

## Pretext for more martial law: bird flu

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George W. Bush and his administration announced yesterday that they intend to [dispatch federal troops to enforce quarantines](#) in the event of an alleged bird flu outbreak, raising immediate prospect that in the not-distant future, soldiers will cordon off American communities suspected of flu outbreaks.

This followed a closed-door session in which the US Congress was [propagandized](#) about a bird flu pandemic scenario by the Bush administration's Health and Human Services secretary Michael Leavitt. This session "scared the hell" out of Senator Harry Reid, and other congressional leaders, who are not only poised to grant Bush authority to call in troops when he chooses, but are in the process of introducing a new bill calling for the creation of a "flu pandemic coordinator" within the White House—placing yet more power directly into the hands of Bush and future presidents.

In response, [Dr. Irwin Redlener](#), associate dean of Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health and director of its National Center for Disaster Preparedness, blasted Bush's "extraordinarily Draconian measure", and said it plainly:

"The translation of this is martial law in the United States".

The United States has been under martial law since the Bush administration orchestrated 9/11. Having sown fear throughout the world, further crippling the minds of (already deluded) masses, the administration has responded to calls to be "made safe" from "terrorists" with the blueprint for martial law and a full US police state, the Patriot Act, and increasing militarization and worldwide war and terrorism.

If the unprecedented federal [militarization](#) of New Orleans and Gulf states did not provide ample enough grotesque proof that the Bush administration intends to seize every opportunity to impose a police state under any pretext—natural and real, as well as manufactured—the writing on the wall is now nightmarishly clear.

A [mushrooming energy crisis](#) has arrived. Bush's war-for-oil operations are failing. The US economy is on the brink of tipping over.

The Bush administration must now reach even deeper, more often, into its criminal trick bag, for new pretexts and justifications for its deepening criminal actions and "extraordinary Draconian measures". More fake "terrorism". More force (in response to resistance and opposition). More Supreme Court appointments ready to erase what is left of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

More manufactured pandemics. More militarization, more guns, coming to a neighborhood near you.

This administration, and the compliant and complicit US Congress that bows to its every lie and whim, knows that the coming post-Peak oil world will necessitate a police state, in order to preserve the hides—and loot—of its own elites.

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