

Assignment One – “Are We Safer?” Documentary

Due Date: Friday, Sept. 20, at 8:59 p.m. / Worth 10 Points Total

Class Themes: Our Right(s) to Due Process, Federal Policing

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Please watch the 22 minute documentary called “Are We Safer?” here:

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/are-we-safer/>

After watching the video, **please answer BOTH questions below**. Each response should be one page double-spaced at the minimum. In other words, **you should be turning in a 2 page double-spaced assignment at the minimum.**

You are expected to answer these questions thoughtfully, with *complete sentences* and *distinct paragraphs* within each response.

You will lose points if: 1) you have grammar and/or spelling issues, 2) you alter the margins of your paper, 3) you make your font larger than 12 point, etc. I know all the tricks in the book! Two pages is not a lot!

1. Consider the concept of "suspicious behavior." How is it defined in the video? Describe what behavior **you** would consider to be suspicious enough to warrant the investigation of an individual in the following settings: an airport; a shopping mall; a public school; a military base.

2. Does the proliferation of fusion centers across the United States represent increased safety and security for Americans and/or an intrusion on civil liberties? Explain.

Writing Hint: What specific liberties are being impeded on (if you believe they are being impeded at all)?