

The Global War on Terrorism: What About Americans vs Americans?

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Despite the now two full decades of the "Global War on Terror" and its earlier iterations, the January 6 assault on the Capitol revealed, or perhaps confirmed, a significant gap in United States counterterrorism efforts: a lack of legislation addressing domestic terrorism. How did this gap come about? What prevented legislators and successive administrations from focusing on this threat? How do we thread the needle of protecting our Democracy, maintaining constitutional rights, and preventing insurrectionist violence by Americans against fellow Americans?

Biography

Michael Kraft spent more than three decades working in the U.S. government on counterterrorism issues and then as a consultant and writer. He first dealt with terrorism issues as a Congressional foreign policy staffer, including as staff director of the Senate Foreign Relations Middle East Subcommittee. He was then recruited by the State Department's Counterterrorism office, where he handled legislation and program issues for nearly 20 years and then served at the National Defense University. After retiring from the government, he worked as a consultant and co-authored three books on counterterrorism issues. Before joining the Senate staff, he was the chief Reuters Congressional Correspondent and previously a UPI correspondent in Washington, London and Africa.

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