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*(\*Editors Note | "What is remarkable about the following piece is that it was circulated through a mailing list called "The Republican." If there is truly movement within the Republican rank and file to reign in the abuses of this administration all those that oppose those abuses should embrace that movement. - ma.")*

## **Bush Government "Out of Control"**

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Back in August, columnist Paul Craig Roberts asked the question, "Is a vote for Republicans a vote for a police state?" The answer seems to be a resounding yes! The Bush administration seems determined to turn our country into the most elaborate and sophisticated police state ever devised.

Things are so bad that outgoing house majority leader Dick Armey said that under Bush the federal government is "out of control." In fact, the conservative congressman is reported to be seriously considering taking a position with the ACLU in order to help fight the federal government's usurpation of constitutionally protected liberties. Does that mean one must leave the Republican Party in order to fight for liberty? Maybe so.

According to News Max, "Rep. Tom Tancredo (R-CO) is being targeted for defeat - not by the Democrats, but by the GOP establishment." Why? Tancredo is the country's most outspoken critic of Bush's accommodations of illegal aliens. In other words, it's not enough to be a conservative Republican; one must be absolutely loyal to the fuhrer, George Bush, and to his brand of big government Republicanism. Tancredo's not, so he's on his way out.

Furthermore, columnist William Safire recently warned against Bush's Homeland Security Act. In a column written for the New York Times Safire said, "Every purchase you make with a credit card, every magazine subscription you buy and medical prescription you fill, every Web site you visit and e-mail you send or receive, every academic grade you receive, every bank deposit you make, every trip you book and every event you attend - all these transactions and communications will go into what the Defense Department describes as 'a virtual, centralized grand database.'"



Safire continued, "To this computerized dossier on your private life from commercial sources, add every piece of information that government has about you - passports, driver's license and bridge toll records, judicial and divorce records, complaints from nosy neighbors to the FBI, your lifetime paper trail plus the latest hidden camera surveillance - and you have the supersnoop's dream: a 'Total Information Awareness' about every U.S. citizen."

In another account, The Seattle Times recently reported, "The USA Patriot Act remains shrouded in complexity and secrecy. Bush administration officials won't say how it has been used."

The Times continued by saying, "The CIA and FBI for the first time ever are allowed to mix foreign intelligence with law enforcement on U.S. soil. Citing the act, Attorney General John Ashcroft also authorized FBI agents to spy on domestic groups without having to show evidence of a crime."

The tyrannical tendencies of old King George III of England cannot hold a candle to the Machiavellian machinations of King George XLIII of the United States. Unfortunately, there are few Paul Reveres around to sound an alarm. Unless contemporary patriots act quickly, Republicans, not Democrats, will be the ones that ultimately dismantle our constitution and trample our liberties.

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