  Do not park in isolated areas
  Leave items of high monetary value at home
  Do not leave personal property (including children) unattended
  Do not carry more cash than necessary and certainly do not advertise what you have
  Keep your purse, backpack or briefcase close to your body

# Are We Safe From Terrorism For The Holidays?

Dr. Lionel C.M. VonFrederick Rawlins, President & CEO, The VonFrederick Group



In the light of dusk, a convoy of plain trucks moves quietly through the subdivisions. The trucks stop near a shopping mall.

Soon, a specially trained team of men in gas masks and chemicalprotection suits meanders through the packed parking lot. The only thing they know is that a small explosive device was detonated in the cooling and fresh air supply systems in the mall, spreading fumes that sickened scores of children, shoppers and mall employees. In cooperation with local emergency personnel, the four men cautiously enter the contaminated area to find out what happened. What did the device unleash? Anthrax? Nerve gas?

The men walk slowly toward the mall, bringing with them an assortment of equipment for chemical analysis. There are many people lying on the floors, some breathing painfully, while others are not moving. Many are pleading for help while others are panicking. No one can enter or leave because the device has not been identified. The men reach a small room where they find the remains of the explosive device. Their mission is delicate, requiring the handling of tiny detection kits and the moving of

heavy objects. Soon, their masks steam up. The effort is taxing, even for trained men. In less than ten minutes, the residue is identified. "Positive hit on anthrax," affirms the chemist accompanying the men.

This event is not as dangerous as it sounds. It was a drill concocted by The VonFrederick Group, testing the team's response to a smuggled gas attack somewhere in the United States during the holiday season. The group is a part of the Weapons of Mass Destruction Support Team. Such teams are assigned to assess the scope and severity of a new breed of terrorist attacks by analyzing suspected germs, chemicals, or radioactive material.

Confirming a shift in the behavior of terrorists, CIA Director Porter Goss, when he was chairman of the House Intelligence Committee observed; "We're having to graduate from our old thinking about statesponsored terrorism, to terrorism's new look. We're facing an increasingly cause-sponsored terrorism."

Terrorism's emerging new look embraces actions and strategies that may be harder to prevent or combat. More and more, terrorists are able to utilize new technologies and secure independent financing. Reports *USA Today*: "New computer and communications technol-

ogy and links with organized crime make terrorism even more difficult to combat." The new look also involves new targets, called soft targets. Soft targets are anything that does not have the capability to fight back and presents an easy kill, such as children, unsuspecting people, hospitals, malls, movie theaters, schools, restaurants, dance halls, churches, buses, trains, planes, and sporting events. The new look has also forced reporters and news analysts to coin such expressions as, "cyberterrorism," "bioterrorism," and "ecoterrorism." While beheading is not new to terrorists, it has recently grown in popularity as a way to show the world that they "mean business"; an entirely new departure for today's terrorist.

How threatening is the new face of terrorism? Is your personal security threatened? Is there a solution to the plague of international terrorism? How safe are we for the holidays?



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#### Reader—

I have been following your website for several months and am impressed with the new look. Either you or your web manager have done an excellent job of making it look professional and indicative of what your organization is doing for the nation's safety.

Lt. Colonel Williams, USMC

#### Reader—

What craziness is Rawlins into now? Voodoo, Satanism? Be careful the waters you thread into.

Pete, Costa Rica

#### Reader—

Bringing the topic of the occult to light is a wonderful idea. Not too many people are aware of the problem and making the connection to terrorism is just as interesting.

Brian, Delaware

#### Reader—

I am more afraid of the terrorists than Satanists. But I must admit, you gave me and my family some things to think about, Mr. Rawlins.

Grace, Montreal

#### Reader—

Nice looking website. I am a graphic design student and recognize the intricacies involved in web design. Now all you have to do is put on the "bells and whistles."

Rhonda, London

#### Reader—

Nice article written by Pat, as usual. I look forward to reading her work. Keep the "woman" issues alive Pat.

Sue, New Hampshire

#### Reader—

Excellent work on womanhood Master Gunnery Sergeant. I worked under you (not directly) when I was in the Corps many years ago in Camp Lejeune and you always inspired me. Nice to see that you are still in command. Semper Fi.

Cpl. Buckley

#### Reader—

Nice article by Mr. Torres. I agree with everything he mentioned (I am a conservative as well and share your views). It almost reads like your article from the blog. At least, you are consistent.

Kendall, Los Angeles

#### Reader—

Because George Torres listens to Sean Hannity, his reasoning ability has been short-changed. Try looking at things from a different perspective (CNN, MSNBC, etc). Well written, however.

Charla

## Letters to the Author

Letters on the November Issue

#### Reader—

Ms. Luke's article on Sarbanes Oxley is great. As the president of a medium sized successful company, I am concerned about such matters. The act has created some hardship on my business and I am not sure how well it will work. Luke said that the act was created to protect investors from fraudulent activities but that it may not stop corporate fraud in it entirety. Although I know something must be done to stop corporate fraud, why create laws that we know will not work in its entirety? Will you fly on a plane that will not fly in its entirety, Ms Luke?

Bill, New York

#### Reader—

When are you going to ever tell us Dr. Melissa Luke's middle name? You people at The VonFrederick Group think you are clever, don't you?

Hans, London

#### Reader—

Stop featuring all those males (let's see a mixture) and feature Dr. Luke....PLEASE!!!!!

Friedricksen, Austria

#### Reader—

I was introduced to your newsletter by a colleague. I like the way it is constructed, the way it looks and its readability. Please add me to your mailing list.

Jorge, Miami

#### Reader—

Thanks for the newsletter. Although I find it interesting, I also enjoy the sections on survivability and the historical tid-bits.

Benjamin Hauck, Argentina

#### Reader—

Do you believe everything you read, Eric? I am a physics professor at Penn State, working and teaching in one of the reactors that you wrote so "cockily" about. Your article, like the referenced TV show, is pure sensationalism. I can assure you that we are not as nonchalant as your article suggests.

John

#### Reader—

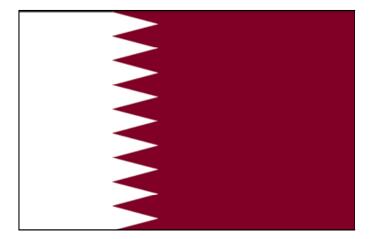
Thanks to Eric and the newsletter for enlightening me on this matter. I had no idea that we are so vulnerable. This laid back, laisser faire attitude is not what we as citizens expect and believe me, my Congressman will hear about this matter. Yes, Eric, I am concerned.

Sue

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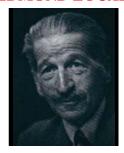
# DID YOU KNOW? By Michelle Blevins

- That though it is considered to be an independent news network, Al Jazeera receives funding from Qatar's government
- That the area which is now Qatar was inhabited as early as 4000 BC
- That in 1993 Qatar became the first Gulf nation to have open diplomatic relations with Israel
- That though it was under Ottoman rule and later British protection, Qatar has truly been ruled by members of the Al-Thani family since the mid-nineteenth century
- That some of the sand dunes in Khor Al-Udeid, Qatar, are over 120 feet high



The colors of the Qatari flag are symbolic of peace (white) and the bloodshed of the wars in which Qatar has been involved (maroon). The nine-point serrated line is indicative of Qatar being the 9<sup>th</sup> member of the "reconciled Emirates" of the Arabian Gulf.

#### EDMOND LOCARD



# Edmond Locard 1877-1965

"Every contact leaves a trace." This quote is a basic tenet of modern forensic evidence and was postulated by Dr. Edmond Locard. Locard became an internationally known expert in the areas of fingerprint analysis, graphology, and poroscopy and many other 'trace' evidence fields. Founder of the famous police laboratory in Lyons, France, he served as director for over 40 years before handing over the directorship to his son. He testified in over 10,000 court cases- including the World War I trial of the female spy Mata Hari.

## SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST

# How to Survive a Fall onto Subway Tracks

1) Do not attempt to climb back onto the platform unless you are certain that you have enough time to do so.

If a train is approaching, you will need to act quickly.

2) Avoid areas of the ground near the track and the wall that are marked with a strip of tape or with read and white painted stripes.

Such markings indicate that the train passes extremely close to these areas, and you will not have enough clearance. In areas with these markings, there should be alcoves every several yards. These alcoves are safe to stand in if you can fit within them.

3) If the tracks are near a wall, check to see if there is enough space to stand between the train and the wall.

Clearance of 1½ to 2 feet should be enough. Remove any articles of clothing or bats that could catch on the train. Stand straight, still, and tall facing the train, which will pass just inches in front of you.

4) If the tracks are located between the platform and another set of tracks, you may be able to move to the other track instead.

Be mindful of trains approaching on the other side. Cross the third rail (which carries the electric current) by stepping completely over it- do not step on the wooden guard, since it may not hold you.

5) If a line of columns separates the tracks from other tracks, stand between the columns.

Remove any articles of clothing or bags that could catch on the train, stand straight, still, and tall.

6) Check to see if there is enough space for you to crawl under the lip of the concrete platform and avoid the train.

Use this only as a last resort- this strategy is not recommended since all platforms are different.

#### **ALTERNATIVES**

If none of these options is feasible, you have two other choices:

- Run past the leading end of the platform, beyond where the front car will stop.

  Since trains running on the track closest to the platform are likely to stop at a station (as opposed to express trains, which usually run on center tracks), you can clear the train by running well past the leading end of the platform and thus the front car. (Note: This method will not work for express trains that only stop at some stations, so you are taking your chances.)
- If there is a depression in the concrete between the rails, lie down into it- there will be enough room for a train to pass over you. (Use this method only in desperations- the train may be dragging something, or there may not be enough clearance.) (*Piven & Borgenicht*)









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"Remember, we have to be right all the time, the terrorist or criminal needs to be right only once."



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