

Transportation Security Administration (TSA)

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The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) was created in the wake of 9/11 to strengthen the security of the nation's transportation systems while ensuring the freedom of movement for people and commerce. Within a year, TSA assumed responsibility for security at the nation's airports and deployed a Federal workforce to meet Congressional deadlines for screening all commercial airline passengers and baggage. In March 2003, TSA transferred from the Department of Transportation to the Department of Homeland Security.

The TSA is responsible for enforcing the procedures written to ensure our safety at our airports. The TSA does not think but only enforce procedures. That is why some 80 year old grandmas are patted down at the airports. Thinking VS following procedures is the question. The more a person is required to think, the more the pay. The less a person is required to think, the less the pay.

A mail deliver see's a Rottweiler behind a screen door; he/she goes on red alert. The same mail deliver see's a Chihuahua behind a screen door; he/she does not give it a second thought. The Rottweiler may be gentler than the Chihuahua. This is because the Rottweiler has a bad history. This is profiling?

The question is how safe are you? As long as procedures are followed you will be as safe as the procedures will allow. Why we have to take off our shoes at the airport? It is because of the shoe bomber. What procedure will change if a **terrorist** places a bomb up his/hers rectum?

The answer is some degree of profiling and thinking. Any procedure can be broken.

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