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The concept of habeas corpus dates from 1304 in England. A writ of habeas corpus is a court order. It commands a prison official holding a detainee to bring the prisoner to the court. The concept is the most important protection of individual freedom against arbitrary government action. Implicit in it is the power of a court to determine the validity of a prisoner's detention. Once the prisoner has been brought to the court, it can be determined whether that person has been imprisoned lawfully. If courts lack that power, people can be held indefinitely, without trial.

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In the 1969 U.S. Supreme Court case of Harris v. Nelson, the court recognized that "the writ of habeas corpus is the fundamental instrument for safeguarding individual freedom against arbitrary and lawless state action and must be administered with the initiative and flexibility essential to ensure that miscarriages of justice within its reach are surfaced and corrected."

the United States who has been determined by the United States to have been properly detained as an enemy combatant or is awaiting such determination." In other words, the right to make a determination of who is an "unlawful enemy combatant" has been taken away from the U.S. courts by this new law.

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However, Section 7 of the Military Commissions Act prescribes that: "No court, justice or judge shall have jurisdiction to hear or consider an application for a writ of habeas corpus filed by or on behalf of an alien detained by

The term "unlawful enemy combatant" is defined by this law to include "a person who has been determined to be an unlawful enemy combatant by a Combatant Status Review Tribunal or another competent tribunal established under the authority of the President or the Secretary of Defense." Note that the determination as to whether someone is an unlawful alien combatant - which can be made by Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, his successor or someone he appoints — is a fact that cannot be challenged in a U.S. court. You might say no U.S. citizen could be imprisoned under this law without a trial and indefinitely, but if the very fact that someone is an unlawful alien combatant cannot be challenged in court, what would stop the governmen from taking this step?

She can take it to government, but she cannot take it across the street to an article 3 court."

When Wu refers to an "article 3 court," he's referring to a court created under Article III of the U. S

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