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OPINION

Security And The Patriot Act

When considering the current debate over salvaging key portions of the Patriot Act, keep in mind a famous observation by Benjamin Franklin: "He who sacrifices freedom for security deserve neither."

The Patriot Act, which sprang from our post-9/11 wounds and fears, has become something of a poster child in some minds for that piece of wisdom. Franklin's ancient words rang out fresh and true in the wake of revelations about the National Security Agency (NSA) harvesting in bulk the phone records of millions of Americans, as provided by Section 215 of the Patriot Act. The law has essentially been cast as a mass violation of the privacy of American citizens by our own government. But this is war, after all, and some reasonable people who might otherwise have been shocked by these actions instead have chalked them up as necessary sacrifices that must be made for the defense and security of this nation.

Three key portions of the Patriot Act were scheduled to expire early Monday, and government officials ranging from a Democratic president to a Republican Senate leader have broadly declared that these defensive measure must not be allowed to lapse. Meanwhile, other lawmakers have vowed to tear down the Patriot Act and do away the government surveillance program.

Into this tangle, the alternative USA Freedom Act — a compromise package recently and overwhelmingly passed by the House and endorsed by the White House — was put forth. The measure extends certain elements of the Patriot Act, such as allowing the government to still deploy national security powers against lone terrorists and permitting law enforcement to continue to get roving warrants to track all of the communications devices of a suspected terrorist. But the Freedom Act reins in the NSA's abilities to mine the metadata of Americans. The provision would allow telecommunications companies to store such information, but would require the NSA to produce specific warrants in order to access an individual's data. This seems a more sensible approach to dealing with such material: It would still maintain a shield of protection for privacy while still allowing security officials to access data of people or groups they suspect of possible terroristic activity.

In other words, the USA Freedom Act re-calibrates some of the more overreaching provisions of the Patriot Act while still leaving the general intent of the law — enhanced domestic security — in place.

After several days of grandstanding and hand-wringing, the act was finally embraced by the Senate just before the sunset deadline. But this battle isn't done, as those who support keeping the broader surveillance powers are already proposing amendments that would dilute the compromise act.

But in truth, the Freedom Act seems like the wisest course of action in maintaining America's defense against terrorism while fostering a careful balance between liberty and protection.

The alternative leaves us with an open-ended security measure in which the word "threat" — somewhat like the word "terrorism" — remains a vague label that could potentially be defined in several different, subjective ways.

The Freedom Act, while not perfect, seems to be a logical next step in America's defense against terrorism. It may not be the defense some of us want or the one we even deserve, but it does provide a more practical approach to dealing with the evolving predatory unknowns we face, while at least trying to shore up the freedoms we hold dear.

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IN HISTORY

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, June 2, the 153rd day of 2015. There are 212 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On June 2, 1995, a U.S. Air Force F-16C was shot down by a Bosnian Serb surface-to-air missile while on a NATO air patrol in northern Bosnia; the pilot, Capt. Scott F. O'Grady, was rescued by U.S. Marines six days later.

On this date: In 1863, during the Civil War, Union Maj. Gen. William T. Sherman wrote a letter to his wife, Ellen, in which he commented, "Vox populi, vox humbug" (The voice of the people is the voice of humbug).

In 1886, President Grover Cleveland, 49, married Frances Folsom, 21, in the Blue Room of the White House. (To date, Cleveland is the only president to marry in the executive mansion.)

In 1897, Mark Twain, 61, was quoted by the New York Journal as saying from London that "the report of my death was an exaggeration."

In 1924, Congress passed a measure that was then signed by President Calvin Coolidge guaranteeing full American citizenship for all Native Americans born within U.S. territorial limits.

In 1941, baseball's "Iron Horse," Lou Gehrig, died in New York of a degenerative disease, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis; he was 37.

In 1953, the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II took place in London's Westminster Abbey, 16 months after the death of her father, King George VI.

In 1966, the U.S. space probe Surveyor 1 landed on the moon and began transmitting detailed photographs of the lunar surface.

In 1975, Vice President Nelson Rockefeller said his commission had found no widespread pattern of illegal activities at the Central Intelligence Agency.

In 1983, half of the 46 people aboard an Air Canada DC-9 were killed after fire broke out on board, forcing the jetliner to make an emergency landing at Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport.

In 1986, for the first time, the public could watch the proceedings of the U.S. Senate on television as a six-week experiment began.

In 1990, actor Sir Rex Harrison died in New York at 82.

In 1997, Timothy McVeigh was convicted of murder and conspiracy in the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City. (McVeigh was executed in June 2001.)

Ten years ago: Israel released hundreds of Palestinian prisoners, completing a pledge made under a cease-fire agreement. Closing arguments took place in the Michael Jackson child molestation trial in Santa Maria, California. (Jackson was acquitted.) Georgia's "runaway bride" Jennifer Wilbanks, pleaded no contest to

faking her own abduction; she was sentenced to probation and community service and fined. Thirteen-year-old Anurag Kashyap from Poway, California, won the national spelling bee championship in Washington by correctly spelling "apogogiatra," which means melodic tone.

Five years ago: Amid the Deepwater Horizon oil spill crisis, BP chief executive Tony Hayward apologized for having told reporters, "I'd like my life back," calling the remark hurtful and thoughtless in a statement posted on Facebook. Taxi driver Derrick Bird went on a murderous rampage across a tranquil part of rural England, leaving 12 dead before committing suicide. Pitcher Armando Galarraga of the Detroit Tigers lost his bid for a perfect game against Cleveland with two outs in the ninth inning on a call that first base umpire Jim Joyce later admitted he'd blown. (The Tigers beat the Indians, 3-0.)

One year ago: The Justice Department announced charges against 30-year-old Evgeniy Bogachev, the alleged mastermind of a band of hackers that authorities said had implanted viruses on hundreds of thousands of computers around the world, secretly seized customer bank information and stole more than \$100 million from businesses and consumers. Spain's King Juan Carlos, who'd led the transition from dictatorship to democracy but faced damaging scandals amid a financial meltdown, announced he would abdicate in favor of his more popular son Felipe.

Today's Birthdays: Actress-singer Sally Kellerman is 78. Actor Ron Ely is 77. Actor Stacy Keach is 74. Rock musician Charlie Watts is 74. Singer William Guest (Gladys Knight & The Pips) is 74. Actor Charles Haid is 72. Movie director Lasse Hallstrom is 69. Actor Jerry Mathers is 67. Actress Joanna Gleason is 65. Actor Deon Richmond is 37. Actress Morena Baccarin is 36. Rhythm-and-blues singer Irish Grinstead (702) is 35. Rock musician Fabrizio Moretti (The Strokes) is 35. Olympic gold medal soccer player Abby Wambach is 35. Country singer Dan Cahoon (Marshall Dillon) is 32. Singer-songwriter ZZ Ward is 29. Actress Brittany Curran is 25. Actor Sterling Beaumon is 20.

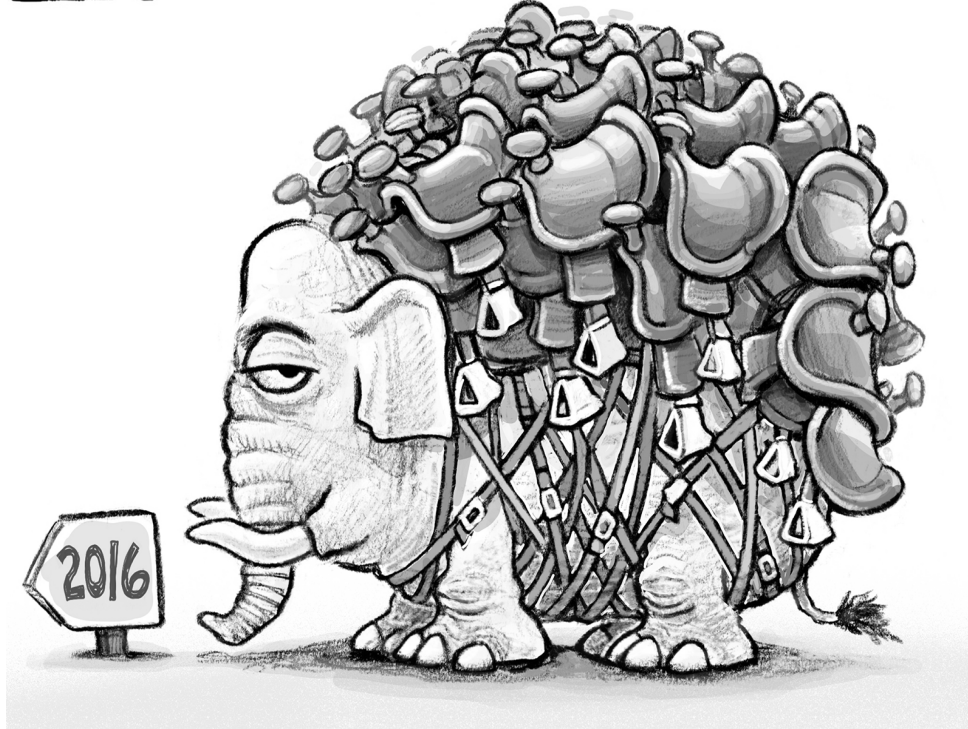
Thought for Today: "Heroism is not only in the man, but in the occasion." — Calvin Coolidge, American president (1872-1933).

FROM THE BIBLE

I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. John 15:5. Portals of Prayer, Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis.

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The Rez Of The Story

The Long Quest For Multicultural Leadership

BY VINCE TWO EAGLES

Hau Mitakuepi (Greetings My Relatives), "Before you are a leader, success is all about growing yourself. When you become a leader, success is all about growing others." — Jack Welch is a retired American business executive, author and chemical engineer.

Since the time of initial contact with European immigrants more than 500 years ago, there exists a seedbed for conflict between Native and non-Native people here in America in general — in particular here in South Dakota — for myriad reasons.

Convergent histories steeped in violence and war which serve to underscore the sordid relationship and contentious issues between homesteaders and Indian people here in South Dakota largely remain unresolved. These issues include treaties, land, poverty and reconciliation to name a few. This is especially the case in "near-reservation" communities.

Mired in historical trauma on the one hand and white privilege on the other, our respective approaches to leadership because of the lack of understanding of cultural differences becomes part of the problem. For example, in general, Euro-American leadership has been described as "top-down," while Native leadership is described a representative. Non-Indian leadership is based upon authority while Native leadership is limited to a "spokesperson" approach. When Native people hear or read the word "leader" it has a whole different meaning than in the non-Indian community.

All kinds of erroneous assumptions are made and are brought to the conversation without being aware of these leadership differences. It is little wonder we have a difficult — if not impossible — time with consensus building and joint problem solving efforts between Native and non-Native citizens.

Juana Bordas, in her book entitled, "Salsa, Soul and Spirit (Leadership for a Multicultural Age/New Approaches to Leadership from Latino, Black and American Indian Communities)," pens the following:

"Ethnocentricity is seeing the world from one cultural orientation and believing it to be



Vince TWO EAGLES

the universal standard — or even superior to all others. American leadership, which is culled largely from White male perspectives, centers on mainstream cultural values and thus reflects an ethnocentric orientation.

"A multicultural leadership orientation, on the other hand, incorporates many cultural perspectives, appreciates differences, values unique contributions of diverse groups, and promotes learning from many orientations. People are encouraged to maintain their cultural identity while at the same time participating in the diversity of the larger society.

"Multicultural leadership is uniquely suited to our mosaic world because it incorporates the influences, practices, and values of a variety of cultures in a respectful and productive manner. It encourages an inclusive and adaptable style that cultivates the ability to bring out the best in our diverse workforce and

to fashion a sense of community with people from many parts of the globe. This inclusive form of leadership enables a wide spectrum of people who reflect the vitality, values, and voices of our diversity at all levels of organizations and society.

"When people respect each other and value differences, they can work together more amicably — and more productively. Multicultural leadership encourages synergy [the interaction or cooperation of two or more organizations, substances, or other agents to produce a combined effect greater than the sum of their separate effects], innovation, and resourcefulness. Our future depends on our ability to develop the potential of our culturally diverse world ..."

Thus multicultural or bicultural leadership serves to facilitate productive public discourse, trust, and mutually relevant leadership. Without inclusivity, very little can be accomplished in terms of creating partnerships between Native and non-Native citizens who seek to fulfill common ideas about community development that are sustainable. Collaboration is a far better strategy for survival and community well-being than isolationism.

And now you know the rez of the story. Doksha (later) . . .

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'EMS Strong'

Daniel Preadable, Yankton
Yankton County EMS

Each year, EMTs across the United States use EMS Week to sponsor awareness events to keep communities safe and healthy. EMS Week this year was May 17-23 and the theme was "EMS Strong."

Yankton County EMS, in partnership with Yankton County Search & Rescue, held its 3rd Annual Water Safety Day event to celebrate Emergency Medical Services for Children Day on Wednesday, May 20. The response from this community was overwhelming!

The purpose of this event was to educate youth and families on the importance of water safety and provide free life jackets to young people. We're proud to say the event was a success! Yankton County EMS gave out 265 life jackets, which is a huge leap from the 177 life jackets given away last year. We certainly can't take all the credit, so we'd like to say Thank You to those who helped us.

Thank You to the National Park Service-MNRR, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Yankton County Search & Rescue, Summit Activities Center, American Red Cross and the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) for having educational booths so young people could learn about water safety and play some fun games. Thank You also to the many businesses and agencies that donated money to buy life jackets and food so this event could be held for free. And Thank You to the City of Yankton, Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce and all the local media outlets for helping us advertise.

Most importantly, Thank You to the

Poll Results

The results of the most recent Internet poll on the Press & Dakotan's Web site are as follows:

LATEST RESULTS:

Would you label Barack Obama's presidency a success?
No66%
Yes.....30%
Not sure yet.....4%
TOTAL VOTES CAST.....455

The Press & Dakotan Internet poll is not a scientific survey and reflects the opinions only of those who choose to participate. The results should not be construed as an accurate representation or scientific measurement of public opinion.

CURRENT QUESTION:

Would you be willing to pay more for energy produced from "alternate" (wind, solar, etc.) sources?
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families and young people who attended our event. We appreciate your enthusiasm and willingness to learn about water safety, and we hope you put that information to good use this summer.

Yankton County EMS is a committed team of Paramedics and EMTs who proudly serve the residents and visitors of Yankton County. Anyone with questions about this event or any other public service we offer, please call our office at 605.668.9033 or visit our Facebook page.

Thank you, Yankton, and have a safe summer!

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances." — **The FIRST AMENDMENT** to the U.S. Constitution

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