

# TABOO OPINIONS #14

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7-12-04 A paranoid's wet dream is occurring in the news. Those of very suspicious mind are screaming: BUSH IS PLANNING TO BE A DICTATOR IF IT LOOKS LIKE HE'LL LOSE THE ELECTION!

The Homeland Security feds are asking out loud if they could delay the November elections in event of a severe 'terrorist' attack.

Of course the suspicious mind thinks, "Aha! The delay would go on and on... The most-severe "terror" crisis would never end!"

My take on this? This 'delay' query has got to be a trial balloon, because the U.S. Constitution is very specific about when the election must happen. To change that, or to give a federal official the legal power to put off a national election requires that Congress pass (by a 2/3rds vote) an amendment to the Constitution and that a majority of the 50 state legislatures pass the amendment.

That process takes YEARS!

The Homeland Security officials know this! So why the public media query? And why the 'homegrown terrorist' stories in the news...and the days-ago warning by Tom Ridge, head of Homeland Security, that Al Qaeda "chatter" on the internet indicates that an attack in the United States to interfere with our democratic process is in the works?

Scare tactics.

The equivalent of "IRAQ HAS WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTIONS! WE MUST INVADE RIGHT AWAY!"

If this speculation and analysis is true, then there will be an escalating series of scare stories and perhaps actual low-level "terrorist" attacks.

And lo, some kind of October Surprise. And lo, President Bush will be FORCED to declare a National Emergency and invoke his War Powers and save the country by using Martial Law!

And, oh, sorry, but the Constitution will be suspended until further notice.

And lo, the inevitable citizen opposition (and some rebellion by some of the armed forces) to these 'necessary' emergency edicts and

executive orders will be used as proof that the crisis is real and the invocation of a National Emergency was required. The nation was filled with hidden traitors!

It will be necessary to immediately destroy the republic in order to eventually save it will be the promise.

At least that is my dreadful forecast of a possible reality.

By the way, there is credible evidence that the emergency powers given President Lincoln during the Civil War were never rescinded and have been lying on the shelf all these decades in reserve, ready to be used or abused by a president.

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