

Ventura: 'I despise the two parties'

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The Constitution and the Bill of Rights have never been in greater peril than they are right now and the threat is coming from the US government, according to retired professional wrestler Jesse Ventura. The former Governor of Minnesota appeared on Fox & Friends Tuesday to promote his new book *American Conspiracies: Lies, Lies, and More Dirty Lies That the Government Tells Us*.

"Alright. Strap yourself in," Fox News' Steve Doocy warned the viewers as he began the interview with Ventura.

The Constitution is "under fire because look what happened. They gutted the Fourth Amendment [against] illegal search and seizure," Ventura told Doocy and Gretchen Carlson. He may have been referring to the Bush administration's "terrorist surveillance program." The program allowed the NSA to monitor phone calls, e-mail and internet activity without first obtaining a warrant.

Ventura also noted that habeas corpus was under attack. "They can now charge you with terrorism. They can hold you without letting you see a lawyer," he complained.

"It has me gravely concerned that we continue to see an erosion of our rights in this country and our freedoms," said Ventura.

With his concern about the erosion of freedom, one might think that Ventura has a lot in common with the Tea Parties but he sees a conspiracy behind the movement because they only began protesting after Barack Obama became president.

"Where were those guys protesting when we lost habeas corpus, when they violate the Fourth Amendment of illegal search and seizure? They were nowhere to be found at that point in time," said Ventura.

But Ventura might agree with the protesters who are disgusted with the two-party system. "I just don't like the parties. I don't like -- don't get me wrong. It's not individuals. I despise the two parties. Despise them. They're ruining our country," he said.

The former governor went on to challenge Fox News' popular evening opinion personalities to interview him. Ventura claimed that Glenn Beck, Bill O'Reilly and Sean Hannity declined to let him promote his new book on their shows.

"How come the Three Stooges on later at night won't have me on?" he asked. "That's what I call them. Larry, Moe and Curly."

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