

# Republicans Block 'Domestic Terrorism Prevention Act,' Say It Labels Soldiers and Police as 'Neo-Nazis'

Senate Republicans blocked the Domestic Terrorism Prevention Act from moving forward, with Sen. Rand Paul (R) criticizing the bill. On the Senate floor Paul raised his concern, saying, "This bill would be more accurately called 'The Democrat Plan to Brand and Insult Our Police and Soldiers as White Supremacists and Neo-Nazis.'"

The bill, H.R. 350, cites White supremacy 13 times as a primary domestic terrorism threat, and it mentions "White supremacist and neo-Nazi infiltration" of law enforcement and military three times. It also authorizes offices "within the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation to analyze and monitor domestic terrorist activity."

The bill also creates an "interagency task force to analyze and combat White supremacist and neo-Nazi infiltration of the uniformed services and Federal law enforcement agencies" (SEC. 5).

"To insinuate that the military is consumed with White supremacy is an insult," said Sen. Paul. "This bill says that they've been infiltrated. This says that our police are consumed with some kind of race rage. It's untrue, and it's slander. And it's scandalous."

Sen. Paul claims this bill would set up two more "thought police offices" in the Department of Justice and the FBI.

The bill was sponsored by Rep. Bradley Scott Schneider (D)

from Illinois' 10th District. It was co-sponsored by 204 Democrats in the House of Representatives and only three Republicans. Rep. Jerry Nadler (D) from New York praised the bill as a "bipartisan solution to this growing threat." The bill failed to pass the Senate as it was blocked by Republicans.

Paul expressed his conclusion about H.R. 350 on the Senate floor: "It's a dumb Washington talking points memo masquerading as legislation." {eo}

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