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First a Hand on Your Crotch, Next a Boot in Your Face

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False Choices and Airport [Security](#)

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If the [American](#) public does not stand up and oppose the TSA enforced false choice between potentially dangerous irradiating body scanners or what amounts to federally mandated sexual harassment, then the Republic is almost certainly lost.(1) In the cause of fighting the ‘war on terror,’ the evisceration of the Bill of Rights will have finally been achieved. Americans must draw the proverbial line in the sand over this issue. The body scans and the invasive pat downs violate the fourth amendment. Despite the statements issued by the TSA, [American](#) citizens do not cede their constitutional rights when they buy a plane ticket or enter an airport.

John Pistole, director of the TSA, and Janet Napolitano, Secretary of Homeland [Security](#), have been all over the media defending the new TSA patdowns and body scanners. Both have said that the new procedures are a must for airport [security](#) in the wake of the ‘underwear bomber’ and the recent attempted use of explosive laced ‘toner bombs.’ Both attacks were purportedly organized by the Yemeni based al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP).

After the underwear bomber’s attempt to blow himself up on a Northwest flight from Amsterdam to Detroit, the DHS rushed to deploy body scanners – some of which had already been purchased – at airports across the US. One of the primary advocates for the use of body scanners or the more politically correct ‘advanced imaging technology’ (AIT), is former DHS head Michael Chertoff. Secretary Chertoff’s advocacy of body scanners dates back to at least 2005. After leaving DHS, Chertoff founded the Chertoff Group, a consultancy firm whose corporate logo is an iron spiked closing portcullis.(2)

The Chertoff Group represents the primary manufacturer of body scanners, Rapiscan, which is set to make billions of dollars off the sale and maintenance of the body scanners. In the days after the attempted underwear bombing, Chertoff made the rounds on the cable news talk shows where he stressed the necessity of deploying body scanners. Of course Chertoff failed to disclose the fact that his company represented Rapiscan. Chertoff is not alone in having conflicting interests: a competing

manufacturer of body scan systems, American Science and Technology, has retained the services of two former TSA administrators who are now acting as lobbyists.(3)

Thanks to the botched bombings and the efforts of Chertoff and lobbyists, the largely untested and potentially dangerous scanners are set to replace the traditional metal detectors at airports across the country. This despite the fact that a number of security experts have said that the scanners would not have stopped Umar Farouk, the underwear bomber.(4) The scanners are not able to detect substances or items hidden in human cavities: a tactic AQAP used in an attempt to assassinate Prince Nayef, the Saudi counter-terrorism head.

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