

What is Nancy Pelosi's Real Agenda on Dealing with Terrorists?



On June 29, 2006, Nancy Pelosi said the following in response to the Supreme Court Hamden vs. Rumsfeld Decision, which held that trying Guantanamo detainees before military commissions violates U.S. law and the Geneva Conventions:

“Today’s Supreme Court decision reaffirms the American ideal that all are entitled to the basic guarantees of our justice system. This is a triumph for the rule of law. The rights of due process are among our most cherished liberties, and today’s decision is a rebuke of the Bush Administration’s detainee policies...”

Then, on September 27, in debate over H.R. 6054 (Changed to H.R. 6166 on passage) – Military Commissions Act, which is the legislation President Bush proposed to address the Hamden decision, Pelosi said the following:

“Democrats, as well as Republicans, bring to this debate an unshakeable commitment to the proposition that terrorists who attack Americans must be caught, convicted, and punished in a judicial process that will withstand the scrutiny of the Supreme Court. We want them in jail, we want them punished, whatever that punishment is. We don’t want it overturned, and that is what this debate is about today.” ([Click Here for the link](#))

So, in June of 2006 she praised the Supreme Court for its decision in the Hamden decision, and by September of that year she changed her mind to say that she didn’t want standards for trying terrorists overturned by the Supreme Court. She was against H.R. 6054 because, as she says, “By seeking to strip federal courts of habeas corpus review, this bill is practically begging to be overturned by the courts.” Pelosi also added this note:

“Permitting indefinite detention under conditions that cannot be challenged in court is so contrary to our history and our values that it should raise all sorts of red flags.”

To sum up, Congresswoman Pelosi was for the Hamden decision because the U.S. government wasn’t providing due process rights to terrorists. Furthermore, she wanted to be sure that terrorists trying to kill Americans are extended the constitutional protection of Habeas Corpus and that it’s just not fair to detain terrorists indefinitely so that we can learn more about their plans and so they can’t kill us.

Maybe there’s something more going on here. Maybe Nancy Pelosi doesn’t want anything passed that would threaten illegal aliens. Back in October, 2003, a national police sweep of Wal-Mart stores was conducted looking for illegal aliens employed by cleaning crews working at the stores. Visiting Mexican President Fox during a visit to that country, Congresswoman Pelosi said this:

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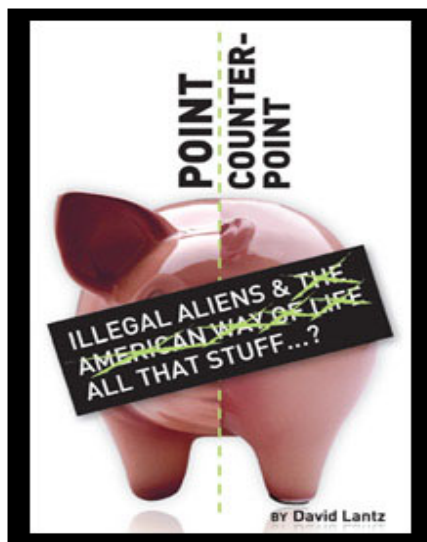
“It instills a great deal of fear in people who are only trying to earn a living and put food on the table for their family. We think there might be a better way to go about this because the fact is that it is against the law for the employer to hire these people so there should be more focus on the employer and less in these terrorizing raids.” ([Click Here for the Link](#))

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She went on to say that she favors granting legalized status to illegal aliens who are working in the American economy. Clearly, if one concedes the fact that some illegal aliens are terrorists who have come here to kill us, if we grant illegal aliens citizenship, then by definition we will grant some terrorists citizenship – and the right to be protected by American laws.

This is insane. Why would an elected official of the United States Government – a woman who would be second in line to become President should she become the Speaker of the House – want to grant citizenship to people, a small fraction of whom wish to kill us? This is a question that needs to be asked of every person running for the U.S. House of Representatives.



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