

So, what happens next, goes beyond Penn State. In recent years, our nation's reactions to tragedy has resulted in various reactions, and in some cases, over reactions. Acts committed by one person, or a few people, have changed lives for millions of people.

- Columbine - Zero Tolerance policies. This was meaningful, until kids were being expelled for bringing a plastic knife or aspirin to school.
- 9/11 - Enhanced airport security, no fly lists, the Patriot Act, Homeland Security, and a potential flyer is guilty until proven innocent).
- The "Shoe Bomber" - Take one's shoes off before going through security
- The "Liquid Bomber" - Can't take anything aboard that is more than 3.5 oz in liquid.
- The "Underwear Bomber" - Hand search or scan search.
- Of course, like school, do not bring a plastic knife. And some think that this is not enough.
- By the way, if you have a common name, and it is on the no fly list, forget about flying. Homeland Security wants to implement this program at bus and train stations, as well, on-boarding cruisers.

So, now let's talk about what will happen as the results of the acts of Jerry Sandusky, and a few inept administrators,. If history proves correct, the following:

1. All camps and activities which involve children visiting a college campus will be banned. No more summer football, basketball, thespian, young scholars events.
2. Future teachers will have their backgrounds checked similar to a Federal Security Clearance to make sure they will not be a sexual predator, have not criminal record, have no financial problems, have no contact with foreign enemies, etc. Read the following on what a thorough background investigation consists of:  
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/S...>
3. Anyone who goes into a field which

2. involves children of some sort (at college or being employed) will be subject to the background investigation as described in #2.
4. All educational institutions will also do the background checks noted in #2 for any employee.
5. Large employers will then conduct similar investigations. By this point a new industry will be created in this country detailed background checks; someone has to make a profit. Something similar to credit checks.
6. Those who are found to not pass the background checks will have limited employment options. Sort of like the "Yellow Passport" in "Les Miserables". That is, an outcast of society.
7. Of course, anyone convicted of any sex offense, might as well consider migration to another country, if another country will take them.

Because of the offense of one individual, and the cover up of these acts by several officials (including the current sitting governor of the State of Pennsylvania, who did nothing while Attorney General), the law abiding citizens will have to prove their innocence from being a sexual predator.

Some will say what I write here will never happen. Well, it already has, as evidence by Columbine and 9/11 the abilities of our elected officials to trade civil rights for security. While Americans may not get the full treatment of a Military Style Security Clearance; much of what is in the security clearance forms pretty much exists in numerous databases already. It is only a matter of time that they are merged; which Homeland Security is already doing. Let's just say, Columbine, 9/11 and Penn State will be linked in the disintegration of civil rights.

Do not get me wrong, Jerry Sandusky, and people like him, need to live out their lives in a cell to protect children and adults alike. But, judging from recent history, our elected officials are going to use a sledge hammer to prevent future Jerry Sandusky's from getting to our children; but, many citizens may become collateral damage, because they may not have a spotless background.