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- Summary lecture : Terrorism is a strategy used by the weak to goad the strong into self-injurious over-reaction. Among the many over-reactions states undertake in the face of terrorism are programs that attack the privacy and civil liberties of their own citizens and residents. Terrorism counter-strategy must capture and characterize the risk of terrorist attacks so that responses can be proportional and well-directed. This applies equally to programs with privacy and data security consequences. Specifically, such programs must address a threat vector directly, and make significant inroads against that threat coming to fruition. The example of data mining programs in the U.S. illustrate how a program fails to address a threat directly, and wastes money and privacy in the process.
- Recommended Readings:  
[http://www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/privacy/privacy\\_advcom\\_03-2006\\_framework.pdf](http://www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/privacy/privacy_advcom_03-2006_framework.pdf)  
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