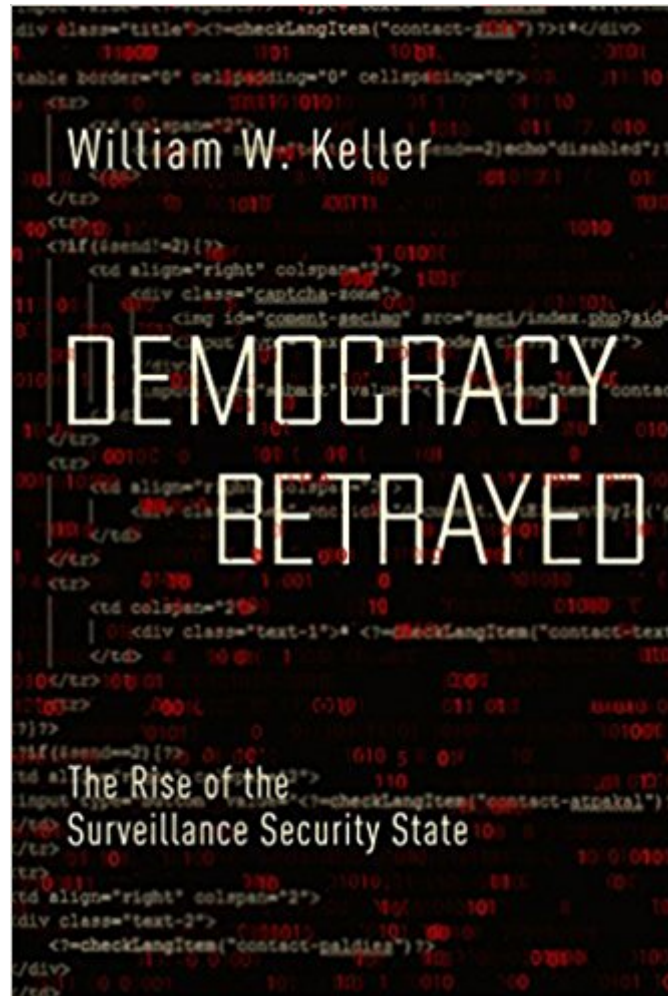




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Democracy Betrayed: The Rise Of The Surveillance Security State



Synopsis

A vital and important look at the rise of a security state that is transforming the nature of our democracy. In the aftermath of 9/11, in lockstep with booming technological advancements, a new and more authoritarian form of governance is supplanting liberal democracy. The creation of the Security Industrial Complex – an “internal security state-within-the-state” – fueled by tech companies, private security firms, and the Intelligence Community to the tune of \$120 billion a year – is intruding on civil liberties to an unprecedented extent. Politicians tolerate it; some citizens welcome it, thinking it may be the way to keep America safe in a time of uncertainty and terrorism. But how real is this threat, and is it worth the loss of our individual privacy? As a society, we have yet to comprehend the meaning of universal digital interconnection, its impact on our psychology, and its transformation of our government and society. America is at a crossroads in contending with a security goliath; it is on the cusp of a police state, and the conversion of our “liberal democracy” to a “secure democracy” – one where government overreaches, tramples on civil liberties, and harnesses great advancements in technology to spy on the populace. Keller walks us through what these changes can mean to our society and, more importantly, what we can do to halt our march toward intrusive and widespread surveillance. An urgent wakeup call for a country in crisis, *Democracy Betrayed* is a timely and deeply important book about the future of America.

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The United States internally hosts 17 intelligence agencies under the umbrella known as the Security Industrial Complex. They are also known for redundancy, complexities, mismanagement and waste. This "secret state" occupies 10,000 facilities across the U.S. Over the past five years the total funding budget exceeded half a trillion dollars. President Bush and his advisors campaigned against terror but favored invading Iraq because it was a nation that "harbored terrorists, possessed weapons of mass destruction, and might act against the U.S."... This oft repeated rhetoric was a broad dissemination of disinformation preparatory to the invasion of Iraq. The eventual result was 175,000 civilian deaths, desecrated cultural artifacts, a culture destroyed, financial devastation, and malnutrition among the children. Iraq is a nation of 36 million people. Military security and internal security resources overlap in the prosecution of the "global war on terror". When the U.S. and the

former Soviet Union were in competition for global hegemonic superiority their combined production of nuclear weapons was in the tens of thousands. This buffoonery was doubtless unrelated to security or military analytics but was likely related to financial influences of the Military Industrial Complex combined with the very powerful lobbying arm of the nuclear industry. What of fissile material? Yes, some 27 different countries maintain inventories of fissionable matter which is of some concern to observers because of the potential for theft and use in a suicide mission or in the sabotage of a nuclear reactor. Readers may find the author's one-sided narrative on the Second Amendment (page 151) perhaps the most contentious section of the entire manuscript as he opines that the Amendment "does not protect or defend the rights of citizens". It enables "lone wolf terror" and perpetuates violence and murder not found in any other democracy". Oh My! Oh My! Australia and Britain are both democracies but their crime rates have soared since the '90's when public officials proceeded to disarm the respective citizenries through confiscation and prohibition of firearms. Violence and crime continue to favor criminals who easily acquire black market weapons to be used against unarmed prey. Institutionalized rhetoric declaring that only government authority should be armed then the temptation for tyranny over society will prevail. Do most readers prefer to hitch their destinies to our venerable Second Amendment or rather put their trust in the promises and goodwill of government treachery?

This book really gave me a lens on the world of secret government surveillance. Keller is an extremely knowledgeable and thought-provoking writer. *Democracy Betrayed* explains how our privacy and freedom is threatened by the build up of a security state within the state. And it's not only America, but democracy is also threatened in the major European states--the United Kingdom, France, and Germany--as they implement programs to counter terrorism. This book offers new perspectives on the threat of terrorism and how to address it.

Democracy Betrayed gives clear insight into the history and anatomy of our nation's Intelligence Community and the power and scope of its reach. The size and cost of this effort are carefully delineated as are the actual and potential dangers and benefits to our liberal democracy. It is must reading for all who teach, write or set policy in the IC arena, and the documentation is superb. Keller has at last put international terrorism and its local counterparts in perspective and offers a constructive lens through which these horrors can be analyzed. He teaches no more 'crying wolf' politics, frequently at great cost to our freedom, when the actual risks can be understood and measured. Regardless of your political stripes, you will find that you are better informed and think

more clearly about events after reading Keller's work.

Page 56 has a statement at the end of a paragraph stating we should direct our anger at Snowden: it is incongruent with the theme of both paragraphs and it seems as if the publishers altered the original manuscript. I am interested to know how the end of the paragraph actually ends.

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