



Inside Track

Obama Releases Details of Mass-murder by Drone Program

In early August, the Obama administration quietly released more information on its illegal mass-murder-via-drone program, in which the White House unilaterally creates a list of people around the world to assassinate without charges, trial, or even a semblance of due process. The information was released in response to a court order stemming from a lawsuit by the far-left American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).

The heavily redacted disclosures include “presidential policy guidance,” darkly dubbed the “Playbook,” on murdering people “suspected” of terrorism without trial or charges. Also released were a series of Department of Defense documents related to the program. The documents outline the “rules” Obama imposed on his own assassination program in 2013 — illegal rules for an illegal program that can apparently be “waived” whenever Obama feels like he really wants to murder a particular person.

“We welcome the release of these documents, and particularly the release of the Presidential Policy Guidance [PPG] that has supplied the policy framework for the drone campaign since May 2013,” ACLU Deputy Legal Director Jameel Jaffer said in a statement. “The PPG provides crucial information about policies that have resulted in the deaths of thousands of people, including hundreds of non-combatants, and about the bureaucracy that the Obama administration has constructed to oversee and implement those policies.”

Among other points, the newly released documents give some insight into the illegal policy behind the murders. Essentially, according to the documents, any suspect Obama wants to eliminate can be executed if there is “near certainty” that he or she is present, that civilians will not be killed, and that the murder is supposedly needed to “achieve U.S. policy objectives.” It appears that even those minimal “standards” have been waived, as Obama has rained death and destruction down on thousands of people worldwide from unmanned drones.

Unless Congress or the courts act to stop it, the usurped unconstitutional power to murder people will soon be handed to either Donald Trump or Hillary Clinton. After that, it might go to somebody even more dangerous.

World’s Elderly Could Soon Outnumber Children

In an article published by Inter Press Service on August 8, Joseph Chamie — who was once the director of the United Nations Population Division — noted the increasing number of nations worldwide experiencing a “demographic turning point,” where there are fewer children than elderly in a population. Chamie, who recently retired as director of research at the Center for Migration Studies, where he also edited the journal *International Migration Review*, calls that demographic turning point the “Historic Reversal.”

Chamie noted that this turning point first occurred in Italy in 1995, and by 2000 the “Historic Reversal” had also taken place in six more countries — Bulgaria, Germany, Greece, Japan, Portugal, and Spain.

According to Chamie, “By 2075 the world’s projected population of 10.7 billion is expected to pass through the Historic Reversal with elderly persons becoming increasingly more numerous than



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children. The only major region that will not experience the Historic Reversal during the 21st century is Africa, which is projected to have 1.5 children per elderly person in 2100 with some countries, such as Niger, Nigeria and Somalia, having more than twice as many children as elderly. At that time, all the other major regions of the world are expected to have about twice as many elderly persons as children.”

Chamie identified what is probably the most frequently discussed problem related to the demographic change: how countries will sustain their social security programs when there are not enough workers to support the increasing number of retirees.

Chamie discusses options to save old-age pension programs in the “Historic Reversal” countries, including adding immigrant workers, but thankfully notes the downside of that proposal: “Eventually those workers also age, join the elderly population and rely on government pension programs.” He also is pessimistic about the obvious long-term solution, encouraging a rise in the birth rate, writing: “Even if fertility rates were to rise, which seem unlikely in the near term, it would take a couple of decades before the additional children could join the work force.”

ISIS “Hit Squads” Hiding Among Migrants in Germany

If the attacks in Paris and Brussels weren’t enough to convince people that there could be jihadists among Muslim immigrants, now we have a damning admission from the deputy head of Bavaria’s spy agency, Manfred Hauser. Writes the *Sun*, “ISIS hit squads and ‘sleeper cells’ intent on waging war on Europe have entered Germany disguised as refugees, a leading spy chief [Hauser] has confirmed. Intelligence agencies also have ‘irrefutable’ evidence they are following a command structure, meaning a coordinated attack like those seen in Paris and Brussels is ‘likely.’”

Making his comments on the August 11 edition of BBC’s show *Today*, Hauser said, “We have substantial reports that among the refugees there are hit squads. There are hundreds of these reports, some from refugees themselves. We are still following up on these, and we haven’t investigated all of them fully. We have to accept that we have hit squads and sleeper cells in Germany.”

Tragically, this scenario seems to be a reality wherever the Muslim migrants have landed. Consider, for instance, that an ISIS jihadist just revealed that he has “brothers” operating in Mexico who can easily infiltrate the United States. Wrote the online Gateway Pundit on August 11: “Earlier this year a top ranking Homeland Security official acknowledged that Mexican drug cartels were helping ISIS sneak across the southern border to scope out targets for terrorist attacks. ISIS operative Shaykh Mahmood Omar Khabir has reportedly been training militants near the US border near Ciudad Juarez for the past year. Khabir actually brags ... that the border region is so open that he ‘could get in with a handful of men, and kill thousands of people in Texas or in Arizona in the space of a few hours.’”

Of course, he may not have to, because there no doubt are terrorists among the large numbers of Muslims the Obama administration has, against popular will, invited into our country. Note here that more Muslims have come to the United States since 9/11 than during all of our history prior to that fateful day.

Big Data Knows You Better Than You Know Yourself

With overreaching three-letter government agencies and nosy corporations working daily to increase their ability to collect data, the degree to which most residents of planet Earth are spied upon is



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growing exponentially. And most of the subjects of that surveillance still have little idea how it works or why it matters. Data-mining and data-analysis work hand-in-hand to create a startlingly accurate picture of the lives of nearly everyone.

One company involved in compiling digital dossiers on every living person is IDI, which has “already built a profile on every American adult, including young people who wouldn’t be swept up in conventional databases, which only index transactions,” according to an August 5 report by *Bloomberg*. Chief Executive Officer Derek Dubner told *Bloomberg* that, whereas most databases would miss some young people (because they still live at home and have not purchased things such as cars and houses and do not have utilities registered in their names), his company is able to get data on them by looking at other data points.

While companies such as Google, Apple, and Facebook continue to decry the evils of government surveillance, it appears that the real motive behind Big Data’s resistance to that government surveillance is monetary. There are untold billions of dollars to be made by controlling and manipulating the data that on one hand is produced by our actions and on the other hand influences those actions.

Government surveillance is the illegitimate offspring of corporate surveillance. Washington did not invent the devices and technologies that are used to gather and transmit the minute and personal details of our lives; Silicon Valley did. Since then, a growing number of consumers have adopted each new wave of those technologies without much thought to the types or amount of data being given away.

Now is the time for those concerned about privacy and liberty in the digital age to learn to protect them. The next generation will inherit not only those technologies, but the attitudes of this generation about them. What one generation accepts, the next expects.



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