

## [Man Arrested For 'Suspicious' Bagel](#)

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**Florida Professor Ognjen Milatovic was removed from a US Airways flight this week for transporting a “suspicious bagel.”**



These TSA-misbehaving stories are getting funnier every day.

This particular one doesn't start out as a tyrannical TSA infraction. One of Milatovic's fellow passengers complained that bag which contained a delicious toasted bagel and cream cheese was omitting a "suspicious noise." It's unclear what the noise sounded like, or what the tattle tale had smoked before he left the house, but when a crew member confronted Milatovic, he refused to sit down or wrap up his phone call. He was subsequently handcuffed.

It's weird when people don't cooperate with flight attendants. I find them to be so grouchy and threatening as to be indomitable. But this story does pose a question about endowing regular citizens with the responsibility of fighting terrorism.

When the [TSA](#) (or the MTA, or whatever) demands that people report suspicious packages, noises, bagels, whatever, they're entrusting regular people—some of whom are crazy, especially in the minutes leading up to take off—to act as police. In November, authorities pulled a Florida passenger off a plane when a passenger complained he was using the restroom too much. He was innocent of any shenanigans, and had simply consumed a treacherous combination of coffee and a bottle of water.

These are among the many stories that add to our irritation with the TSA and the ordeal of flying in general. Today, the Carnegie Institute for Science in Washington, DC is hosting a conference titled “Stripping of Freedom: A Careful Scan of TSA Security Procedures.”

Libertarian Party Executive Director Wes Benedict, Ralph Nader, and Jim Harper from the Cato institute will act as panelists. [Click here for a live feed from the conference.](#)