

Stupid Government Policy Is More Dangerous than Terrorism

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The Shocking Reasons that Americans Are Right to Be More Afraid of Bad Government Policy than Terrorism

Preface: I am not so much anti-government as [anti-stupid policy](#). (Moreover, the problem is not bad government or even corrupt corporations. The real problem is that the two have become [intertwined in a malignant, symbiotic relation](#).)

Multiple polls show that [Americans are more afraid of our own government than of terrorists](#).

Sure, the government – not Al Qaeda – is [taking away virtually all of our Constitutional rights](#). And that includes reserving to itself the right to [assassinate or indefinitely detain](#) American citizens.

But stupid government policy is threatening us in other ways, as well.

The Police

For example, we've documented that you are [9 times more likely](#) to be killed by a *police officer* than a terrorist. ([Legal experts say](#) you should *never* talk to the police).

Financial Crisis

The financial crisis will also lead to [quite a few early deaths](#). The government – together with Wall Street – [caused the financial crisis](#) ... not Al Qaeda. (Indeed, the government and big banks – not Osama – have [destroyed free market capitalism in the U.S.](#))

Suicide

The number of deaths by suicide has [skyrocketed recently](#), and many connect the increase in suicides [to the downturn in the economy](#).

Around [35,000](#) Americans kill themselves each year. Indeed, Americans are [2,059](#) times more likely to kill themselves than die at the hand of a terrorist.

And more American soldiers [die by suicide than combat](#) (the number of veterans committing suicide is astronomical and [under-reported](#)).

The wars that are causing the soldiers so much grief were [planned 20 years ago](#) ... and are being fought for [oil](#) (and [here](#)) and [gas](#).

Killer Drugs

According to a 2011 CDC report, poisoning from prescription drugs is [one of the leading cause of death](#). Indeed, the CDC stated in 2011 that - in the majority of states - [your prescription meds are more likely to kill you](#) than *any other source of injury*. So your meds are *thousands of times* more likely to kill you than Al Qaeda.

After drug companies were busted for using fraudulent data for drug approval, the FDA [allowed the potentially dangerous drugs to stay on the market](#).

And when one of the most respected radiologists in America - the former head of the radiology department at Yale University - attempted to blow the whistle on the fact that the FDA had approved a medical device manufactured by General Electric because it put out massive amounts of radiation, the FDA installed spyware to record his private emails and surfing activities (including installing cameras to snap pictures of his screen), and then used the information to [smear him and other whistleblowers](#).

Contaminated Food

Statistics from the Centers for Disease Control show that Americans [are 110 times more likely to die](#) from contaminated food than terrorism. And [see this](#).

Yet the government is working hand-in-glove with the giant food companies to dish up [cheap, unhealthy food](#).

The government's response to the outbreak of mad cow disease was simple: it [stopped testing for mad cow](#), and [prevented cattle ranchers and meat processors from voluntarily testing](#) their own cows (and see [this](#) and [this](#)).

The EPA recently raised the allowable amount of a [dangerous pesticide](#) by [3,000%](#) ... pretending that it won't have adverse health effects.

In response to new studies showing the substantial dangers of genetically modified foods - they've already been tentatively linked to [obesity](#), [cancer](#), [liver failure](#) and all sorts of other diseases (brief, must-watch videos [here](#) and [here](#) - the government passed legislation more or less [pushing it onto our plates](#)).

When BP - through criminal [negligence](#) - blew out the Deepwater Horizon oil well, the government [helped cover it up](#) (and [here](#)). As just one example, the government approved the massive use of a [highly-toxic dispersant to temporarily hide the oil](#). The government also [changed the testing standards for seafood](#) to pretend that higher levels of [toxic PAHs](#) in our food was business-as-usual.

Environmental Poisons

In fact, the government has long covered up environmental risks.

For example, the Centers for Disease Control - the lead agency tasked with addressing disease in America - [covered up](#) lead poisoning in children in the Washington, D.C. area.

The Bush administration [covered up](#) the health risks to New Orleans residents associated with polluted water from hurricane Katrina, and FEMA [covered up](#) the cancer risk from the

toxic trailers which it provided to refugees of the hurricane.

And then there's nuclear power. The American government has:

- [Wholly subsidized nuclear power](#) (it would never have been built without 100% backing)
- [Reduced American nuclear safety standards after Fukushima](#)
- [Controlled Japanese nuclear policy for decades](#)
- [Covered up the severity of the Fukushima accident, raised acceptable radiation limits and agreed to buy radioactive Japanese seafood](#)

Indeed, the archaic nuclear design used at Fukushima and throughout the United States was [chosen solely](#) because it [helps to make nuclear bombs](#).

Sadly, radiation from Fukushima and U.S. reactors will kill some Americans. The National Journal [reports](#):

“Look at what’s going on now: They’re dumping huge amounts of radioactivity into the ocean — no one expected that in 2011,” Daniel Hirsch, a nuclear policy lecturer at the University of California-Santa Cruz, told Global Security Newswire. **“We could have large numbers of cancer from ingestion of fish.”**

Indeed, one doctor claims that Fukushima had already killed [14,000 Americans](#) 9 months after the accident. We doubt her numbers ... but it is clear that [even low levels of radiation can damage human health](#). Whatever the number, this was caused by the government ... not Al Qaeda.

(The government also created a computer virus which [threatens nuclear plants world-wide](#).)

Bad Government Policy Is *Increasing* the Risk of Terrorism

Oh and – by the way – the government’s actions are so idiotic that they are actually [increasing the chance of a terrorist attack](#).

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