Causing Terrorism to Fail

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Firstly, all of us at aircrash.org wish to extend our heartfelt sympathy and condolences to the families and friends of the victims of the tragedies of Tuesday September 11, 2001 in Pennsylvania, in New York, and at the Pentagon.

The deaths of thousands on that now infamous day, shows that we are vulnerable to those who are determined to kill, maim and destroy when we are not willing to take certain risks ourselves. But this is nothing new. During World War II in Germany and Poland, in the Soviet Union (20 million), China (80 million) and other communist countries, very large numbers of unarmed civilians were herded into ghettos, into camps and other places where they ultimately met an early and violent death. Why did so many die? Because so many were unwilling to take any risks. Yet, together they were an overwhelming force and could have easily overpowered their captors.

History is replete with examples where people seem to prefer to die in large numbers than to die in small numbers. History repeats itself because people believe certain tall tales by those in positions of authority that they will be protected. Eventually, if we give up all our rights for the purpose of being protected, we are nothing but slaves, with a master who, too, will decide capriciously whether we live or die, whether we are to be imprisoned, whether what we believe is acceptable or not.

Today's terrorist
only fears failure.
It's up to each one of us
to see that he fails.

Yet, people in law enforcement the FAA and other agencies would have us believe that they can protect us, if only we give up some more of our rights. For years we've already put up with all the hassles of 'security' which is there 'for our own good'. Terrorism is only one facet of evil, being without rights is another, and whether you or I die at the hands of a terrorist or a government which has turned into a dictatorship, we're still dead. If nothing else, remember this: there is nothing they can do to make the skies terrorist-free – even a full police state won't stop those who are determined and don't fear death.

America is not a police state nor does its foundation lie there. Since its very inception, our country has been one that has valued freedom and liberty above all else. This philosophy, this way of life and the instilled courage of our founding fathers, seems to have taken a downturn during the last few decades. We are now at a point in our history where most people "don't want to get involved" because it might cause them personal harm, not necessarily physical.

This attitude is what made the high number of people killed possible. The people on the flight which crashed in Pennsylvania showed us that courage and resolve are not so uncommon after all. Unlike the many who throughout history preferred to die in large numbers, the people on that flight took responsibility not only for themselves but also for the lives of how many thousands of other innocent people. They rushed the cockpit to wrest control from the terrorists, they took responsibility, they saw to it that the terrorists failed.

Originally, when our country was founded and for some time following that, people took things into their own hands, they felt a sense of responsibility, a sense of pride in their country. They felt, and rightfully so: "if not me, who?"

We at aircrash.org believe that we the American people and the flying public as a whole, must make the decision not to tolerate any more hijackings. We are calling upon the people to make a firm decision not to tolerate bullying, terrorism or any other form of criminality anymore. This means standing for what's right - at any cost. In doing so, a few of us will take risks, but a great many will be saved from the acts of madmen, in fact, with a very low chance of success, these madmen may decide it isn't even worth trying anymore.

They that give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."

-- Benjamin Franklin, Hist. Review of Penn. (1759)

A good analogy of this is the plight we at aircrash.org have been championing for some years - safer aircraft. Because so many people are unwilling to make an effort to expose those who prevent safer aircraft from seeing the light of day (and to demand that justice be meted out to those in government and in industry, who deliberately prevent safer aircraft from being built), many people have died and more will needlessly die early and violent deaths.

Imagine a hijacker who declares his intentions and a plane-full of passengers who instantly yell "NO!" all get up and charge the criminal! This has happened before - though in very few cases - proving it can be done without any loss of life. After yesterday, we believe most people won't put up with hijackers anymore: who knows if they have plans to fly the plane into a building killing all aboard anyway (not to speak of the people in the building)?

"Free People don't ask for permission to defend themselves"

We expect that with a positive change of attitude by the people in these United States of America and throughout the world, the horrendous mayhem and death that occurred at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon won't ever happen again. And we won't tolerate Congress and others hijacking more of our rights under the pretense of protecting us – we're not buying their 'protection' because as history has shown, they can't protect us from madmen, only our acts as individuals can.

We know not what you will do, as for us, we will fight for liberty and justice, because an early death may be the only outcome of acquiescence and fear - no matter who the attacker is.

Take responsibility, act immediately, you may not get another chance. After all, the life you save, may be your own!

We must all take responsibility for protecting ourselves. Stand up and be counted! Demand and demonstrate action!

Other things to do:

While not traveling, some of things we can all do is write to Congress (and the airlines). We must tell them the facts:
1) in the long-term there is no way to prevent this type of terrorism short of personal intervention, on the moment - we'll take care of it..
2) further hijacking our rights by among other things, eavesdropping on our conversations, emails and making travel even more miserable than it already is, is unacceptable.
3) we won't put up with terrorism or any of the inconveniences that go with the false sense of security that's being offered as a 'solution'.
4) a nation of determined people is a formidable force.

Who to write to:

* Letter to the editor of your paper / internet discussion group / email list.
* Write a letter to your representative in Congress and Senator
* Write a letter to: House Committee on Transportation, 2251 RHOB, Wash. DC 20515
* Write a letter to the House Judiciary Committee, RHOB, Washington, DC 20515
* Make AT LEAST two copies of this page and give them to others

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