

ACLU COMICS: ABUSE OF POWER

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I RULE.
ANY QUESTIONS?

IT SEEMS EVERY WEEK WE UNCOVER A **NEW** EXTRA-CONSTITUTIONAL PROGRAM THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS USING TO GATHER INFORMATION ON THE PUBLIC.

SAYS HERE THEY GOT A DATABASE OF ALL OUR MEDICAL RECORDS, EDNA.

NEVER KNOW WHEN AL QAEDA MIGHT HIDE POISON IN MY COLOSTOMY BAG.

THE PRESIDENT HAS ASSERTED HIS AUTHORITY TO ORDER WARRANTLESS WIRETAPPING, FINANCIAL SPYING, TORTURE AND DETENTION WITHOUT CHARGE, AMONG OTHER CREATIVE CLAIMS.

THE VICE PRESIDENT CAN ACT AS THE PRESIDENT SO LONG AS NO ONE KNOWS.

WE CAN FLY YOU TO COUNTRIES YOU'VE NEVER HEARD OF FOR TORTURE AND TEA.

THE PRESIDENT CAN LAWFULLY GIVE YOU SOME THING TO CRY ABOUT. IT'S ALL RIGHT THERE PLAIN AS DAY.

AND WHEN THE PRESIDENT IS PRESSURED INTO PASSING A LAW HE DOESN'T LIKE, HE SIMPLY ISSUES A SIGNING STATEMENT DECLARING IT **MEANINGLESS**.

THEY PROTECT AMERICANS FROM LOGIC'S LIBERAL BIAS.

WHOA IS ME!

OF COURSE, THE FOUNDING FATHERS COMPLETELY INTENDED THIS.

AND HOW SHOULD WE ENUMERATE THE PRESIDENT'S POWERS, GOOD SIR FROM VIRGINIA?

GIVEN OUR CONCERN WITH TYRANNY AND THE LIKE, I SUGGEST WE LIMIT THEM SEVERELY WITH CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT. WITH IT BEING UNDERSTOOD OF COURSE, THAT WE MEAN THE **EXACT OPPOSITE**.

THEY HAVE TURNED OUR COUNTRY INTO A NATION OF THE PRESIDENT, BY THE PRESIDENT, FOR THE PRESIDENT.

THOSE WHO SACRIFICE **FREEDOM** FOR A BIT OF **SECURITY** DESERVE **NEITHER**.

YOU DESERVE SOME R&R IN SUNNY GUANTANAMO BAY, MR. FRANKLIN.

SO GOES THE ARGUMENT FOR AN UNACCOUNTABLE, UNITARY EXECUTIVE BRANCH:

I'M WILLING TO MAKE THESE **REASONABLE** CONCESSIONS. WE WON'T HAVE **ANY** CIVIL LIBERTIES IF WE'RE KILLED BY ISLAMO-FASCISTS!

OK, BUT CAN WE STILL HAVE THEM WHILE WE ARE ALIVE?

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