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## Fear and Loathing

This is a guest blog post. The author needs no elaborate [introduction](#). Mr Ross Meurant.

### **This is a Time of fear and loathing.**

This is a time we must creep about in servile fearfulness.

This is a time of fear and loathing.

This is a time when our guardians are dangerous.

This is a time when they who guard the guardians are also the guardians.

This is a time when our Courts are weak.

This is a time not long after a time when police invoked draconian anti terror laws abrogating rights and freedoms we had enjoyed since *Magna Carta* - on the grounds of spurious untested “police intelligence” -some of which was illegally obtained – and used as a basis to secure warrants from unsuspecting judiciary – to catapult the nation onto a terror alert footing from Tuhoë to Auckland.

This is a time when our police covertly conspire with foreign governments and break the laws of our land.

This is a time when covertly conspiring with a foreign government by our military would be treason.

This is a time when to behave in such a matter while a Minister of the Crown, would be perfidy.

This is a time when bandana wearing machine gun toting police anti terrorist AOS tactical unit members jump from helicopters to terrorise pregnant women, children and smugly describe an injury to a man cowering on the floor before them as an “accidental” stomp on his hand.

This is a time when the police officer in charge of such a raid called to account before a Court of Law, with contumacious arrogance informs the Court that he will first check with a foreign power before acquiescing caveat from a judge of the Highest Court in our land.

This is a time when called to account for their conduct before a Court of Law for one of the most bizarre *agent provocateur* cases in western judicial annals, police justify their illegal means by their ends and defiantly appeal against rebuke and sanction by one of our judges.



This is a time – thirty two years in fact after a Royal Commission of Enquiry pardoned a man for two murders but also identified two police officers as having fabricated evidence to secure the convictions of the pardoned man – that police still do not accept the pardon nor the rejection by the Appeal Court of an appeal against the Commission findings – and protest that the Royal Commission “was wrong”.

This is a time when the police ignore the rule of law but are the law.

This is a time when police marksmen can miss their target several times but accidentally kill an innocent passer-by, yet escape culpability for a transparent negligent killing – which is prima facie manslaughter.

This is a time when the Independent Police Complaints Authority - which is nothing more or less than a glorified government investigation unit – usurps the role of our Courts by deciding the culpability of killings such as described above, *in camera* and not in a formal Court of law.

This is a time when the Government Communications & Security Bureau breaks the laws of our land and spy illegally – in the name of freedom from tyranny for the people of Aotearoa.

This is a time when the calibre of police ministers our nation has endured for too long has been, in the writers view, a procession of dogs being wagged by the tail.

This is a time when, as Edmund Burke once wrote, when:

***No man committed greater evil than to believe that because he could do not much he should do nothing.***

This is a time when *you* must stand firm.

This is a time when *you* must and defend *your* rights but more important, defend the integrity of *your* country.

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