

## **NDU Speech – Law Enforcement vs. Intel**

### OPEN – JOKE

- After 9/11 America had a choice. Do we continue to fight terrorism with cops and lawyers or do we change to fight it with intelligence officers and the might of the U.S. military?
- In my view, ours was the right choice. After all al Qaida declared war and is fighting us as if its war.
- Now, however, it seems like we are going backwards.
- It started last summer when I went to Afghanistan to discover the U.S. military was reading Miranda rights to terrorists taken off the battlefield.
- We need to treat foreign terrorists as enemy combatants, not criminals. I tried to change this policy in the Intelligence Authorization bills, but was denied a vote.
- Then we took tools and methods away from intelligence professionals which may have hurt our ability to prevent Major Hassan's murder spree at Ft. Hood.
- After the Christmas Day bomber landed in Detroit, he was read his Miranda rights. This was a foreign terrorist trained in a foreign

land to kill hundreds of Americans. The Justice Department took the public lead in this nearly-successful terrorist attack.

- Then we had the Times Square bomber nearly succeed in killing hundreds of Americans. The Justice Department again took the lead, holding press conferences during an ongoing investigation.
- Information slows down when you have a law enforcement approach to fighting terrorism. Evidence-based standards have to be met to produce for a trial later in civilian court.
- If our plan is to catch terrorists at the airport we are going lose.
- The Justice Department just recently held a press conference to announce a not-so-secret secret spy swap with the Russians, needlessly detailing our deal to the world.
- We need to go back to fighting terrorists with a proactive, nimble intelligence-centered approach to protect America.

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QUESTIONS