

Perspectives Questions for Discussion

Colleen Connell: Do Current Anti-Terrorism Efforts in The United States Compromise Civil Liberties? Are the Compromises Necessary?

1. What are this expert's answers to the questions presented?
2. How, according to the expert, do the day-to-day activities we all undertake at work or for school make us vulnerable to government surveillance efforts? Do you agree? Why?
3. What are "extraordinary renditions"?
4. Why does the expert has criticized the government policy since 9/11 of barring the press and the public from immigration and deportation hearing?
5. Of all the charges made by the expert against the government, which do you think are the three most serious charges, and why?
6. Do you think that the expert makes a good case for her position that the Bush Administration has used the war on terror to expand the power of the Presidency while undermining the powers of Congress and the judiciary, and our rights as citizens? Why or why not? What information do you believe would help you to better evaluate her position?
7. What additional information, if any, might be useful to evaluate whether current policies are unnecessarily sacrificing civil liberties?