



Escalating Authoritarianism in the United States: Disregarding International Law, Dismantling of Civil Society, and Undermining Fundamental Rights

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- **As we mark the 25th anniversary of the Global “War on Terror”, the lack of accountability of the U.S. and the failure of effective international intervention has created a culture of government impunity that has paved the way for current gross domestic abuses, including:** Detention at Guantánamo Bay and other instances of extraordinary renditions and torture
- Mass detention of immigrants and Suspicionless surveillance of marginalized communities

Undermining International Law and Accountability Bodies - *Recommendations:*

- Cease all uses of force inconsistent with the UN Charter, including an end the use of counterterrorism authorities to justify maritime military attacks framed as responses to “narcoterrorism,”
- Guarantee prompt, independent, and impartial investigations into all alleged unlawful killings and abuses carried out under so-called counterterrorism authorities, and ensure accountability and access to effective remedy for victims.
- Release any foreign officials unlawfully detained and ensure full compliance with international legal obligations.
- Reaffirming a commitment to international law and re-engaging with the United Nations systems, including by restoring funding and participating fully in its systems of global cooperation and accountability
- Dismantle parallel governance structures such as the “Board of Peace” that undermine the UN system.

Corporate-State Alignment - *Recommendations:*

- End ideology-based surveillance.
- Disclose the full details of all commercial surveillance technology procurements, as well as vendor lobbying activities.

Systematic Targeting of Dissent - *Recommendations:*

- Refrain from using counterterrorism and national security frameworks, including terrorism designations, to target civil society organizations and human rights defenders, including those engaged in advocacy related to Palestine.
- Rescind executive policies and directives that expand the scope of “domestic terrorism”, including National Security Presidential Memorandum 7, to ensure they do not enable the targeting of political dissent.

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