



The official seal of the prospective cabinet department: A modest proposal to the White House. In the interest of multiculturalism and in a gesture of reconciliation with the Hessian mercenaries who fought with the British in the Revolutionary War, the name of the department will be rendered in German: Abteilung Der Heimatsicherheit.

The erosion of civil liberties which has occurred over the past eleven months may pale into insignificance by comparison to the subtle social-psychological effect of such Orwellian concepts as "homeland security." By comparison, "internal security" (employed by most totalitarian regimes) is a neutral term.