



Is political correctness putting American security at risk?

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It's tough talk that could lead to action. GOP candidates last night called for putting PC aside in the name of national security.

"It is not a lack of competence that is preventing the Obama administration from stopping these attacks. It is political correctness," said Sen. Ted Cruz.

It was a strong charge by presidential hopeful Ted Cruz.

"Political correctness is killing people," he said.

And he wasn't the only one. Ben Carson suggested the line between PC and profiling people should be more blurry since the country is in a war.

"We need to get rid of this PC stuff. Our nation is in grave danger," he said.

Frontrunner Donald Trump echoed the sentiment.

"This country needs to away from political correctness. It's killing us. It's killing us," he said.

At Tuesday night's GOP Debate, a new wave of proposals to move the line between privacy and security for those who wish to enter the country. The candidates made it clear that they believe refusing to do so is dangerous and irresponsible.

"The DHS says, 'No, we can't check their social media.' For heaven's sakes, every parent in America is checking social media and every employer is as well, but our government can't do it?" said Carly Fiorina.

Some say the government shouldn't do it; that increasing surveillance of social media for anyone goes against the values this country was founded upon.

Julian Sanchez at the Libertarian Cato Institute says the candidates are taking advantage of people's fears.

"There's almost a sense now that the only way to signal toughness on terrorism is sort of paradoxically by showing yourself most willing to be intrusive and give up civil liberties," he said.

It's a sentiment shared by Senator Rand Paul, mostly alone in the GOP field.

"I think if we ban certain religions, if we censor the Internet, I think that at that point the terrorists will have won," said Paul.

With national security now at the forefront of issues on the 2016 campaign trail, the GOP Debate provided new fuel in a debate over the rights of those who are here and wish to come here in the future.