



What's the problem?

Like your right to free speech and to a fair trial, the Bill of Rights guarantees every American protection against “unreasonable search and seizure”. This means the government can't enter your home to search it any time they wish: they must first prove that there is evidence that doing so will solve a specific crime in order to get a warrant. These protections extend to your information, too. The government can't see your bank records or listen to your phone conversations or read your mail unless a court agrees that they have “probable cause” that you have committed a crime.

In June, whistleblower Edward Snowden leaked documents revealing that the National Security Agency (NSA) was spying on American citizens who were not suspected of any crimes.

We're not going to stand for it.



“The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.”

- Amendment IV, United States Constitution

What we've learned

- ★ Phone companies provide the NSA with **metadata**. These records show who you talk to, how often, and for how long.
- ★ The NSA can read nearly any **email** through the PRISM program.
- ★ The NSA program XKeyscore allows analysts to monitor “**virtually everything you do online**” (quoted from leaked training documents).
- ★ The NSA is overseen by the **FISA court**. Rulings are classified and only government arguments are heard. Over 99% of rulings favor the NSA.
- ★ In 2011, Senator Ron Wyden of the Senate intelligence Committee said, “*When the American people find out how their government has secretly interpreted the Patriot Act, they will be stunned and they will be angry.*” We now know that the NSA can watch every Skype call, has taps in our allies embassies, and defied the justice dept. to perform illegal wiretaps.
- ★ NSA chief Keith Alexander lied to congress when he said “*We don't hold any data on US citizens*”. He's lied about not knowing how much data was collected: we now know its meticulously tracked by the Boundless Informant program. He lied about email monitoring, and still insists that the NSA cannot supply legally required information because they are unable to search their own emails.
- ★ The NSA and FBI claim that they have the authority to track Americans using their cell phones, but that they do not use this power.



Why should we care?

A **loss of privacy doesn't just affect you.** The National Security Agency (NSA) spys on your children, parents, friends, co-workers, elected officials, and anyone else you rely on.

Even law abiding citizens have secrets: bank passwords, financial information, intellectual property, medical history, political opinions, religious beliefs, and sexual practices can all be used to exploit or manipulate you and those near to you

Its **ILLEGAL.**

The NSA has broken the laws put in place to prevent corruption and abuses of power. If government abuses are tolerated, they will only worsen.

If you don't defend your right to privacy, what about your right to speak out? Your right to vote? To own a gun? Practice your faith? Have a fair and speedy trial? All of these rights are only as safe as the fourth amendment.



You have the power to stop this

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Restorethefourth.net
theguardian.com/world/the-nsa-files
eff.org/nsa-spying/timeline

Talk. Discuss what you learn with friends and family. Share facts and exchange opinions.

Act. Visit DefundTheNSA.com to learn how to contact your representatives, by phone, online, and in person.

Visit RestoreTheFourth.net and join our email list or follow us on social media to get updates and notifications about public demonstrations.

Visit eff.org/who-has-your-back-2013 to see which companies deserve your support, and which are eagerly cooperating with the NSA.

Our actions have already begun to make a difference. Together, we can defend our rights.



The Fourth Amendment Protects YOU



**Now,
You need to protect IT**

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