



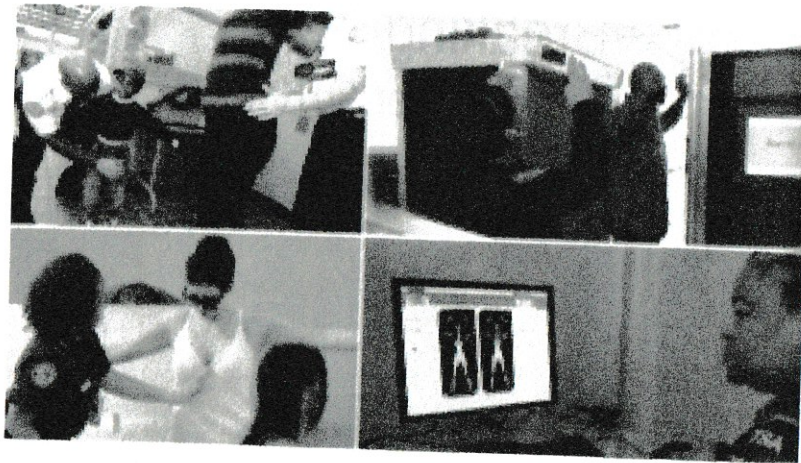
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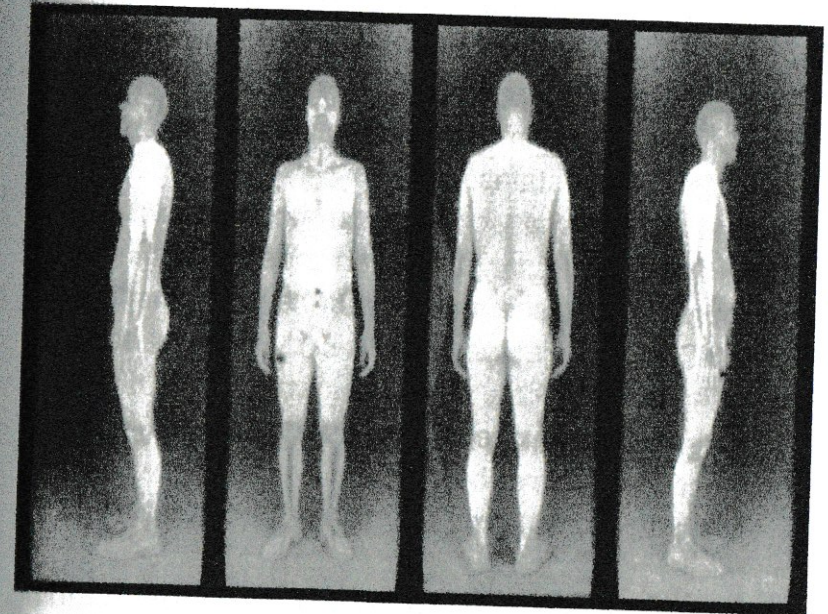


## The World Battles The Invasion Of The Naked Body Scanners



**Scientists, pilots, flight attendants, privacy groups, parents, Muslim groups, and everyday passengers, are all rebelling against airport tyranny.**

**Below are some images taken from the more sophisticated backscatter devices. As you can see, they show all parts of the body in crisp detail.**



People from all walks of life are rejecting the mass implementation of radiation spewing airport body imaging machines and fighting back against the molestation and groping that women and children are being subjected to at the hands of Transportation Security Administration (TSA) officials.

Multiple pilots' unions are advising their members to avoid the scanners, while simultaneously denouncing the enhanced pat downs as humiliating and on a par with sexual harassment.

The pilots have been joined by flight attendants, with one



Now one of the largest Muslim advice groups, The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), has issued a warning to all Muslims traveling on US aircraft in response to the reports of excessive physical searches of those singled out by security agents and those who refuse to be put through the scanners.

In "special recommendations for Muslim women who wear hijab," CAIR states:

"Before you are patted down, you should remind the TSA officer that they are only supposed to pat down the area in question — in this scenario — your head and neck. They SHOULD NOT subject you to a full-body or partial-body pat-down."

The group also advises that passengers should ask for the procedure to be done in a private place.

Recent accounts from passengers detail the fact that the enhanced body searches are being conducted in public as a way of intimidating others from resisting the scanning machines. They also describe TSA officers in some cases literally lifting travelers from the ground from between the legs and forcefully squeezing and feeling around breasts with the fingers and palms of both hands.

As reported by Reuters, parents are now demanding that the procedures be changed for children, after witnesses have described their children's genitals being touched by men and women working for the TSA.

"I didn't think it was going to be as horrible as he was describing," one father noted after an agent told him what he was going to do to the child before conducting the full body search.

children. Perhaps it should first review its policy on background checking its own employees, which by all accounts is woefully inadequate.

While the TSA maintains that the body scanning machines are safe, and that the option of the alternative pat-down will eventually be withdrawn, scientists continue to speak out over the health hazards associated with the x-ray technology.

John Sedat, a University of California at San Francisco professor of biochemistry and biophysics and member of the National Academy of Sciences tells CNet that the machines have "mutagenic effects" and will increase the risk of cancer. Sedat previously sent a letter to the White House science czar John P. Holdren, identifying the specific risk the machines pose to children and the elderly.

The letter stated:

"It appears that real independent safety data do not exist... There has not been sufficient review of the intermediate and long-term effects of radiation exposure associated with airport scanners. There is good reason to believe that these scanners will increase the risk of cancer to children and other vulnerable populations."

As the following CNN report highlights, the Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC), a non-profit privacy advocacy group is currently embroiled in a lawsuit with the TSA over the scanners, arguing that their use is illegal in respect to the 4th Amendment and the documented health risks the machines carry.

All of these groups and individuals will get the chance to speak up on what has become known as "national ont-



people refuse to submit to the tyranny taking over our major airports and scheduled to be implemented on our streets, if we do not resist.

**OptOutDay.com** declares:

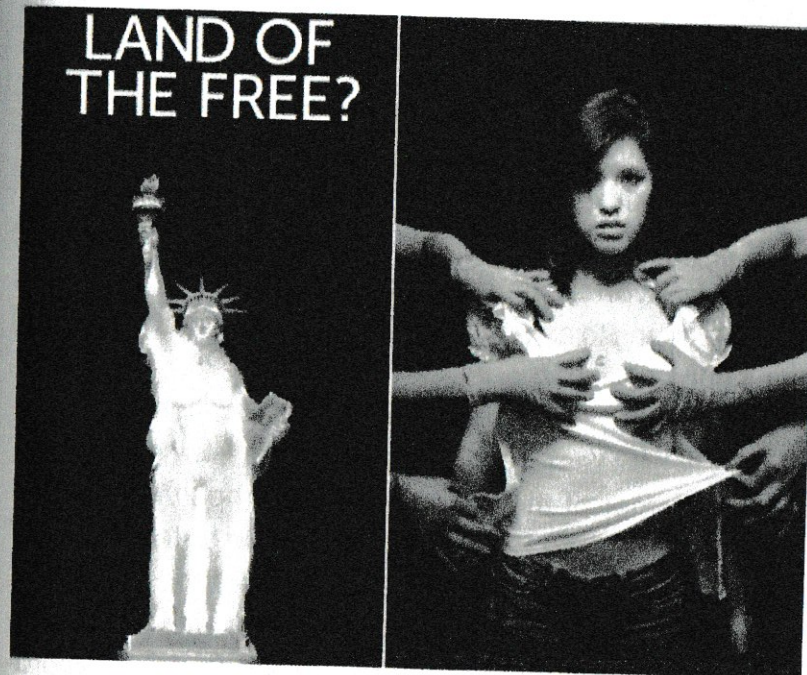
It's the day ordinary citizens stand up for their rights, stand up for liberty, and protest the federal government's desire to virtually strip us naked or submit to an "enhanced pat down" that touches people's breasts and genitals. You should never have to explain to your children, "... that no stranger can touch or see your private area, unless it's a government employee; then it's OK."

The goal of National Opt Out Day is to send a message to our lawmakers that we demand change. No naked body scanners, no government-approved groping. We have a right to privacy and buying a plane ticket should not mean that we're guilty until proven innocent.

We urge our readers to join forces with these groups and organize peaceful protests at the nearest airport to you that has implemented body scanners and enhanced TSA pat downs.

The issue has garnered such massive attention, largely due to coverage via **The Drudge Report**, that the federal government has been forced to respond, with TSA Administrator John Pistole and Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano set to meet with executives from the travel industry and heads of pilot associations.

The world is watching.



## Sanitary Towel Prompts TSA To Grope Sexual Assault Victim

**Forget concealed guns, knives, explosives, the real threat comes from the people.**

Menstruating women beware. If you intend to travel, your panty-liners are now considered suspicious objects, after all you could be concealing a bomb in there.

The latest insane TSA transgression answers questions that were raised last week when it was revealed that naked body scanners can also detect sanitary napkins.

*New York Times* reporter Joe Chodur wrote Monday that



"Do the imagers, for example, detect sanitary napkins?" women wanted to know. "Yes," wrote Sharkey.

"Does that then necessitate a pat-down? The TSA couldn't say. Screeners, the TSA has said, are expected to exercise some discretion," the article continued.

"And what about tampons?" asked the blog **Feminist Peace Network**. "They look kind of like sticks of dynamite. Are they going to ask us to pull them out and show them just to be sure?"

The answer, judging from one woman's written testimony, seems to be, "Yes."

A customer of the popular women's health company, **Gladrags**, relayed her recent experience at the hands of the TSA, via email.

In short, she was asked to walk through a radiation-projecting naked body scanner and complied. The scanner produced a naked image of her, but because her sanitary towel was obscuring her most intimate parts from prying eyes, the TSA agents pulled her aside for a full groin search. Not something to be relished by any person, let alone someone who has previously suffered sexual assault.

Here is the woman's email testimony in full:

This email isn't going to be as polished as I would normally send, but I'm upset and I don't want what happened to me to happen to anyone else (if I can stop it).

I recently traveled via air, and was subjected to that new scanning device. "No problem," I thought. I was

the airport. Not this time. I was stopped, and then held for 15 minutes while they tried to find a female supervisor. I couldn't get to my bag, my shawl, or my shoes; just standing there while the TSA agents kept me in one place.

Now, I don't want this to be about bad TSA agents; they were just doing their job, they were as delicate as they could be, etc., etc. But what ultimately happened is that I was subjected to search so invasive that I was left crying and dealing with memories that I thought had been dealt with, years ago, of prior sexual assaults.

Why?

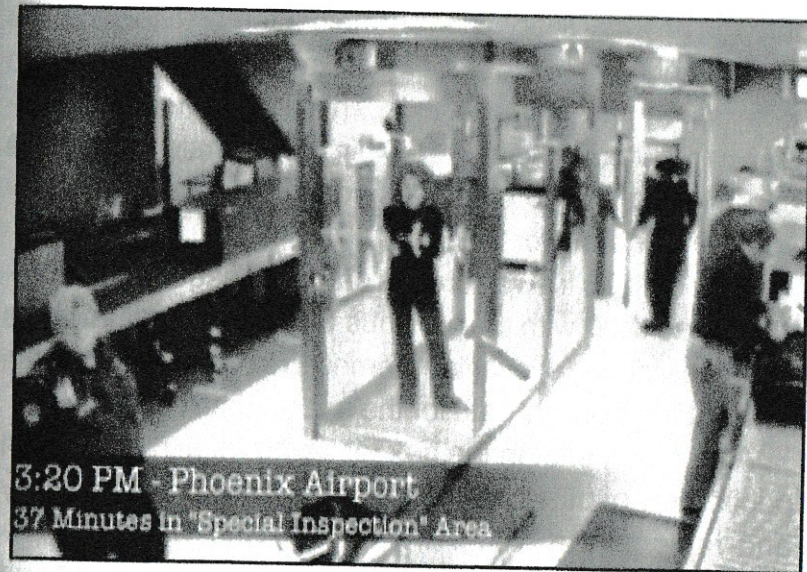
Because of my flannel panty-liner. These new scans are so horrible that if you are wearing something unusual (like a piece of cloth on your panties) then you will be subjected to a search where a woman repeatedly has to check your "groin" while another woman watches on (two in my case – they were training in a new girl – awesome).

So please, please, tell the ladies not to wear their liners at the airport (I didn't even have an insert in). I'm a strong, confident woman; I'm an Army vet (which is why those camo liners crack me up), I work full-time and go to graduate school full-time, I have a wonderful husband, and I don't take any nonsense from anyone. I don't dramatize, and I don't exaggerate. I'm trying to give you a sense of who I am so you won't think that this is a plea for attention, or a jumping on the bandwagon about the recent TSA proposed boycott.



Chalk up another ritual humiliation at the hands of the TSA, "protecting" us from terrorists by forcing women to remove their underwear napkins, and groping their vaginas in public.

When will this insanity end



## Mother Kept In "Glass Cage" For Almost An Hour By TSA For Resisting Over Breast Milk

Following their own TSA guidelines will not get you anywhere because they make the rules up as they go along.

The latest case of TSA tyranny to hit the headlines comes in the form of a young mother who was subjected to enhanced groping and then shut inside a screening box for almost an hour by agents after she refused to allow them to put her breast milk through an x-ray device, a legitimate request that is even written into the TSA's own guidelines.

The ordeal, which took place at Phoenix airport, was captured on security cameras, which Stacey Armato, who is also a lawyer, gained access to. but only after repeated



through an x-ray scanner, Ms Armato attempted to show the TSA agents a print out of their own guidelines allowing non x-ray screening for breast milk. This act of serious disobedience resulted in the agent pushing Ms Armato into a glass cage, telling her "to be quiet if you know what's good for you", while calling for "back up".

"Standing 50 ft away are the same manager and supervisor I had dealt with the previous week." Ms Armato writes in her description of events, referring to a previous 30 minute delay at the security gate for the exact same reason.

After being shut in the box for some 20 minutes, in full public view of other passengers, Ms Armato began to cry and remonstrate with TSA agents. She was then approached by a police officer who told her that she had been singled out by TSA agents who recognized her because she had filed a complaint against them regarding the handling of her breast milk the previous week.

Ms Armato writes:

About 10 minutes into all this, a Phoenix PD comes to calm me down. I explain to him that there is no reason I should be treated this way and I have every right to be upset.

He then says "they" (aka TSA) saw me coming, have it out for me (from my complaint against TSA the week before when they didn't know the breast milk rules then either), and I should travel out of a different gate in future weeks.

He said TSA wants me to play along with their horse and pony show and if I don't then, TSA can have the

so I "played along." Three Phoenix PD watched in the background... I could tell they all knew this was a waste of their time but I was happy to have them standing by in case TSA continued to act out of line.

Eventually Ms Armato was released from the security box, and subjected to a full groping from another TSA agent.

A TSA manager then approached her and told her that the milk had to go through the x-ray scanner because the containers it was in were "too full" and it was "not a clear liquid". These are both made up rules that are not mentioned anywhere in TSA guidelines, proving that even the TSA manager had no regard for the official laws in this instance.

The guidelines allow "Mothers flying with, and now without, their child be permitted to bring breast milk in quantities greater than three ounces as long as it is declared for inspection at the security checkpoint."

According to TSA rules breast milk is to be treated as a medical liquid, which should not be subjected to x-ray radiation.

Ms Armato writes:

He read the first form which stated that medical liquids can have alternate screening (no x-ray). He was quick to say "well this isn't a medical liquid!" So I had him read the second form which says breast milk is to be treated like a medical liquid. He then says, "well, not today." I started balling all over again once he said that.

Again this is clear evidence of a TSA supervisor acting



Ms Armato was then forced to pour out the milk into 8 different containers, only half filling each, as per the TSA's new completely made up rule.

Because of all this, she missed her flight home to feed her hungry baby in Los Angeles.

The following videos, which show some of the lengthy screening process, were edited together, by Ms Armato with the help of her family. The full unedited set of videos can be viewed at the foot of this article:

According to Ms Armato, the TSA edited out almost 30 minutes of footage, including a section where a TSA manager demanded and took down her personal information, took pictures of her breast milk and shouted at her for not watching closely as the agents tested it for explosive residue.

Ms Armato has vowed to fight the TSA on the issue:

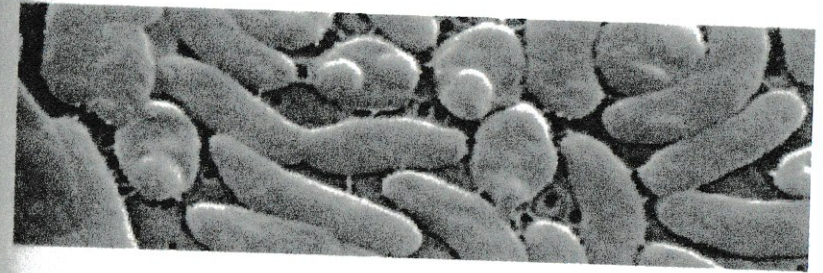
Southwest put me on the next flight home and, as luck would have it, I was standing in line right behind my Constitutional Law Professor from my law school days. At that point I knew I needed to stand up for my rights and help myself and other mothers against the uninformed, retaliatory, and harassing TSA employees that help to **"keep us safe."**

Here is the full set of videos of the incident:

<http://tinyurl.com/2b823ds>

1. <http://tinyurl.com/3yrv9l>

2. <http://tinyurl.com/32ffnst>



## Deadlier Than Scanners: TSA To Spread Disease-Causing Bacteria

Doctors warn of spread of communicable diseases through direct contact with skin; poses far greater risk to public health than statistical chance of being a victim of terrorism.

Now that the TSA's new pat down procedures include reaching inside people's clothing and directly touching their skin and genitals, communicable diseases are set to soar, with doctors warning of a new wave of infections that will pose a greater risk to public health than any statistical probability of being a victim of terrorism.

The TSA's new pat down procedures threaten to unleash an epidemic of communicable diseases, presenting a threat more deadly than the radiation travelers will be exposed to if they pass through a naked body scanner. This will undoubtedly lead to thousands of deaths of people with weak immune systems in the long term.

The controversy again highlights the fact that the body scanner and pat down procedures, through the spread of infectious diseases like flesh-eating bacteria, will kill more



The likelihood of this occurring, now that the TSA have been given free reign to directly grope passengers under their clothing, has greatly increased. The disease can be spread through contact with weakened skin, like a bruise, blister, or abrasion, or merely through minor openings in the skin such as a paper cut or a pin prick.

Cases of flesh-eating bacteria are on the increase and the disease has a 20 per cent death rate.

Syphilis, lice, gonorrhoea, ringworm, chlamydia, staph, strep, noro and papilloma viruses are also going to be readily transferred to travelers, since TSA agents do not change gloves between each pat down. Now that screeners are literally touching genitalia, the risk of transmitting sexual diseases will skyrocket.

While people are told to wear flip-flops in the gym or at the swimming pool to prevent infections transmitted via bare feet, the TSA makes people remove their shoes and walk through areas loaded with germs with no protection.

"There is no doubt that bacteria (staph, strep, v.cholerae etc.) and viruses (noro, enteroviruses, herpes, hepatitis A and papilloma viruses) can be spread by contaminated vinyl or latex gloves," Dr. Thomas Warner of Wisconsin told **World Net Daily**.

A pulmonary critical care physician from Connecticut added, "That doesn't make sense that they're not changing gloves."

"Anything can be transmitted if there are open wounds and they [ TSA agents ] are not aware; there's syphilis, gonorrhoea, herpes, chlamydia, lice, ringworm."

"As screening procedures get stricter and more necessary

hood of bacteria being spread increases, Patrick Schlievert, a microbiology and immunology professor at the University of Minnesota Medical School, told **MSNBC**.

Charles Gerba, a microbiology professor at the University of Arizona, found norovirus, MRSA, and influenza virus on the trays that travelers handle before they are subject to pat downs, while self-checkout kiosks were also loaded with germs from thousands of people pushing the same buttons every day.

The TSA and the Centers For Disease Control has failed to respond to growing concerns about TSA gropers spreading infectious diseases.

As we have previously highlighted, the menace of global terrorism has been labeled the greatest threat to western civilization since communism, and yet swimming pools, peanuts and lost deer kill more Americans every single year.

As Ohio State University's John Mueller concludes in a report entitled *A False Sense Of Insecurity*, "For all the attention it evokes, terrorism actually causes rather little damage and the likelihood that any individual will become a victim in most places is microscopic."

Americans are not only sacrificing their liberty when submitting to invasive and humiliating grope downs at the hands of the TSA, they are in fact putting themselves at a greater health risk statistically of catching a fatal disease than they would ever face from being a victim of terrorism.





## TSA Tyranny: ACLU Receives Over 900 Complaints In One Month

**Travelers detail purposeful humiliation and violation at hands of federal government.**

The American Civil Liberties Union has received a huge wave of complaints within the last month following the TSA security crack down at airports, contradicting the establishment media spin that naked body scanners and invasive pat-downs are being meekly accepted by a compliant public.

“These complaints came from men, women and children who reported feeling humiliated and traumatized by these



It states that recurring themes in the hundreds of reports they have received include:

- The searches are extremely invasive;
- Many travelers are reporting intense feelings of violation and humiliation;
- Some report being physically hurt by the searches;
- Some feel their searches are punitive;
- Reports of gawking by agents;
- Reports of seemingly unnecessary repeated touching of intimate areas;
- Many vow not to fly any more;
- Any traveler may be forced to undergo one of these searches.

Following a Freedom of Information request it was recently revealed that to date there were over 600 formal complaints about the use of the naked body scanner devices in airports. Judging from the number of complaints to the ACLU in the last month alone, that number has clearly increased exponentially as the devices, in addition to the new pat-down procedure, have become more widespread.

Comments from passengers subjected to excessive experiences at the hands of the TSA have been published by the ACLU.

"The TSA agent used her hands to feel under and between my breasts," said one woman. "She then rammed her hand up into my crotch until it jammed into my pubic bone."

Another woman described the TSA groping as more in-

she did the same with my back to the point that she, what I would call groped, my butt. She went under, in between, and on my breast."

A New York man described how he was publicly humiliated by TSA agents simply for refusing to go through a scanner:

"Three or four TSA employees came over, basically surrounded me and very loudly proclaimed what a jerk I was for refusing the scan," he said. "The 'supervisor' then spent 15 minutes examining every part of my body – it was intrusive, humiliating and without a shadow of a doubt, intended to punish me for electing to not be irradiated."

The full list of passenger quotations provided by the ACLU can be read at the foot of this article.

Over the past couple of days several corporate media outlets have been running with stories of how the "opt out" protest against the TSA procedures failed to materialize, insinuating that Americans have absolutely no problems with enhanced security measures.

The Boston Herald even suggested that the TSA had been "handed a victory".

However, it soon emerged that the TSA turned off many of its naked body scanners across the country, and scaled back the invasive searches for one day in a hastily crafted PR stunt to mute the impact of the protest.

This move came despite the fact that a TSA administrative directive stated that "Opt-Outters" should be considered "domestic extremists".

In this sense the protest represented a resounding vic-



statement on their website, [optoutday.com](http://optoutday.com):

Despite claims to the contrary, National Opt-Out Day was a rousing success. The entire point of the campaign was to raise awareness of the issues of privacy and aviation safety at TSA checkpoints, with the ultimate goal of influencing policy – to ask the question “are we really doing this right?” In that, the campaign was a success.

It was always about getting attention to the issue, educating the public and putting pressure on to change the current procedures. With near daily headlines on the front page of newspapers and debates on television and radio news, the mission was accomplished – our voice was heard. By the time November 24 rolled around policy change had already been set in motion.

This success highlights that EVERY day must be an opt-out day, only then will the TSA and the Department of Homeland Security be forced to change the unconstitutional procedures they wish to not only see normalised at airports, but in shopping malls, train stations, and at sports events.

As the **Charlotte Observer** reports, even if airports are pressured to replace the TSA with privately contracted security companies, the TSA procedures will remain. You may not be barked at so loudly, however you will still be faced with a choice of having harmful **ionising radiation** fired at you to produce an image of your naked body, or being felt up by security personnel.

The only way to defeat this tyranny and prevent it spreading to American streets is to follow the example of pilots and flight attendants and flat refuse to submit to it.

searches, these complaints often include graphic and sometimes disturbing language.)

I opted out and was sexually molested in public. The method used to search my body was on par with a sexual massage by a stranger of the same sex. My penis was touched by a man. My anus and groin were rubbed by a man. My scalp was rubbed by the same person. How can this be acceptable...? These TSA agents are not qualified to deal with the psychological or ethical responsibility of this technology.

- Joe in New Mexico

The pat down was so invasive that the woman doing it stuck her thumb through my jeans into my vagina, significantly more than simple resistance. She cupped each of my breasts, and ran her hand inside the waistband of my jeans.... I am upset, humiliated, degraded and feel abused and criminal, when I am guilty of nothing.

- Janet from Maryland [no form]

I was visibly upset and when he started to fondle me inappropriately I yelled “I want to see your supervisor!” I asked (emphatically) if he was legally allowed to grab my genitals and the supervisor said he was. After fondling my genitals he groped my buttocks and told me to have a good flight.

- Allen, Nebraska

The TSA agent used her hands to feel under and between my breasts. She then rammed her hand up into my crotch until it jammed into my pubic bone.... I was touched in the



other side. I was shocked and broke into tears.

- Mary in Texas

In and around breasts, both arms and legs, inside of legs, up to and including genitals (although I clenched the top of my thighs to limit the officer's groping. Legs a second time, but from the rear (where her hand ran up my bum crack). Entire inside waistband of pants, both from the front and rear. Lifted up my hair (already in a ponytail), inside collar of shirt.

- Sharon, Massachusetts

She ran her hands all the way up and into my crotch with force. To get graphic she could have felt if I had a feminine pad on. When she finished with the front she did the same with my back to the point that she, what I would call groped, my butt. She went under, in between, and on my breast. It was more intense than my monthly breast exam.

- Paula M. Hamilton, Corydon, Indiana

In the 4 times she explored the area where my inner thigh met my crotch, she touched my labia each time, and one pass made contact with my clitoris, through 2 layers of clothing. I told her I felt humiliated, assaulted and abused.... In my work as a nurse, if I did what the TSA did against a patient's will it would be considered assault and battery, and I did not see how the TSA should have different rules.

- Chris

TSA says he is going to run the back of his hands on my buttocks and the front of his hands on my groin area.... He

This is the most humiliating experience of my entire life. Having another male on his knees in front or behind me and feeling my private areas. And in full view of other passengers. It is a disgusting sight. I now can not sleep due to the thoughts of these agents on their knees feeling my private areas.... I have never, ever been so humiliated and will never, ever fly as long as this policy is in effect.

- Ron Wilson, California

I have a history of having been raped. I was subjected to what I have since learned is a new TSA "enhanced pat down".... I cried throughout the groping and have had intrusive thoughts since. It was humiliating. I felt powerless. It brought up emotion I could not explain.

- Woman in her 40s

I was shaking and crying the entire time. I was begging them to hurry up but they kept stopping and telling me to calm down. It is impossible to gain composure when a stranger has her hands in your underwear. A crowd gathered and watched and I never felt so humiliated. After it was over, I ran into the ladies' room where I vomited and cried until my plane was boarding.

- Melissa, Massachusetts

I felt molested and sexually harrassed by their search.

- Gweneth from California

I would not hesitate to say that I felt sexually assaulted by the agent.

- Vince from Kansas



in college.

- M., Connecticut

The entire affair was very punitive, and humiliating and time consuming and emotionally distressing. When I retrieved my things, I walked into the women's restroom and wept.

- Rosemary, Virginia

While in the "private room"... the agent inappropriately touched my genitalia (more than once) and made me feel incredibly uncomfortable. The agent also pulled down my shorts (about halfway), and I had to ask the agent to let me pull them back up. I was inappropriately touched, groped, rubbed, massaged and sexually harrassed. The procedure was violating, degrading, invasive and humiliating.

- Scott in New Mexico

Simply, I was sexually assaulted. My breasts were caressed in an almost amorous manner. And on the second canvassing of my groin, single-finger pressure was applied to my labia majora – the plane of which was near-broken, during which the agent made a wildly off-color remark.

- B. from Maryland

In all of these years and the thousands of flights and millions of airlines miles I have never been so humiliated. If my choice is to risk having my genitalia spread all over the internet and my body exposed to unknown radiation or to have my testicles bounced and my buttocks stroked I will not fly any commercial airline.... our humanity and our dignity are

cerned that someone saw my precious daughter as if she were naked. I was then put through as well and was humiliated and felt as though I were in a peep show. Before this trip, I honestly felt the scanners were a good idea and a price to be paid for travelling – after living it first hand, I have to say it is flat out WRONG.

- Celeste in Florida

The TSA agent did not give me the option of going through the screening machine. She put her hand forcefully in between my legs and took it all the way up into my genital area. She then pressed on my breasts just like a doctor would during a breast exam. She then lifted my dress and put her hands inside of my leggings around my waist.... It was so rough that I felt the effects of it throughout the day.

- Dina Pember, Kennesaw, Georgia

3 or 4 TSA employees came over, basically surrounded me and very loudly proclaimed what a jerk I was for refusing the scan, were laughing at me, repeatedly berating me. The "supervisor" then spent 15 minutes examining every part of my body – it was intrusive, humiliating and without a shadow of a doubt, intended to punish me for electing to not be irradiated.

- Aaron from New York

I was wearing a sanitary napkin, so the agent notified her supervisor that I had a "foreign object." It took about 10 minutes for her to walk 70 feet, speak with the supervisor, and return. Then she collected my carry-ons and began swabbing items in each of them. This process took a verrrrrry



had been removed and I was not able to board.

- Suzy in California

Going through the body scanner I said, "I want you to know I do not like this machine." the TSA agent asked me if I would like to opt out. I said "no, I don't want you to touch me like that, I think it's worse," to which she snickered and replied, "well there's a good chance we're gonna do that anyway." When I went through, she said I did need a pat down, and then she said she need to check my butt and rear crotch.... It was demeaning and indecent....

- Tiffany from Nevada

4 other male and female TSA agents watched while she ran her hands up and down my body, starting with my hair and then going all over, including my breasts and vaginal area.

- A physician, Michigan

My genitals were touched no less than 4 times with the index finger as the screener's hand was slid up my leg until it could go no more into my crotch.

- Marlene, California

This new procedure was absolutely humiliating. She touched my limbs, my torso, my breasts, and rubbed my vagina with her fingers three separate times. I might have understood one rub. Three rubs was NOT acceptable. My pants were thin cotton.... As soon as I left the security area, I began to cry. My husband and I had spent one of the best weeks of our lives together for our honeymoon, and it was destroyed on the way home.

The female TSA agent did not advise me of an alternative and after she directed me through the scanner she conducted the "pat-down" WITHOUT my permission or WITHOUT warning that she would be making direct and forceful contact with my genitals FOUR times! I felt sexually violated and yet afraid to protest for fear that I would be put on some kind of no-fly list or miss my flight.

- Kim, Hawaii

This was a very different and, I maintain, a deliberately abusive experience.... the agent not only felt the inside of my upper thighs but also probed my vagina three separate times. I made it to the end of the search, but then broke down...I cannot and will not allow this to happen to me again.... I continue to have nightmares about this experience.

- Charlotte in California, female, 68

I was with two strangers, one of whom now had both of her open palms moving slowly across virtually every part of my body. She barely moved them as she groped both of my breasts. And most disturbingly, her hands karate-chopped their way a full two inches up into my vagina through my slacks. She performed this maneuver not once, but twice: once from behind me, and then once again, standing/bending in front of me.

- Alex, Washington state

I will do everything in my power to drive rather than take any commercial flights if this is the new standard of TSA screening.



My daughter was forced to cancel her plans to join us for Thanksgiving because she did not want to subject her children to either the exposure to x-rays or the patdowns. We have cancelled our plans to fly north for Christmas and will drive instead.

- Janet, Florida

The TSA agent squeezes my thighs and runs his hand up until they touched my testicles on both of my legs. This was done in full view of everyone in line. This was very uncomfortable, humiliating and seemed very unnecessary. If given the choice, I will do everything in my power to drive rather than take any commercial flights if this is the new standard of TSA screening.... I do not feel safer. I feel violated....

- Max, North Carolina

When I asked the agent politely for her badge number, she said in a sharp, loud tone, "If you want to know my badge number you can talk to my supervisor!"

- Heather from New York

I have Type 1 Diabetes and wear a wireless insulin pump. TSA supervisors... informed me that since I have to wear a medical device, I will be subject to the enhanced pat-down every time I fly. It's not okay with me to have a stranger grope my genitals once, much less 12-15 times per year. Please, please, please help those of us who are being given no choice in this matter.

- Laura Seay, Georgia

I didn't set off any alarms, apparently I was searched because I was wearing a "loose fitting shirt" My T-Shirt was

I walked through the xray machine... with flying colors. And out of the blue a women said I had to get a pat down.

- Heather from Illinois

I was the only female in a crowd of men. Even though I was not next in line, I was called over to the body scanner. As I got closer to the scanner, I could clearly hear him say "got a cute one, some DD's." ... I was appalled and decided at that point to "opt out" of the scanner.... I was then put through the pat down procedure which I only can only describe as sexual assault.

- Caitlin, Connecticut