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## **Overview of Changes to Legal Rights**

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Some of the fundamental changes to Americans' legal rights by the Bush administration and the USA Patriot Act following the terror attacks:

**\* FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION:**

Government may monitor religious and political institutions without suspecting criminal activity to assist terror investigation.

**\* FREEDOM OF INFORMATION:**

Government has closed once-public immigration hearings, has secretly detained hundreds of people without charges, and has encouraged bureaucrats to resist public records requests.

**\* FREEDOM OF SPEECH:**

Government may prosecute librarians or keepers of any other records if they tell anyone that the government subpoenaed information related to a terror investigation.

**\* RIGHT TO LEGAL REPRESENTATION:**

Government may monitor federal prison jailhouse conversations between attorneys and clients, and deny lawyers to Americans accused of crimes.

**\* FREEDOM FROM UNREASONABLE SEARCHES:**

Government may search and seize Americans' papers and effects without probable cause to assist terror investigation.

**\* RIGHT TO A SPEEDY AND PUBLIC TRIAL:**

Government may jail Americans indefinitely without a trial.

**\* RIGHT TO LIBERTY:**

Americans may be jailed without being charged or being able to confront witnesses against them.

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