

American Government & Politics: A Christian Worldview.

Short Film: “Cruz, Holder Spar Over Potential Drone Strike on U.S. Soil” (8–10 Minutes)

TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS

Goal

In this short (4:14) film, Senator Ted Cruz questions President Barack Obama’s Attorney General Eric Holder over the Fifth Amendment rights of suspected terrorists.

Instructions

1. Play the short film above here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uGQQOyzWen4>, and tell students to take notes.
2. Discuss as a class by asking for volunteers for their thoughts.

Questions

1. What is your take on *how* Attorney General Eric Holder answers the simple question that Senator Ted Cruz asks him?

AWV, but he appears to pretend not to understand the question, first saying, “Are you saying we should drone bomb someone for sitting in a café and drinking coffee?” and avoiding the question by fumbling around saying, “I don’t think it would be appropriate,” instead of answering the question “Would this be CONSTITUTIONAL?”

2. Which amendment guarantees that the accused is not deprived of “due process of law” before being “deprived of life, liberty, or property”?

The Fifth Amendment.

3. Ask a student to read the Fifth Amendment. Then ask: “Senator Cruz and Attorney General Holder discuss back and forth whether a U.S. citizen is prohibited from having these rights taken away (killed by a drone) without “due process of law” (a speedy, public trial). Exactly who is protected in this amendment, according to its words?”

Any “person.” “No person shall....” is the Fifth Amendment’s wording.

NOTE: This hearing was held on March 6, 2013, two years after (as the book mentions in the section “Amendment 5: Stealing and Remaining Silent”) President Barack Obama ordered a drone strike to murder a U.S. citizen and his teenage son, after insisting that they were “terrorists.”