

## Surveillance: Security v Privacy

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Government must secure the general welfare of its citizens. Security outweighs personal concerns about privacy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment of the Constitution bans “unreasonable search and seizure”</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Suspects must be under surveillance, intelligence agencies have to track terrorists’ actions to prevent them from planning attacks.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Any idea which increases the power of government agencies must be rejected because it can be abused.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ After 9/11 tighter security measures at airports and borders are essential to prevent attacks.</li> <li>○ Terrorists can be prevented from entering the US when airlines have to show lists of passengers to the authorities before they can take off for America.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Tighter security controls can lead to profiling on ethnic or religious grounds.</li> <li>○ Measures aimed at travelers to the US affect all people, innocent as well as guilty people.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Rights have to be balanced against other rights, they are not absolute.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ National security has often been used as an excuse and led to the infringement of basic human rights. For example during WWII Japanese-Americans were sent to internment camps.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Congress has authorized the ACT and found that concerns about its impact on civil liberties are unfounded. The act is vital to safeguard the security of US citizens and the very liberties guaranteed in the Constitution.</li> <li>○ Hysterical criticism has proven unfounded.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ In the US, the PATRIOT ACT gives the government unnecessary and permanent new powers to violate civil liberties.</li> <li>○ The goal to fight terrorism is justified, but the PATRIOT ACT goes far beyond that. The act was passed in haste. Members of Congress had not read the act in detail.</li> <li>○ Roving wiretaps are unlawful.</li> <li>○ Suspects use disposable “burner” cell phones to evade police eavesdropping. Investigators can quickly listen in on a new device without having to go back to a judge for a new warrant every time</li> <li>○ There is no proof that the act has really succeeded in protecting Americans.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Section 102 of the USA PATRIOT Act specifically condemns acts of violence or discrimination against all Americans, including Arab Americans and Muslim Americans and Americans from South Asia.</li> <li>○ Discrimination against Arab and Muslim Americans is explicitly condemned.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Intelligence agencies have targeted minority and immigrant communities. FBI and INS have rounded up over a thousand immigrants holding them for months without charges.</li> <li>○ After 9/11 there was an increase of racial and ethnic profiling.</li> </ul>