

GEORGE WASHINGTON WAS A TERRORIST!

According to the definition of terrorism adopted by the FBI, George Washington was a terrorist. Indeed, so were Jefferson, Franklin, Adams and all the signatories to the Declaration of Independence. Moreover, all Confederate soldiers, statesmen, and sympathizers were terrorists.

Not only that, but the Nazis in occupied Europe during WWII were **not** terrorists, but the members of the various resistance movements **were** terrorists. Similarly, the many communist governments that followed WWII were never terrorists, but any anti-communist groups that advocated violence were terrorists.

Lastly, all of the Jews who fought the British prior to the formation of the State of Israel were terrorists. All of this is true by FBI standards.

In keeping with federal regulations, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has issued a set of criteria that defines who is and who is not a terrorist. These criteria are:

- 1) Terrorists commit or support illegal acts involving the use of violence.
- 2) These acts are intended to intimidate or coerce.
- 3) These acts are committed in support of political or social objectives.

1) Since the legitimate government of the American colonies at the time of the American Revolution was Great Britain, the independence movement was highly illegal. Indeed, it was legally treason, and was a capital offense. As Benjamin Franklin said to his colleagues, “We must all hang together, gentlemen; or—most assuredly—we shall all hang separately!”

In meeting the last part of this first criterion, I don’t think many people would fail to characterize the Revolutionary War as involving force and violence.

2) The stated purpose of the Revolution was to intimidate and coerce the government of Great Britain into granting the American colonies their independence.

3) The Declaration of Independence clearly states that the movement had political and social objectives.

Quod erat demonstratum: George Washington and the rest of the Founding Fathers were all terrorists!

The same process of reasoning may be applied to show that all of the groups mentioned in the lead paragraph may be considered terrorists under the FBI's definition. Curiously, "terrorists" was the exact term that the Nazi occupiers of Europe used in their "wanted posters" to describe the members of the various resistance groups. It is more than a little disquieting to find our own FBI following so blithely in the Nazi's goose-steps.

It should be noted, that no government or government agency may be considered as terrorists under the above definition. Obviously, everything that a government does is legal (either before or after the act), therefore it can't be terrorism—no matter how heinous the act may be.

But . . . , George Washington as a terrorist??? I think that the FBI needs a new definition.

By the way, being a terrorist or supporting a terrorist is a federal offense, but terrorism itself is not! That's right: There is no federal or state law against terrorism!

Copyright 2007 by Patrick J. Tyson www.climates.com
Last edited in January of 2010