"Living democracy (is when) citizens bring to one another the information they need to put all the pieces together and don’t just trust the elite or the regime in power to spoon-feed the information." Naomi Wolf, author of "The End of America: Letter of Warning To A Young Patriot" 1st edition September 5, 2007 ISBN-10: 1933392797

(Of course, the United States of America is not vulnerable to the violent, total closing-down of an open system that followed Mussolini’s march on Rome or Hitler’s roundup of political prisoners, or Stalin’s Russia, or China/Czechoslovakia/Cambodia/Burma/Thailand’s democracy movement quashing, etc. Our democratic habits are too resilient, and our military and judiciary too independent, for any kind of scenario like that. Oh, really? Here’s a short list - what more do you want? ...and what are you willing / going to do about it?)

1. Invoke a terrifying internal and external enemy [Waco, Murrah Building, 9/11, al-Qaeda, Osama, etc.]
2. Create a gulag [Guantánamo (Gitmo), Abu Ghraib, your local jail, our prison system, etc. See #6]
3. Develop a thug caste [Blackwater, Xe, Academi, Department of Homeland Security, TSA, IRS, etc.]
4. Set up an internal surveillance system [USA PATRIOT ACTs I, II, NSA’s ECHELON system, PRISM, etc.]
6. Engage in arbitrary detention and release [obviously unknown, virtual elimination of habeas corpus. See #2]
7. Target key individuals [Kennedy, Dan Rather, Bill Maher, Valerie Plame Wilson, etc.]
8. Control the press [any comment necessary here?]
9. Dissent equals treason [the mandated ‘way’ or death! Think - Sonny Bono, Paul Wellstone, etc.]

* Concerned Americans want you to be aware of this information - pass it along. *