DOMESTIC TERRORISM PUBLIC FORUM AGENDA

The Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board (PCLOB) is holding a public forum on domestic terrorism on Thursday, May 26th from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. EDT. The forum will be livestreamed at www.pclob.gov.

The forum will be comprised of three panels -- one government panel and two non-government panels.

GOVERNMENT PANEL

The government panel, which will run from noon to 1 p.m., will include the following participants:

- Department of Justice Counterterrorism Section Chief Matthew Blue;
- Department of Justice Civil Rights Division Criminal Section Chief Jim Felte;
- Federal Bureau of Investigation General Counsel Jason Jones;
- Office of the Director of National Intelligence Deputy General Counsel Julie Martin; and
- Department of Homeland Security Acting Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis Melissa Smislova

FIRST & FOURTH AMENDMENT PANEL

The first non-government panel, which will run from 1 to 2 p.m., will focus on First and Fourth Amendment implications of the government's efforts to counter domestic terrorism. What lessons can we learn from the recent tragedy in Buffalo? What are some of the effects of the government's efforts to combat domestic terrorism on First Amendment activity? What further safeguards, mitigations, or oversight may be needed? This panel may discuss controversies relating to Black Lives Matter, 1/6, and the government purchase of data from data brokers, among other things.

The panel may also address the use of surveillance to combat domestic terrorism, including the authorities, procedures and safeguards that currently govern such surveillance, and the applicability of the Fourth Amendment and other legal protections for privacy. What further safeguards, mitigations, or oversight may be needed to protect privacy?

The First & Fourth Amendment panel will include the following participants:

- Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights Senior Director Nadia Aziz;
- Institute for Constitutional Advocacy and Protection Executive Director Mary McCord;
- Brennan Center Liberty and National Security Program Co-Director Faiza Patel; and
Heritage Foundation Deputy Director and Senior Legal Fellow Charles "Cully" Stimson

TECHNOLOGY & DIFFERENTIAL IMPACT PANEL

The second non-government panel, which will run from 2 to 3 p.m., will explore the use of technology in efforts to combat domestic terrorism and include a discussion of differential/disparate impact. Specifically, how is the government using technology to counter domestic terrorism? What is the disparate/differential impact both in terms of technology and more generally? Are the technologies and policies used to counter international terrorism being applied to domestic terrorism, either by the government or by private firms? If so, what are the potential privacy and civil liberties implications for the American public? In what ways do private technology firms work with the government to counter domestic terrorism and does this raise further privacy and civil liberties issues? What challenges and opportunities -- for countering domestic terrorism and for protecting privacy and civil liberties in counterterrorism programs -- are created by current and likely future technology changes?

The Technology & Differential Impact panel will include the following participants:

- Muslim Justice League Executive Director Fatema Ahmad;
- University of California, Berkeley Professor Hany Farid; and
- Cardinal Point Strategies Chairman Paul Goldenberg;

PUBLIC INPUT

The Board invites written comments regarding privacy and civil liberties in the domestic terrorism context. You may submit comments responsive to notice PCLOB-2022-01 via http://www.regulations.gov. Please search by Notice PCLOB-2022-01 and follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments. Responsive comments received generally will be posted without change to regulations.gov, including any personal and/or business confidential information provided. To confirm receipt of your comment(s), please check regulations.gov approximately two-to-three business days after submission to verify posting.

Comments may be submitted any time prior to the closing of the docket at 11:59 p.m., EDT, on Thursday, June 30, 2022.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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