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“Freedom of the press is limited to those who own one.” A.J. Liebling



Blog author receives uninvited guests from the gov

[Ed and Elaine Brown were taken into custody last week](#). I've made no secret of my support for the Browns, but I'm starting to worry about offering my opinions in such a public manner. Anytime I make mention of the Browns on this blog, I invite visitors from .gov IP addresses. Visitors from the [Senate and House](#) don't really concern me but the DOJ visitors do. Whenever I previously raised concerns, some well meaning (?) people told me that I was a bit nuts. I mean why would the Department of Justice give a damn about my opinion? Why would they care about people exercising their right to free speech?

My friend, Michael Hampton, and I used to contribute together at [Hammer Of Truth](#) and since it is (perhaps permanently) down for upgrades, I go often to check out his thoughts at [Homeland Stupidity](#). Michael is a NH resident, member of the [Free State Project](#) and has also been a very [vocal supporter of the Browns](#) and has documented that support on his website. When Michael [started writing about the harassment](#) received from the DOJ, he was called many ugly names and everything from his sanity to his intelligence was questioned. What he recently wrote about almost knocked the breath out of me. [Armed federal agents paid a visit to Michael's home on Friday](#).

[Satire](#) became reality Friday afternoon when half a dozen armed federal agents wearing body armor showed up at this author's home and [detained everyone](#) in the house for nearly 90 minutes to determine who might pose a threat to the government.

Marshal John Bolen of the U.S. Marshals Office of Protective Intelligence traveled to Manchester, N.H., to investigate threats of violence allegedly made against Steven McAuliffe, a federal judge in the district court in Concord, and other federal officials in the area. He brought along with him other marshals and agents who would only say that they were with the Treasury Department.

Later in the afternoon the federal agents detained and interrogated another Manchester resident for nearly 30 minutes trying to locate yet another person of interest to them, and then after having set up a Saturday meeting with this person of interest, didn't even bother to show up.

The threats allegedly originated with convicted tax protesters Ed and Elaine Brown, late of Plainfield, and supporters of their cause. Marshals took the Browns into custody Thursday night to begin serving 63-month prison terms after a nine-month standoff in which the couple remained in their home, supporters brought food, supplies and firearms, and staged concerts and press conferences on the property.

No matter what you think about the Browns, this should chill you to the bone. That the government monitors and then detains a person for expressing himself on a public blog should show you that we are not talking about tin foil stuff here. I'm glad that everybody at Michael's home is safe, but he should not have been visited to start with. An old saying is brought to mind right now and I think that people should pay attention.

It's not paranoia if they really are out to get you.

Another thing worthy of a quick mention. Where is Ed Brown? I know that he is supposed to be in federal custody; that's what they told us anyway. A [Digg reader has pointed this out](#) though:

[Elaine Brown, prisoner #03924-049 is in Federal Bureau of Prisons Custody at Danbury FCI](#)

[Ed Brown, prisoner #03923-049 is NOT IN FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS CUSTODY](#)

So where is Ed? How can he not be in federal custody? If not theirs, then whose? Military maybe? I've heard quotes from officials that they were not in state or local custody at any time nor would they be.

Scary stuff indeed.

So, this post is dedicated to the U.S. Government. I still support Ed and Elaine Brown. In fact, my support is strengthened by your actions at Michael's house. I do feel that I must stress here that I'm non-violent. I certainly don't wish to entertain your thugs and I'm a shitty hostess. I'm also posting a couple of tax videos from [Tommy Cryer](#). It is, after all, my duty to try to release your grip on the neck of America.

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~ by Miche on October 8, 2007.

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1. This is indeed chilling, although I disagree with the tax-protest movement in terms of their legal claims, etc. I do not think they have a leg to stand on legally. This battle will never be won in a court of law.

Morally, I agree with Ed and Elaine Brown that the income tax and federal government system of imposing and collecting that tax is unjust and immoral.



audendi said this on [October 8, 2007 at 10:53 am](#)

2. Tommy Cryer won his battle in court.



Miche said this on [October 8, 2007 at 10:55 am](#)

3. I support the browns too! The DOJ can kiss my white ass!!



disinter said this on [October 8, 2007 at 12:04 pm](#)

4. Treasury Department? Why in the hell is the secret service involved?



disinter said this on [October 8, 2007 at 12:52 pm](#)

5. Interesting—I blogged about the Browns a few months ago and also got a government visitor (I could not determine the department). But that happens. A while back I was critical of the Justice Department and they stopped by directly from the DOJ IP at my site—made about twenty visits.

I may be stupid and foolhardy—but my position is fuck ‘em. The last I knew the First Amendment is still kinda viable.

~Becky



bekychr007 said this on [October 8, 2007 at 2:34 pm](#)

6. Foolhardy and stupid? Hardly. I think that you and I view it the same and we'd be cowards to let a couple of government spooks scare us from spreading the message. This country is fucked up right now and I am tired of feeling like I'm the slave of government when it is supposed to be my servant.



Miche said this on [October 8, 2007 at 2:42 pm](#)

7. Hey, don't forget to <http://digg.com/tools/diggthis.php?u=http://www.homelandstupidity.us/2007/10/07/marshals-investigate-potential-threats-to-the-nation/> digg my story so we can get some real exposure for this travesty.



Michael Hampton said this on [October 8, 2007 at 4:02 pm](#)

8. (Will someone please insert the missing > above? Thanks.)

It was my impression that they were ATF, but I could be wrong.



Michael Hampton said this on [October 8, 2007 at 4:03 pm](#)

9. I linked back in the body of the post, but I haven't the knowledge to insert a Digg icon automatically.

I went back with specific instructions to Digg at link.



Miche said this on [October 8, 2007 at 4:30 pm](#)

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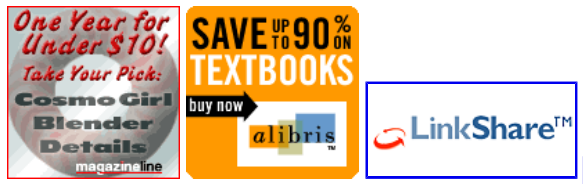
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