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Passenger Screening Using Advanced Imaging Technology

A Proposed Rule by the Transportation Security Administration

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I. BACKGROUND & PERSONAL INTEREST

My name is Jonathan Corbett, and I am a U.S. citizen over the age of 18 residing in the State of Florida. I attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, a leading engineering and science university in New York, and presently own a technology consulting firm. My work has included designing and deploying technology solutions – including imaging devices – for the largest non-federal counterterrorism agency in the country: the New York Police Department’s Counterterrorism Bureau.

I am also a “frequent flyer,” having flown on hundreds of flights since the TSA’s inception shortly after the terror attacks of September 11th, 2001. Since the TSA began use of “nude body scanners¹” and “enhanced pat-downs²” in 2010, I have been at the forefront of those seeking to petition their government to end both practices, having filed the first federal lawsuit seeking review of the constitutionality on November 16th, 2010³. I have been ejected from TSA checkpoints on three occasions for merely refusing to allow a government employee to touch my genitals⁴. I have also used my technical and security background to study aviation security, and on March 7th, 2012, I published research documenting that the TSA’s new invasive procedures make our skies *more* vulnerable to terrorism, not less⁵. My research was covered by international media, and I presented my findings to members of the United States Congress on May 22nd, 2012⁶.

In addition to my first-hand experience, as a result of my work, I have heard from thousands of individuals affected by TSA abuse: by e-mail, by phone, by letter, and in person. These communications are often times heartbreaking, from stories of how grandchildren will never see grandparents or Disney World because parents do not want government hands in the pants of their children, to stories of searches that meet the legal definition of rape. I have also spoken candidly with several TSA employees who have detailed their knowledge of TSA abuse and the ineffectiveness of the present invasive security procedures⁷. It is based on my

¹ A “nude body scanner” is a device that creates an image of a traveler beneath his or her clothing by use of electromagnetic radiation. The image may be reviewed manually by a human or via an automated system. The TSA has referred to this technology as “Whole Body Imaging” and “Advanced Imaging Technology.”

² An “enhanced pat-down,” which the TSA now, in true Orwellian-form, refers to as a “standard pat-down,” involves the touching of the traveler’s genitals, buttocks, and breasts through clothing, as well as placing the hands of the searcher inside the waistband of the traveler’s pants.

³ *Corbett v. United States*, 10-CV-24106 (S.D.F.L.)

⁴ <http://tsaoutofourpants.wordpress.com/?s=kicked+out>

⁵ <http://tsaoutofourpants.wordpress.com/2012/03/06/1b-of-nude-body-scanners-made-worthless-by-blog-how-anyone-can-get-anything-past-the-tsas-nude-body-scanners/>

⁶ <http://tsaoutofourpants.wordpress.com/2012/05/05/jonathan-corbett-to-present-nude-body-scanner-failures-to-congress-file-us-supreme-court-petition-on-may-22nd/>

⁷ <http://tsaoutofourpants.wordpress.com/2012/04/10/tsa-admits-1b-nude-body-scanner-fleet-worthless/>

experience as a technical and security expert, as a frequent flyer, as a civil rights advocate, and as the recipient of the first-hand accounts of others that I provide this comment to you today.

II. ARGUMENT AGAINST ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED REGULATION

For the purposes of the TSA's accounting of comments and response thereto, each of the 15 subsections that are a part of Section II of this document is a distinct and separate reason for which the proposed regulation should not be adopted.

A. NUDE BODY SCANNERS SHOULD NOT BE IMPLEMENTED BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT NARROWLY TAILORED TO THE GOVERNMENT'S INTEREST IN AVIATION SECURITY

The government's interest in conducting searches at aviation security checkpoints under the administrative search doctrine is limited to finding "weapons, explosives, and incendiaries"⁸ ("WEI"). A search intended to find evidence of "general criminality" – drugs, child pornography, evidence of forgery, *etc.* – cannot be upheld under the Fourth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Despite this, the #1 prosecution as a result of checkpoint searches is for the possession of drugs. The TSA argues that if it finds contraband incident to a search for WEI, that it may report the findings to local law enforcement, and the evidence may be used against travelers in criminal proceedings. However, this argument fails when it comes to the nude body scanners because they have intentionally casted a net wider than necessary to accomplish their limited search for WEI.

Consider, for example, if the TSA began using bomb-sniffing dogs that also "happened to be" trained in the detection of drugs, and then the TSA directed that all passengers must undergo a "sniff search" before proceeding through a checkpoint. It would be obvious, in this circumstance, that the TSA intentionally conducted a search beyond their lawful authority.

Why is it, then, that the TSA does not grasp that imaging every inch of a traveler's body is similarly not a search narrowly tailored to aviation security? A comparison of the nude body scanners to any other technology in use by the TSA makes this point more obvious. Traditional

⁸ See U.S. v. Aukai, No. 04-10226 (9th Cir. 2007)

metal detectors search only for metals, which are common components in nearly every item – and realistically every practical item⁹ – that may be used to cause mass destruction aboard an aircraft. Explosive trace detection systems search only for nitrates and other compounds commonly found in explosives. Even the x-ray systems in use for baggage screening are designed to highlight items based on density, thus making it much less likely a screener will notice a personal use-sized bag of cocaine and much more likely that a screener will notice PETN concealed within a box of cookies.

Absent peering inside of our bodies – which many concerned with the TSA fear is the next step if the TSA continues to propose overly intrusive regulations like this one without being checked by the courts, the legislature, and the people – the TSA could not, in fact, conduct a more overly-broad search of the bodies of travelers.

While it may be tempting for some to look away – to ignore the constitutional rights – of drug traffickers and child pornographers, the overbroadness of the nude body scanners finds much more than evidence of non-aviation security-related criminality. The nude body scanners also reveal body deformities, whether a woman is menstruating, the size of one’s genitalia, *etc.*, while no other type of TSA search (save for the enhanced pat-downs introduced alongside the nude body scanners) would. Even if the nude body scanners are reviewed by machine rather than by the visual inspection of a TSA screener, any of these “anomalies” can trigger an alert by the nude body scanners, resulting in the TSA now demanding not just *to see*, but *to touch*, a body deformity, a feminine hygiene product, and yes, even the genitals of travelers¹⁰. This type of search is humiliating, demeaning, and below the care that we expect our government to take when it is interacting with the general public.

B. NUDE BODY SCANNERS SHOULD NOT BE IMPLEMENTED BECAUSE THEY ARE INEFFECTIVE FOR THEIR INTENDED PURPOSE

⁹ The TSA often discusses tiny, nonmetallic explosives that they claim can take down a commercial jetliner. However, such assertions are always vague and supported by no study. The amount of high explosive necessary to cause structural damage to an aircraft sufficient to cause it to crash, when considering any substance that may reasonably be accessible to terrorists (for example, PETN) is not thimble-sized, and still requires a detonator to activate. The TSA often cites “the underwear bomber” as an example of why we need nude body scanners, but the explosives he carried were sufficient only to mutilate his genitals in a fire that must surely have been horrific for him, but was not even close to sufficient to threaten the safety of the aircraft.

¹⁰ See “Man With World’s Largest Penis Frisked by TSA at California Airport,” The Huffington Post, http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/07/16/jonah-falcon-largest-penis-frisked-by-tsa_n_1675767.html

1. NUDE BODY SCANNERS ARE EASILY CIRCUMVENTED

In 2012, I conducted research into the efficacy of the nude body scanners as implemented by the TSA. My goal was to determine whether it was possible to conceal an item on my person that would not be detected by the operator of either of the two types of nude body scanners employed by the TSA, and, if it was possible, how difficult would it be to do so.

After studying technical documents released by nude body scanner manufacturers and third-party researchers, principles of physics relating to transmission of electromagnetic radiation, and interviews with technical experts, as well as engaging in conversations nude body scanner manufacturers and operators of similar technologies used in the medical field, I hypothesized several means by which an item could be concealed such that it would not be detected by TSA nude body scanners.

Of these hypotheses, I selected the easiest to implement for testing. This particular hypothesis relies on the fact that nude body scanners work by firing beams of electromagnetic radiation and measuring the returned radiation that is “reflected” off the target to be searched. Less dense material, such as skin and fabric, reflect the radiation at a different rate than more dense materials, such as metal¹¹. The image is generated by contrasting the reflection rate of the target to the reflection rate of the “background” behind the target.

The problem taken advantage of by my hypothesis is that if an object reflected the beams at the same rate as the background, they would be indistinguishable from the background. Most metals match the reflection of the background, meaning if a metal object were placed in a nude body scanner by itself, it would be entirely invisible. In order for a metal object to be visible, it must be placed against a background that is less dense, such as a human body. Therefore, my hypothesis was that metal attached to the sides of one’s body, rather than directly in front, would not be detectable.

I first tested my hypothesis on March 3rd, 2012 at Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport. With a metal box simply placed in a pocket on my clothing at the very side of my body, I entered a Rapiscan Backscatter X-Ray nude body scanner and passed through without detection of the metal box. I repeated my testing on March 4th, 2012 at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport, where I entered a L-3 Millimeter Wave Scanner with Automated Target Recognition, and again passed through without detection of the box.

While the box I carried was empty, it would have made no difference to the experiment if it had been filled with C-4. My conclusion from my testing is that: 1) it is possible to conceal

¹¹ This is a simplification of the technology; there is a strong correlation between density and reflection, but density is not the sole factor in determining the reflection of a material.

an item through both types of TSA nude body scanner, and 2) almost no effort is, and no special materials are, required to do so.

It should be pointed out that while no security technology is infallible, no other technology is so easily defeated. Passing significant quantities of metal through a metal detector is, by the laws of electromagnetics, impossible without building your own sophisticated electromagnet to precisely counter the EM forces present in the magnetometer. Likewise, carrying significant quantities of explosive without having detectable trace residue on your hands sufficient to alarm an explosive trace detection system would be a task that is not only difficult, but would require ownership of a 5-figure, difficult-to-obtain explosive trace detector in order to study one's techniques. Beating a nude body scanner requires, quite simply, strapping a tin can to your body.

2. NUDE BODY SCANNERS HAVE AN ABSURDLY HIGH FALSE POSITIVE RATE

In addition to events where the scanners do not detect what they should ("false-negatives"), the nude body scanners have a false-positive rate that has been estimated at anywhere from 40% - 75%¹². When an "anomaly" is found on a nude body scan, a pat-down is used to resolve it. Without pat-downs, the scanners cannot continue because there would be no way to deal with the constant barrage of false-positives.

3. THE TSA HAS CONDUCTED NO MEANINGFUL COST/BENEFIT ANALYSIS, AND THIRD-PARTY COST/BENEFIT ANALYSES CONCLUDE THAT NUDE BODY SCANNERS ARE A WASTE

Any measure of efficacy should include a cost/benefit analysis. Nude body scanners are by far the most expensive technology ever proposed by the TSA. Including installation, retrofitting of security checkpoint lanes, training, and near-term maintenance costs, each nude body scanner costs the taxpayer in the range of mid-6 figures, meaning the program in its entirety is on the order of a **\$1 billion** investment already. Compare to low 4-figures for a magnetometer and low 5-figures for an explosive trace detector.

The notice issued by the TSA indicates that all of the "benefits" of AIT are "unquantified," thus rendering their analysis entirely useless, since there is no way to objectively compare the price tag of the operation to what the taxpayer gets from the operation. The TSA also fails to consider unquantified costs, in the form, for example, of

¹² <http://www.alaskadispatch.com/article/high-false-alarm-rate-tsa-body-scanners-raises-questions>

emotional distress inflicted on travelers and additional deaths as travelers avoid an abusive TSA at the airport and take to the roads, a far more dangerous mode of transportation. There are also other quantifiable costs to travelers, such as delays and lost business due to unwillingness to utilize air travel. I personally have experienced direct costs as a result of having to travel using different airports to avoid being forced to submit to abusive screening procedures.

In order to calculate cost/benefit, the relevant question at hand is essentially: if we didn't purchase the body scanners, how many more terrorist attacks would occur, and what is the cost of a terror attack?

While it may seem impossible or insensitive to calculate a monetary cost of the deaths of Americans at the hands of terrorists, for the purposes of a cost/benefit analysis, one can compare the "cost per life saved" of a safety or security measure to other such measures to determine where money should be spent. That is, if installing \$1,000,000 worth of car seatbelts would save 25 lives on average, while giving \$1,000,000 to the Department of Homeland Security to save lives would result in less than 1 life saved on average, the money should go to seatbelts and not to the DHS.

Dr. Sommer Gentry, Ph.D and Mathematics Professor at the United States Naval Academy, conducted just such an analysis. Her results are astounding: in order for nude body scanners to be cost effective *they would need to prevent 2 or 3 terrorists attacks the size of 9/11 each year*. Her analysis assumes better-than-realistic efficacy for the nude body scanners.

While her cost/benefit analysis does not consider the unquantified costs described above, Dr. Gentry also made an effort at quantifying a part of those costs as well: additional deaths due to travelers avoiding air transportation. Her conclusion here is equally astounding: *hundreds will die each year trying to avoid the TSA's abusive airport screening*.

Dr. Gentry's research is of sufficient importance that I have attached her findings as Exhibit A, and incorporate her findings by reference as if they were stated here in full.

C. NUDE BODY SCANNERS SHOULD NOT BE IMPLEMENTED BECAUSE THEY CAUSE EMBARRASSMENT, PSYCHOLOGICAL EPISODES, AND OTHER NEGATIVE EFFECTS ON PASSENGERS

As a civil rights advocate who focuses on TSA abuse, I frequently receive communications from those who have been abused by the TSA, to the tune of hundreds of e-mails, phone calls, blog comments, and in-person communications describing the psychological

trauma incurred resultant from “by the book” TSA screening using nude body scanners and enhanced pat-downs.

There are sufficient stories in the media such that it would not be productive to broadcast the stories relayed to me personally in a public forum. Last year, the story of perhaps the first traveler to require hospitalization after a TSA screening came out. A sexual assault survivor was subjected to an invasive (the “standard”) pat-down, and required an overnight hospital stay for psychiatric treatment as a direct result¹³. The TSA screener insisted on spending significant time touching her breasts.

Other stories include incidences of pat-downs that resulted in digital penetration of the vagina of the traveler. Traveler Amy Alkon published that a screener “stuck the side of her gloved hand INTO my vagina, through my pants. Between my labia¹⁴.” Ms. Alkon’s description meets the FBI’s newly revised definition of “rape¹⁵.”

It must be reiterated that the psychological damage done by these screening methods is not in any way “rare” or “slight.” The TSA is creating an extreme emotional burden on many which must be considered as a “cost” when analyzing this program.

D. NUDE BODY SCANNERS SHOULD NOT BE IMPLEMENTED BECAUSE THE TSA HAS NOT OFFERED REASONABLE ALTERNATIVE SCREENING OPTIONS

The TSA makes much ado about the nude body scanners being “optional,” to the point where it seems that the TSA is implying that the legality of its nude body scanner program is dependent on there being an alternative screening option. However, the alternative screening made available by the TSA consists of an “enhanced pat-down¹⁶.” An enhanced pat-down, among other things, necessarily requires the TSA screener to touch the breasts, buttocks, and genitals of the passenger being searched¹⁷.

¹³ <http://rt.com/usa/tsa-rape-room-wife-179/>

¹⁴ http://www.advicegoddess.com/archives/2011/04/26/make_it_tough_t.html

¹⁵ <http://www.fbi.gov/news/pressrel/press-releases/attorney-general-eric-holder-announces-revisions-to-the-uniform-crime-reports-definition-of-rape>

¹⁶ Shortly after implementing the “enhanced pat-down,” the TSA began referring to this procedure as its “standard pat-down.” Regardless of the name of the day, the procedure presently is as described above.

¹⁷ The TSA admits the breast and buttocks search, but frequently denies that genital touching is required. However, its instructions to the screeners are to traverse the inside of the leg in an upwards direction until the screener “meets resistance.” A basic anatomy lesson will reveal that the part of the human body that will cause this “resistance” is the genital area. Especially for the half of the population with external genitals that are located between the legs, it is impossible to conduct this search “by-the-book” without making genital contact.

To many travelers, this “alternative” is even more intrusive than the nude body scanners. The choice being offered by the TSA is, essentially, let us look at your genitals or let us touch your genitals. Neither of these “options” allows a traveler to preserve his or her modesty or dignity.

A viable alternative that would be significantly less offensive would be a metal detector search followed by an explosive trace detection search. As described above in section II-B, these technologies are inexpensive yet extraordinarily difficult for a would-be terrorist to beat.

E. THE REGULATION AS WRITTEN SHOULD NOT BE ADOPTED BECAUSE THE REGULATION IS VAGUE AND OVERBROAD

The proposed regulation reads as follows: “The screening and inspection described ... may include the use of advanced imaging technology. For purposes of this section, advanced imaging technology is defined as screening technology used to detect concealed anomalies without requiring physical contact with the individual being screened.” 78 FR 18302. Immediately one may notice that this regulation does not even mention the imaging devices being discussed in the entirety of the notice. The TSA could implement anything from spectrophotometers to bomb-sniffing dogs to psychics.

As the regulation is so broad as to not give a reader a reasonable indication of what the regulation calls for, it is unconstitutionally vague. It further renders the entirety of the arguments in the TSA’s notice meaningless: its assurances of privacy considerations, radiation safety, screening alternatives, and cost/benefit are in no way assured by the wording of the proposed regulation. This regulation seeks to give the TSA authority beyond the nude body scanner: if the TSA intended to use this regulation only to implement nude body scanners, it would have said so plainly.

F. THE REGULATION SHOULD NOT BE ADOPTED BECAUSE THE TSA HAS PROVEN ITSELF UNABLE TO BE TRUSTED WITH TECHNOLOGY THAT HAS GREAT POTENTIAL FOR ABUSE

The TSA frequently makes headlines for its abuse of passengers. Some of that abuse is due to “following the rules” (*e.g.*, when a TSA screener touches the genitals of a traveler during a pat-down, they are acting in accordance with TSA policy), and some of that abuse is due to failure to follow the rules or screeners deciding on their own to intimidate, retaliate, or harass passengers.

The TSA asks us to trust them with imaging devices that are capable of creating psychological injuries (beyond that which is intrinsic to the fact that the TSA demands to inspect the genitals of travelers, no matter how sensitively they accomplish that goal). However, the TSA's record of abuse indicates that they have not earned that trust. A few examples follow:

1. BULLYING INTO SUBMISSION

To some extent, the TSA relies on the consent of travelers in order to continue to conduct its searches. That is, the TSA cannot go into random homes and conduct a search, but rather, they depend on a traveler to present him or herself at a checkpoint¹⁸.

However, beyond the obvious possibility that refusing to cooperate with screening will result in being denied access to one's flight, the TSA threatens, extorts, and sometimes uses force to "persuade" travelers to relinquish their rights. On three separate occasions in 2011, I was asked to consent to a TSA screener touching my genitals through clothing as part of their enhanced pat-down search. On two of these occasions, local law enforcement was summoned to add "muscle" to the TSA's demand that I comply with their intrusive search. On one of these occasions, I was threatened with forcible search, arrest, and fines. On all three of these occasions, I was ejected from the checkpoint and was unable to board my flight.

My experience was hardly unique. In November 2010, passenger John Tyner coined the phrase, "Don't touch my junk!" when asked to submit to a genital search, after which he was threatened with fines and ejected from the checkpoint¹⁹. In July 2011, Andrea Abbott refused to allow her daughter to be groped by TSA screeners; law enforcement was summoned and she was arrested for daring to raise her voice in defense of her daughter²⁰.

For every instance of TSA bullying that makes the news there are many, many more such encounters, and many of these have been communicated to me personally. But, perhaps more troubling is the number of people who are too afraid to stand up to the TSA and simply accept the sexual assault put forth by the TSA to avoid confrontation, especially in light of the known bullying tendencies of the TSA.

2. ABUSE SPECIFIC TO CHILDREN, THE ELDERLY, AND WOMEN

¹⁸ This "consent" is not particularly voluntary because it is extorted by threatening to deny a traveler the right to travel. Travelers must either "consent" or lose their jobs, forfeit opportunities to see family, *etc.*

¹⁹ <http://www.utsandiego.com/news/2010/nov/14/tsa-ejects-oceanside-man-airport-refusing-security/>

²⁰ <http://www.tennessean.com/article/20110713/NEWS01/307130115/Police-charge-mother-Nashville-airport-altercation>

While the TSA abuses all passengers, certain passengers are more likely to experience discrimination by the TSA. Children, the elderly, and women are three groups that are particularly affected by TSA abuse.

Children are affected by the enhanced pat-down procedure beyond the effects that would be felt by an adult. Because children are constantly learning and do not understand rationales for aviation security procedures, the effect of being subjected to a government employee touching their genitals is *conditioning* to accept sexual abuse²¹. The outrage of parents and medical professionals has led to the TSA allegedly adopting less-rigorous pat-downs for children. However, in practice, this alleged policy update is not uniformly observed.

Children are further affected by the forced separation of parents and children. From the perspective of a parent, the TSA treats children exactly as if they were a suitcase: no contact may be made between parent and child until the screening of both parties is complete. On many occasions, the TSA has demanded significant physical distance between parent and child, resulting in distress for both parties.

The TSA also routinely violates the elderly. Around the turn of the year, the TSA was the subject of a scandal by three female seniors who were strip searched (literally, not virtually) by TSA employees “in the back room”²². The TSA admitted wrong-doing in the encounter, and this was just one high-profile example of the abuse of those who deserve to be protected.

Finally, women in particular have been the target of TSA abuse. TSA screeners have been reported by hundreds of women to have targeted them for nude body scanners because of physical appearance, or pat-downs because they were wearing a skirt²³. TSA screeners have been reported to make comments about the appearance of women as they undergo physical searches, and have even made up code words to alert other screeners to the attractiveness of female travelers. TSA screeners have stood by and gawked as females are physically searched. And TSA screeners have discriminated against mothers bringing breast milk through security checkpoints²⁴. These represent some of the many abuses that women flyers encounter on a daily basis.

It should be noted that some women face particular trauma when encountering TSA procedures. Rape survivors commonly have Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, which may be

²¹ <http://www.rawstory.com/rs/2010/12/01/airport-patdowns-grooming-children-sex-predators-abuse-expert/>

²² <http://www.nydailynews.com/news/national/lenore-zimmerman-85-hurt-strip-search-tsa-agents-jfk-airport-article-1.986198>

²³ <http://www.theblaze.com/stories/2010/11/19/woman-calims-tsa-agent-reached-up-skirt-and-violently-frisked-her/>

²⁴ <http://www.nowpublic.com/world/tsa-outrage-phoenix-airport-tsa-breast-milk-harassment-video-2731512.html>

triggered by the government-sponsored checkpoint groping. In at least one instance, a rape survivor's PTSD triggered by TSA abuse landed her in the hospital²⁵.

3. ABUSE SPECIFIC TO THE DISABLED

Another group that encounters specialized TSA abuse is the disabled. Unlike virtually any other agency or business, the TSA does not comply with ADA-mandated rules requiring the provision of reasonable accommodations. Instead, disabled travelers frequently wind up embarrassed, injured, or finding alternate travel arrangements to avoid the TSA altogether.

Particularly egregious reports of TSA abuse of the disabled include breaking a man's urostomy bag (repeatedly), forcing travelers with prosthetic legs to remove their prosthesis and hop through metal detectors, demanding explanations for medications, strip searches, and general lack of respect for the special needs of these people²⁶.

4. ABUSES ALREADY REPORTED WITH NUDE BODY SCANNERS & PAT DOWNS

The Internet and the news are full of stories of TSA screeners targeting women whom the screeners find attractive for additional screening ("Heads up, got a cutie²⁷!"), male screeners gawking at female screeners screening female passengers as if their job were the viewing of Sapphic erotica²⁸, and generating lists of code words to communicate to each other when a passenger should receive additional screening purely for the entertainment of the screener²⁹. Some of those codewords are:

- "Code Red" – An attractive female passenger wearing red
- "Fanny Pack, Lane 2" – An attractive female passenger in Lane 2
- "Yellow Alert" – An attractive female passenger in yellow
- "Engage" – Flirt with an attractive female passenger

You may have noticed a trend.

5. THEFT

The TSA is certainly aware of the rampant theft from passengers that occurs on a daily basis at checkpoints; I therefore think providing a list of thievery incidents would unnecessarily belabor my point. I shall instead make mention that when a TSA screener is busy stealing from

²⁵ <http://rt.com/usa/tsa-rape-room-wife-179/>

²⁶ <http://www.examiner.com/article/tsa-agent-nearly-bursts-cancer-patient-s-urostomy-bag-again>

²⁷ <http://www.outsidethebeltway.com/tsa-agent-at-body-scanner-heads-up-got-a-cutie-for-ya/>

²⁸ <http://www.wired.com/threatlevel/2012/02/female-body-scans/>

²⁹ <https://takingsenseaway.wordpress.com/the-insiders-tsa-dictionary/>

a passenger, they are *not* busy making sure our skies are safe. A magnetometer makes an audible alarm that is virtually impossible to ignore, even if one is daydreaming about what music to load onto the iPod they just stole. Nude body scanners require careful analysis and monitoring, however, and a distracted screener will not be effective at this task.

6. OFF-DUTY CRIMINALITY: STATISTICS, CAUSE, & EFFECT

An independent blogger unrelated to this commenter has maintained a list of news articles mentioning the arrest of TSA screeners for serious crimes. His list, which is necessarily incomplete since it is compiled by a single person reading through the news, is now 15 pages long, involves over 100 screeners, and includes murder, rape, and over a dozen child sex crimes. I have attached this list as Exhibit B.

This quantity is far too vast to simply dismiss by saying “every organization will have a few bad apples.” The TSA, thus far, has been unable to weed out criminals from its organization. I have several hypotheses as to cause:

1. The TSA’s recruitment efforts do not target the best and the brightest. For example, the TSA advertises its job openings on pizza boxes³⁰.
2. The TSA does not conduct sufficient background checks, and does not have stringent enough criteria for those who are offered jobs. For example, the TSA presently employs a former priest who was booted from the Catholic Church for molesting children³¹.
3. “Decent people” do not want a job where they are forced to sexually assault their fellow citizens for a living.

The effect of the constant barrage of criminality is that the public loses trust in the TSA. While having a doctor x-ray my body is not particularly offensive to me, having a pizza-box child molester do the same is significantly more offensive. Hypothesis #3 is particularly relevant to this rulemaking. If removing the objectionable components of the TSA’s screening regimen would result in the TSA being able to attract better screeners, security would be improved.

³⁰ http://voices.washingtonpost.com/federal-eye/2010/07/tsa_using_pizza_boxes_to_recru.html

³¹ http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-504083_162-57441730-504083/priest-defrocked-for-child-sex-abuse-now-works-for-tsa-report-says/

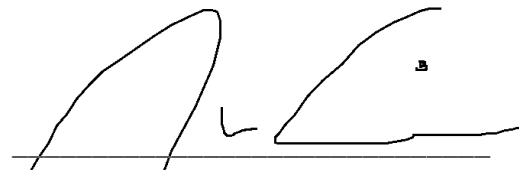
III. RECOMMENDATIONS

The TSA should adopt “Regulatory alternative 3” (traditional magnetometers paired with explosive trace detection) as its screening method. This method is almost entirely non-intrusive to the traveler, is more effective at detecting both metallic and non-metallic threats, and costs considerably less to implement.

IV. CONCLUSION

It is truly a shame that over 2.5 years after the TSA implemented the nude body scanners as primary screening, and after 2.5 years of vehement public outrage, the TSA has not abandoned its quest to fill our airports with intrusive, expensive, and ineffective technology when reasonable alternatives exist. Although I, and likely everyone submitting a comment to this notice, expect the TSA to ignore our feedback (beyond the statutorily required “lip service”), it is not too late to set aside its ego, reverse course, and begin the TSA’s journey from most despised federal agency by the public (a title formerly held by the IRS and perhaps presently competed for by the NSA) to an agency that is respected for its wisdom and ability to listen to the people whilst still securing the skies. You may be surprised to learn that I have faith that the TSA *can* do it – but like many Americans, I have limited remaining faith that you *will* do it. Please restore my faith.

As respectfully as can be mustered,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jonathan Corbett', written over a horizontal line.

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Appendix A



Freedom To Travel USA



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BACKGROUND BRIEFING

**Transportation Security Administration (TSA)
Documented Abuses, Legal Issues, Security Issues,
and Health Risks**

Sommer Gentry, Ph.D.

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- Operations research is the discipline of applying advanced analytical techniques to help make better decisions.
- Our role as operations researchers is to allocate resources to maximize the desired outcomes, to quantitatively analyze responses to risk, to calculate responses to strategic behavior, to capture all the intended and unintended consequences of various courses of action.

Bayes Rule and the Base Rate Fallacy

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- TSA's behavior detection program flags individuals for more in-depth questioning and screening
 - In the airports where it is used, fifty thousand travelers have been flagged. Zero of these were terrorists.
 - Sixteen known terrorists passed through behavior detection airports on at least 24 occasions. Zero of the terrorist travelers were flagged.
- But what if, instead, we had a spectacularly effective test? Let's assume our test **always flags terrorists** and, further, gives a **false positive on one in ten thousand (0.00001) innocent travelers**.

Bayes Rule and the Base Rate Fallacy

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- The base rate fallacy results from failure to account for the incidence of the condition being tested for.
 - Probability passenger is terrorist: 21 out of 10 billion, or 0.00000000000002
 - Bayes rule: $P_{\text{terroristflag}} = P_{\text{flagterrorist}} * P(\text{terrorist}) / P(\text{flag})$
 - $P_{\text{terroristflag}} = 1 \cdot 0.00000000000002 / 0.0000100000002 = 0.00000002$
 - So, with a nearly perfect test, only one out of every five million flagged “high risk” travelers is a terrorist.
 - False positives are not free – they undermine security

VIPR operations suffer a worse fate

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- In the VIPR program, TSA partners with local law enforcement and/or transit agencies to search bags, question transit passengers, or stop truck drivers where there is no specific threat.
- Thus, VIPR operations affect perhaps a few hundred thousand out of untold trillions of commutes every year in the U.S., without even targeting these actions toward threats.
- This is like saying, “if we throw a bunch of anvils in the air, will they come down and hit terrorists?”

How to solve the base rate fallacy

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- Apply counter-terrorism measures to high-risk populations, which means use police forces and intelligence techniques to target plots at early stages.
- All successes of counter-terrorism are of this type: liquids plot in Britain, the recently recovered underwear bomb, Times square bomber, et cetera.
- Analagously, test people for HIV if their behaviors indicate some reasonable likelihood they have been exposed.

National Research Council, Review of DHS' Approach to Risk Analysis

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- With the exception of risk analysis for natural disaster preparedness, the committee did not find any DHS risk analysis capabilities and methods that are yet adequate for supporting DHS decision making. Moreover, it is not yet clear that DHS is on a trajectory for development of methods and capability that is sufficient to ensure reliable risk analyses other than for natural disasters. (2_3, 80)
- Little effective attention was paid to the features of the risk problem that are fundamental. (11)

National Research Council, Review of DHS' Approach to Risk Analysis

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- Assessment of individual components of risk and their integration into a measure of risk is seriously deficient and is in need of major revision. (11)
- Until these deficiencies are improved, only low confidence should be placed in most of the risk analyses conducted by DHS. (11, 98)
- Most DHS risk models and analyses are quite complex and poorly documented, and thus are not transparent. Moreover, some of these models imply false precision. (7)

National Research Council, Review of DHS' Approach to Risk Analysis

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- With one exception, the committee was not told about or shown any document explaining the mathematics of the risk modeling or any write-up [explaining] how risk analyses are conducted. (42)
- It appears that the choice of weightings in these risk assessments, and the parameters in the consequence formulas, are chosen in an ad hoc fashion. (72)
- DHS has a very thin base of expertise in risk analysis – many staff members are learning on the job. (90)

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- It is very difficult to know precisely how DHS risk analyses are being done and whether their results are reliable and useful. (11)
- DHS has frequently chosen to weight heavily its consequence analyses, where magnitudes of effects can be estimated, and to reduce the weight attached to threats, where the uncertainties are large. This is not an acceptable way of dealing with uncertainty. (97)
- There are people at DHS who are aware of these limitations, but the committee did not hear of efforts to remedy them. (65)

Probability neglect is rampant at DHS

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- Emphasizing worst-case scenarios, assuming they are certain rather than assessing their likelihood
- Adding, rather than multiplying probabilities
 - DHS devised a rating scale where probabilities are added to losses. Losses on 80-point scale + likelihood of attack on 20-point scale.
 - This procedure violates all accepted risk assessment principles. Risk is attack probability multiplied by losses: de Moivre (1711).
- Inflating the definition of critical infrastructure
 - DHS OIG: criticality is not immediately apparent in groundhog zoo, Mule Day Parade, a flea market, mini golf courses, Weeki Watchi.
- Inflating terrorist capacities

Mueller and Stewart: Risk never quantified

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- Researchers found *one* reference to a numerical estimate of risk reduction after an extensive search of the agency's reports and documents.
- Moreover, they found no reference whatever to the likelihood of a terrorist attack beyond rather vague references such as “high”, “imminent”, “dynamic”, “persistent”, and “emerging”.
- What is needed are numbers, not adjectives – particularly ones that, without explanation, cluster at the dire end of the threat spectrum.

Direst predictions have been overblown

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- Tom Ridge, 2003: “extremists abroad are anticipating near-term attacks that they believe will either rival, or exceed” those of 2001.
- John Ashcroft, 2004: “credible intelligence from multiple sources indicates that al Qaeda plans to attempt an attack on the U.S. in the next few months” and arrangements are 90% complete.
- Flynn, 2004, declared al-Qaeda had the ability and intent to detonate a weapon of mass destruction, killing hundreds of thousands, collapsing our economy, and delivering a “fatal blow to our way of life.”

Direst predictions have been overblown

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- Robert Mueller, 2003: al Qaeda has “developed a support infrastructure” in U.S., and has both “the ability” and “intent” to inflict “significant casualties in the U.S. with little warning.” Estimates there are 5000 al Qaeda operatives in U.S., active in most sizable cities with Muslim communities.
- Robert Mueller, 2005, responding to the fact that FBI had not unearthed a single al Qaeda cell in the U.S., said, “I remain very concerned about what we are not seeing.”

Risk estimates “chosen in an ad hoc fashion”

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- Tenet, 2007: His “operational intuition” was telling him al Qaeda “infiltrated a second wave or a third wave into the United States at the time of 9/11. Can I prove it to you? No.”
- Michael Chertoff, 2007, said his gut was telling him there would be an attack that summer.
- Richard Clarke, 2005, issued a scenario involving shootings at casinos, campgrounds, theme parks, and malls in 2005, bombings of subways and railroads in 2006, and missile attacks on airliners in 2007.

Distorted priorities

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- Fmr. Homeland Security Secretary Chertoff: “I’ve never heard anyone say that the Department is overfunded. Well, actually, some people do say that, but no one in the Department has ever said that.”
 - Brookings Institution, 2006, televised by CSPAN
- In fact, by 2008, U.S. was spending more on counterterrorism (excluding military) than on combating all other forms of crime and fraud.
 - DC Metro, for example
- One trillion dollars later, DHS refuses to quantify how much safer these expenditures have made us

Homeland Security: Risks and Costs

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- Terror, Security, and Money by Mueller and Stewart
- How can we justify even talking about money when there are human lives at stake?
 - Every safety action has alternatives. Could the same dollars have saved even more lives? Seatbelts: \$40,000 per life saved, bike helmets cost \$120,000 per life saved, smoke alarms cost \$2 million per life saved
 - DHS > \$550 million per life saved, assuming effective.
- It is profoundly irresponsible, even immoral, to spend public safety funds without questioning whether they are being directed to the most beneficial uses.

Security measures with no benefit

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$$\text{Net Benefit} = \underbrace{p_{\text{attack}} \times C_{\text{loss}} \times \Delta R}_{\text{benefit}} - \underbrace{C_{\text{security}}}_{\text{cost}}$$

- Security measures should have positive net benefit
- All these numbers are uncertain, except C_{security}
- Estimate C_{loss} and ΔR , giving benefit of the doubt to proponents of TSA security procedures
- Calculate how high the probability of attack would have to be for airport screening to be beneficial (break-even)

Example: New Orleans levee improvements

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$$\text{Net Benefit} = \underbrace{p_{\text{attack}} \times C_{\text{loss}} \times \Delta R}_{\text{benefit}} - \underbrace{C_{\text{security}}}_{\text{cost}}$$

- $p_{\text{breach}} = 0.5$
- $C_{\text{breach}} = \$60 \text{ billion}$
- $\Delta R = 0.95$
- $C_{\text{security(levees)}} = \27 billion
- $\text{Net Benefit} = \$1.5 \text{ billion} = 0.5 \times \$60 \text{ b} \times 0.95 - \27 b

Cost-effectiveness of body scanners

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- For Advanced Imaging Technology (body scanners) to be cost effective with 90% likelihood, assuming body scanners are 5 times more effective than any other airport screening measure, the probability of an attack downing four major aircraft must be in the range of 160% to 330% per year.
- Body scanners are cost-effective if we think 9/11-sized attacks are likely to happen about 2 or 3 times every year.

Cost-effectiveness of other air security measures

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- Hardening cockpit doors is cost-effective if the probability of an attack involving \$200 billion worth of damage is 0.0012, that is, if we expect a 9/11-sized attack at least once in every 800 years
- The federal air marshal service is cost-effective if the probability of a successful attack causing \$200 billion in damage is 35% per year, that is, if we expect 9/11-sized attacks about once every 3 years.

Cost-effectiveness of U.S. counterterrorism

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- Assuming the combination of all counterterrorism programs have reduced risk by 95% , these programs are cost-effective if we expect an average of one or two 9/11-type attacks every year, or 33 major subway bombings per year, or 1,667 Times Square bombings every year.

Game theory: where is the weakest link?

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- A hypothetical enemy is free to choose the attack with highest likelihood of success, so the best investments strengthen the weakest defenses
 - Carry items through a body scanner as a passenger
 - Carry items through a metal detector as a passenger
 - Bribe TSA screeners to bypass screening
 - Get a job as a tarmac worker or airport retail worker
 - Bribe a tarmac worker or airport retail worker
 - Breach airport fence
 - Attack aircraft with shoulder-fired missile from nearby
 - Attack malls, schools, unsecured areas of airports

No good deed goes unpunished

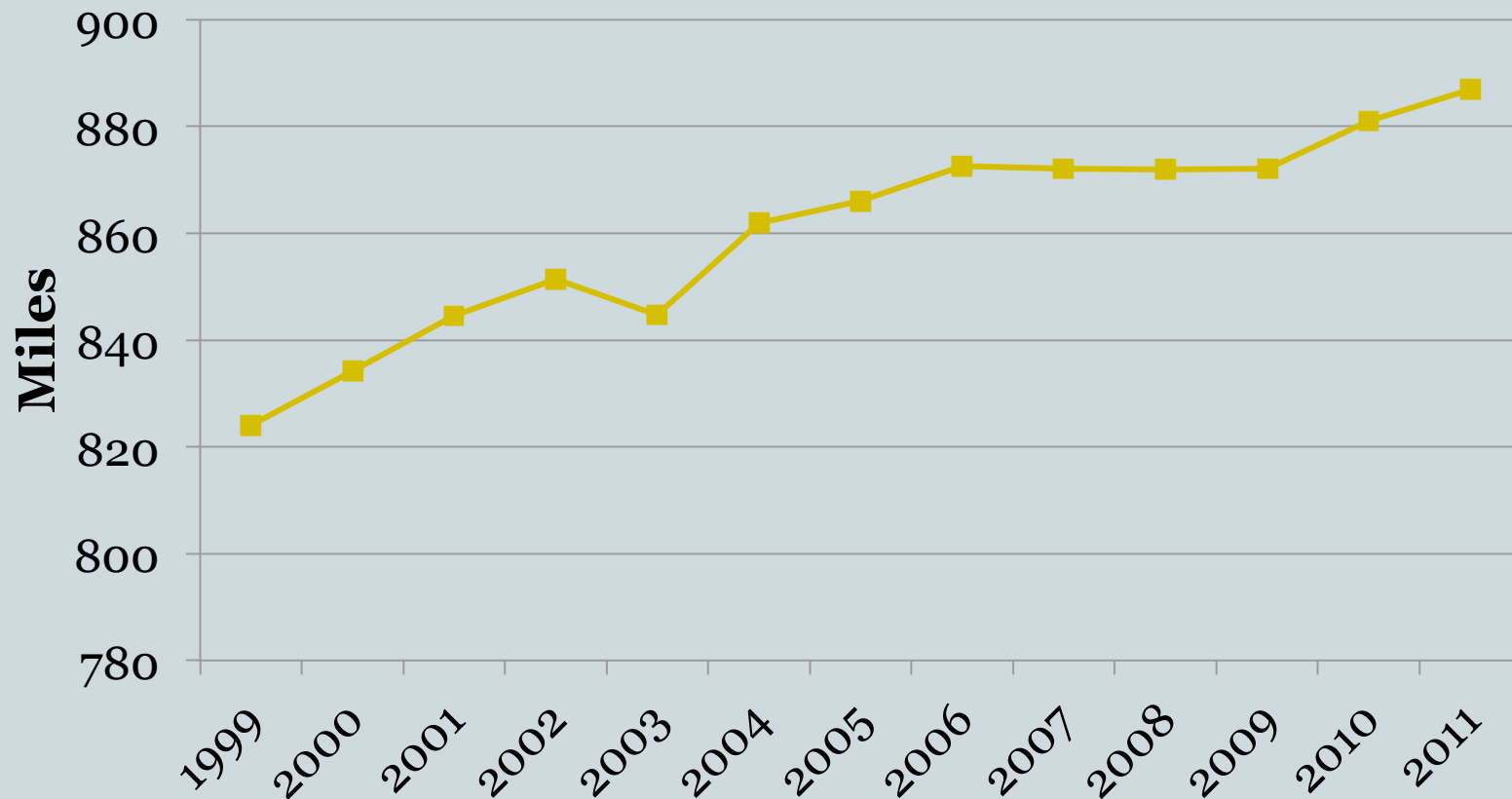
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- Misguided and overly intrusive security measures are not merely wasteful. Intrusive and bothersome security kills.
- For every million travelers who drive instead of fly to their destinations, 15 will be killed in car accidents.
- In 2006, about 6% of would-be airline passengers were diverted by the inconvenience of screening, resulting in an estimated 516 unnecessary deaths on the road.
- In 2011, those numbers are likely higher because screening has become more intrusive and more controversial
 - With 700 million airline passengers per year, if even 1% of people who would prefer to fly choose to drive, 105 deaths will result.

Short-haul flying down; trip length up

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Passenger trip length (BTS)



The FAA understands this. Why not TSA?

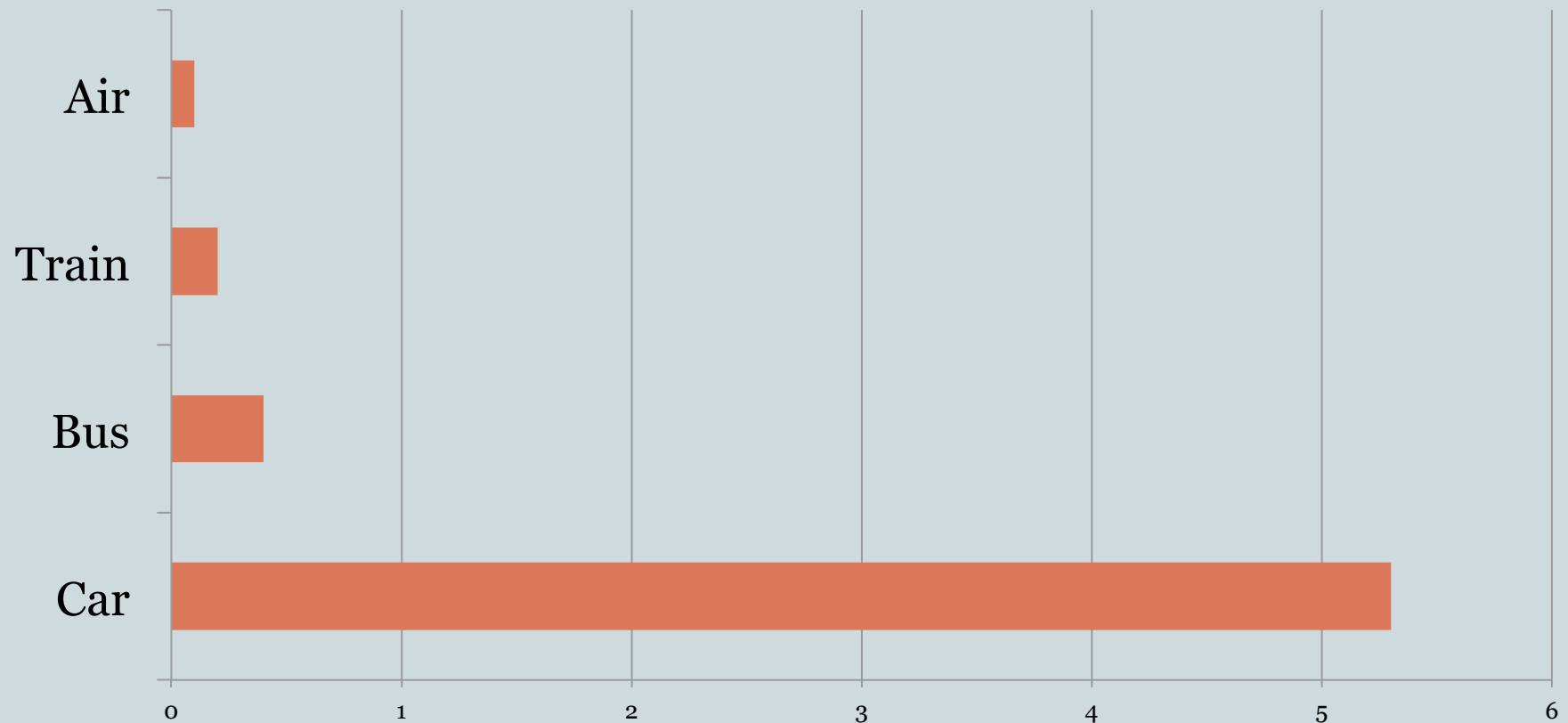
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- The FAA faced a very similar dilemma in rulemaking for lap children under 2. Children under 2 are safer belted in their own child seats on airplanes, but forcing parents to buy an extra airplane ticket would be costly enough to divert many families to the road.
- It was estimated that eliminating the lap child policy would cause nine child fatalities from road accidents for every one child fatality prevented in air accidents.
- The FAA took a rational approach to safety. In contrast, the TSA has refused to quantify how many would-be flyers are diverted to roads by its policies.

Air travel is incredibly safe!

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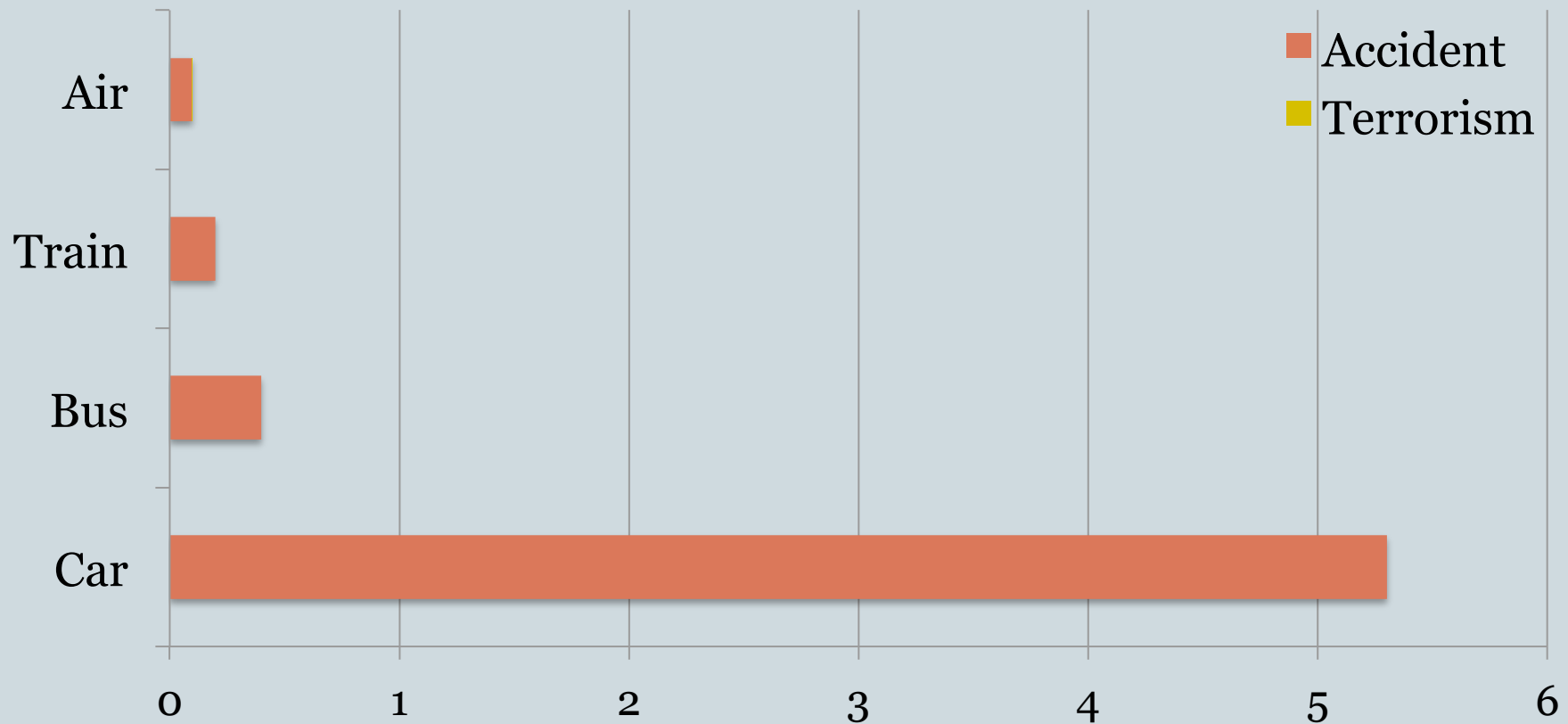
Fatalities per billion passenger miles



Airplane deaths are overwhelmingly accidental

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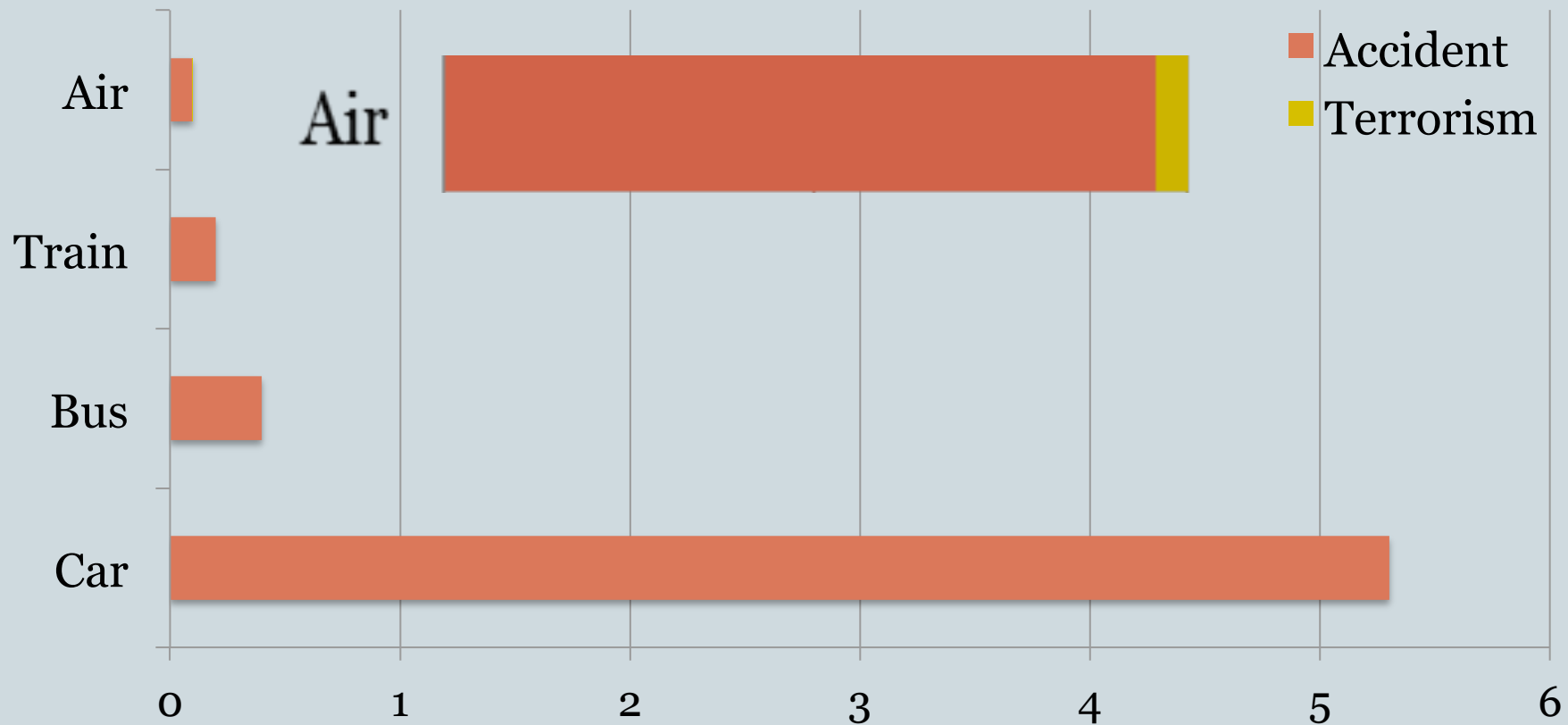
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Annual Fatality Risks: acceptable risks?

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All accidents	1 in 2,500
Homicide	1 in 22,000
Food poisoning	1 in 100,000
Drowning in bathtub	1 in 950,000
Home appliances	1 in 1,500,000
Deer accidents	1 in 2,000,000
Terrorism (U.S.)	1 in 3,500,000

Appendix B

Master List of TSA Scandals

TSA Crimes and Abuse

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TSA Worker Crimes – April 2013

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93 crimes from 12-1-10 thru 2-6-13 – 108 screeners arrested – 15 child sex crimes

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TSA screener charged with assault, harassment

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