

## **Freedom from fear**

In her Jan. 3 letter headlined ``Drastic times call for drastic measures," Lisa Jajowka challenged readers to put some perspective in their Voice of the People letters. Here is one: It is mighty generous of Jajowka to be giving away rights and liberties guaranteed under our Constitution, which others fought and died to secure. Rights that so many fine men and women have shed -- and currently are shedding -- blood to preserve. I doubt many veterans, especially those who fought in Korea and Vietnam (to stem the tide of totalitarian, communist governments) would agree with her.

I also find it curious that when the likes of Jajowka and Washington Post columnist Charles Krauthammer throw around cheap phrases such as ``bleeding-heart liberals" and ``the braying herds," they forget to mention that the likes of Lindsey Graham and Arlen Specter are among them. Both Republican senators have voiced serious concerns (and doubts) as to the legality of President Bush's warrantless wiretaps.

Furthermore, given that the Federal Intelligence Security Act courts have denied only five warrants in more than 20,000 cases, it is likely that the wiretaps were less about U.S. enemies and more about Bush administration enemies -- whose only crime was to have a differing opinion than that of the president. It would then follow that Bush knew no court in the land, FISA or otherwise, would grant a warrant, but he went ahead anyway.

While Jajowka may only value a few freedoms, such as freedom from fear and from having to think critically, I imagine she speaks for very few.

I cannot think of anyone in government, Bush or others, whom I would trust to without the protections afforded me by our Constitution.

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