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Bush is not Above the Law

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While recent revelations that the Bush administration illegally spied on Americans are alarming, they are hardly surprising. This is an administration that has repeatedly shown that it considers itself above the law.

Whether in the use of fabrications in the lead-up to the war or in the use of torture and illegal detentions in Guantanamo, Afghanistan and Iraq; whether in the violations of the U.S. Constitution, the Geneva Convention or international law, there is a type of arrogance to this president and his administration that borders on pathology. There is a willful "I'll do whatever I want" attitude.

It is this conceit that he is not only above the law but also above criticism that is truly alarming. It is this pattern of lies, stubborn denials and brazen counterattacks that ought to tell us that something is terribly wrong. How long will the American people go along with it?

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