

Public meeting in Portland: American democracy in shambles

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The two bombs set off in Boston on April 15 provoked a police-military response by the state more appropriate to the waging of civil war than to the search for one 19-year-old man. The official explanations, mindlessly parroted by the media, raise more questions than they answer, in particular the relationship of the FBI and the CIA to Tamerlan Tsarnaev, the older brother.

The transformation of Boston into a militarized armed camp exposes the advanced state of decay and rot of democracy in the United States. No section of the political establishment--much less the media--has protested the abrogation of the Bill of Rights: house-to-house warrantless searches by armed police and National Guardsmen, the confinement of the entire urban population of a major city to their homes and the denial of Miranda rights to Dzhokhar Tsarnaev.

An understanding of the police-military takeover of Boston must start by looking at the extreme inequality and consequent social tensions that characterize American society today.

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