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FORGET OBAMA TRYING TO FORCE LOBBYING RULES ONTO CHARITABLE STATUS ORGANIZATIONS.... LOOK AT HOW MUCH \$ YOU'VE WASTED ON OBAMA FOR LEADERSHIP WE KNEW YOU'D NEVER GET...



Janie Johnson @jjauthor12h

Phil Gingrey (R-GA): "Use of official time is estimated to cost taxpayers \$1.3 billion over 10 years." Holy cow! #tcot @c_maydc

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TEA PARTY CRIES FOUL OVER CAIR RECEIVING TAX-EXEMPT STATUS, AS A FOREIGN ENTITY, WHILE APPLICATIONS WERE HELD FOR OVER 3 YEARS AND 2 ELECTION CYCLES TO STOP THE TEA PARTY FROM FUNDRAISING AND PEACEABLE ASSEMBLY: OBAMA IS PROMOTING POLITICAL INTIMIDATION, IRS ABUSE, VOTER SUPPRESSION, SUPPRESSION OF FREE SPEECH, AND USING TAXPAYERS' DOLLARS TO UNDERMINE THE FAIR AND FREE ELECTION PROCESS AND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS. INQUIRY CENTERED AROUND VIOLATING THE PRIVACY OF GROUPS, THEIR ASSOCIATIONS, INCLUDING HOW MUCH TIME THEY SPEND LOBBYING OR COMMUNICATING ONLINE, WHEN THOSE ARE NOT THE REQUIREMENTS OF DETERMINING APPLICATION STATUS FOR 501c3/501c4 STATUS, ESPECIALLY UNDER ADOPTED TAX REFORM LAW.



VS.



THE <DERP> EDITION 6-20-13 SPYGATE: NSA-KGB PRISM PROGRAM RUNS \$136 BILLION MAY DEFICIT, AS OBAMA, KING-OF-WELFARE POLICIES FAIL: HEALTH CARE REFORM? RUINED. ACCOUNTABILITY WITH BANKS? TOO BIG TO JAIL. STUDENT LOANS? RATES SET TO DOUBLE DUE TO LACK OF DEFICIT REDUCTION AND LACK OF JOB GROWTH. TRANSPARENCY? WAX PAPER. FOREIGN POLICY? IMPOTENT. IT'S TIME FOR SENATE IMPEACHMENT.
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vxivRe3E6FtJdNDUquhC98UXIOvHaFMO-ZU7C3iZ4Y/edit#>
DERP! EVEN RUSSIA IS NOT BUYING OBAMA'S BERLIN SPEECH ABOUT REDUCING NUCLEAR ARSENALS AND RELATIONS ARE SO ICY, THEY ALL BUT AGREE TO SIGN RESTRAINING ORDERS AT THE G-8

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Tea Party Chief scolds Putin over Syria before G8 meeting

news.yahoo.com/obama-putin-fa



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@USEmbassySyria 10/30/12, 11/1/12, 11/9/12, 2/19/13, 3/19/13, 3/24/13, 4/10/13, 5/17/13, 5/27/13, 6/4/13, 6/9/13 - 6-2-13 BIO-WEAPONS THREAT



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@USEmbassySyria 12 TIMES CHEMICAL WEAPONS USE HAS BEEN REPORTED, SOME VERIFIED BY THE UN, SOME BY FRANCE docs.google.com/document/d/1Ev



U.S. Embassy Syria @USEmbassySyria 14 Jun

White House: The Assad regime has used deadly chemical weapons against its people at least eight times and killed... fb.me/EUyJyvXt



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@USEmbassySyria 6/12/13-9/13/13 EXPANSION OF NATO RENEWAL, DUE TO VIOLATIONS OF ARTICLE 5, PROPOSED NO-FLY ZONE

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ON THE BOMB...

CONFERS WITH NETANYAHU ON BRITISH INTEL:



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They say March of next year [@netanyahu](#) British intel says next month

[wnd.com/2013/06/defect](http://www.wnd.com/2013/06/defect) http://www.wnd.com/2013/06/defect . . . I say, Assad already has one under the Palace.



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[@MedvedevRussiaE](#) For once [@BarackObama](#) and I agree on Syria:

news.yahoo.com/u-puts-jets-jo http://news.yahoo.com/u-puts-jets-jo . . . here docs.google.com/document/d/1r8 https://docs.google.com/document/d/1r8

... you won't persuade us.

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[@MedvedevRussiaE](#) Iran and Syria are nothing but government fronts for Hezbollah and Iran

Revolutionary Guard [wnd.com/2013/06/defect](http://www.wnd.com/2013/06/defect) http://www.wnd.com/2013/06/defect



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[@MedvedevRussiaE](#) There has been standing order to take out Assad since 5-14-13 [@NATO](#)

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[@MedvedevRussiaE](#) We intend on continuing use of drone rotation to prevent the spread of warfare, to protect Israel, and as cover for rebels.

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[@MedvedevRussiaE](#) Putin is not to interfere. We will respond with planes and drones over further incidence of chemical weapons and scud use.

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[@MedvedevRussiaE](#) Not only that, I am quite miffed Putin chose my original plans where he's

parked now, but we will work around his presence.

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That is my concern. Putin no longer has the luxury of dropping arms or supplying security to Assad without impunity now. [@MedvedevRussiaE](#)

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What has transpired means Putin is now arming a terrorist regime using Assad as a govt. front [@MedvedevRussiaE](#) docs.google.com/document/d/1rG...

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[@UN](#) You see news.yahoo.com/u-puts-jets-jo... [@MedvedevRussiaE](#) the grievances go way beyond what he's done to his own people docs.google.com/document/d/1r8...

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My concern is Russia facing sanctions or charges by the [@UN](#) to persist in helping Assad [@MedvedevRussiaE](#) news.yahoo.com/u-puts-jets-jo...

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[@MedvedevRussiaE](#) Not all of it is Russian, but you get the gist docs.google.com/document/d/1ST... and it will be updated again soon, when I have time.

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[@MedvedevRussiaE](#) Considerations had to be made with Congress though, then other considerations made due to events docs.google.com/document/d/1ST...

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[@MedvedevRussiaE](#) Our Constitution provides for self-defense. Syrians have that right, America supports that right [facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=101514411802736710&source=10150477903203070.383130.773523688&type=3&theater](https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=101514411802736710&source=10150477903203070.383130.773523688&type=3&theater) . . .

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[@MedvedevRussiaE](#) Never was anything wrong to shipping arms to Syria [@HRCClinton](#) [@CIAPressRelease](#) [@Martin_Dempsey](#) but not including Congress.

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Our Constitution permits the use of weaponry for self-defense; this was only a political argument not a moral one on Syria. [@MedvedevRussiaE](#)

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We choose who we arm and why [@MedvedevRussiaE](#)

news.yahoo.com/u-puts-jets-jo . . . as we have, since this conflict took root

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Tell Putin [@MedvedevRussiaE](#) eating of the heart long been a warrior practice to ensure victory

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I see [@MedvedevRussiaE](#) Russia made dumbest mistake: next to supporting Assad whose govt. is front for terrorist regime, they say 'kill more'



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Al-Qaeda confirms death of leader in Mali aje.me/1akeGit

[aljazeera.com/news/africa/2013/06/17/2013061708014500.html](http://www.aljazeera.com/news/africa/2013/06/17/2013061708014500.html) . . .

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A Warped Prism bit.ly/16xEEfY

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The Associated Press advises Americans "DON'T KEEP YOUR DATA IN AMERICA OR WITH AMERICAN COMPANIES". bigstory.ap.org/article/ideas-keeping-your-data-safe-privacy ... [#NSA](#) [#IRS](#) [#Obama](#)

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NSA leaker gave evidence, British paper says: Britain's electronic intelligence agency monitored delegates' ph... bit.ly/18PHyAX

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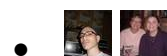
Rick @umie7613 Jun

Hey, [#FBI](#), [#CIA](#), [#DOJ](#), [#IRS](#), [#SecretService](#), [#StateDepartment](#) staff - are you PROUD to work for [#Obama](#)?? I wouldn't be either. [#nobama](#)

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(yeah nothing like shaking out that dirty laundry for the whole world to see) metadata, Obama, NSA -- you can't stop me ://



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[@RonPaul](#) Everyone has to disclose what they do with money, and you've been found out [@BarackObama](#)



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@RonPaul So unlike you @BarackObama it doesn't matter how many hours I sit at the desk or if I lobby during 'business hours' or what I tweet



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@RonPaul That's the problem though. My business runs itself. It runs with my eyes closed <http://Ink.ms/dX3v3> 24/7 @BarackObama it's open.



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@RonPaul the metadata tracks facebook postings, tweets, and can hack email to decipher communication reach and money or ideas



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Other reason for #1984Orweillian #NSA #PRISM prg. being used to target Tea Party @RonPaul is to used metadata to say lobbying rules violated

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@FBIPressOffice starting to feel better after holding all that in all these years. Mueller a dinosaur! GOOD RIDDANCE <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NP0mQe...> MUELLER :// (INSTEAD OF BUELLER)



Ted Poe @JudgeTedPoe11h

#POTUS upcoming trip to Africa will cost roughly \$100 million. The cost of this trip could fund WH tours for 1,350 weeks-almost 26 years!

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U.S. May budget deficit \$136 billion: Treasury

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By Greg Robb

WASHINGTON (MarketWatch) -- The U.S. government ran a \$136 billion budget deficit in May, the Treasury Department reported Thursday. A year ago in May the deficit was \$190 billion. Income was \$147 billion in May, the Treasury said, about \$30 billion higher than receipts in May 2009. The increase came as there were fewer individual income tax receipts in the month. More refunds than usual were made in April this year. Spending was \$283 billion in May. This is \$24 billion lower compared with a year earlier as a large amount of payments were shifted to April. The May deficit was \$6 billion below a congressional estimate and marked the 20th consecutive monthly budget shortfall. For the first eight months of the fiscal year, the government incurred a budget deficit of about \$936 billion, \$56 billion less than the deficit recorded during the same

period last year.



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@BarackObama Most people do not see the benefit of the invasion of their privacy when we've had so many security threats regardless.



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People aren't buying your claim to transparency. You have to get consent before blowing billions on a cyberprogram #PRISM @BarackObama

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I am not impressed with the deficit #PRISM makes us carry #NSA spyware @MacTXPress

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Dutch Ruppersberger @Call_Me_Dutch 18 Jun

Dutch at @HouseIntelComm hearing on #NSA: let's declassify what we can and won't hurt our national security



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@Call_Me_Dutch @HouseIntelComm I do not believe #NSA spyware to our advantage

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@JohnBrennanCIA nice #PRISM tracks every move

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I just want to let you know @NorthKoreaBoss you missed:

<http://www.whatisnuclear.com/articles/thori...>... pic.twitter.com/m6aRhXESDC



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Ask yourself @TexGov how accurate is a #RodOfThor missile from a cell phone pinged location? <http://www.whatisnuclear.com/articles/thori...>... pic.twitter.com/CoBNvdSdzY



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Best advice-stay out of Assad's troubles news.yahoo.com/north-korea-ch

@NorthKoreaBoss keep North Korea to isolationism, and mend fences with South



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You can take it up with God, with what you did @NorthKoreaBoss

news.yahoo.com/north-korea-ch you fear retaliation now, for using a Rod of Thor?



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North Korea changes tack and tells US: Let's talk... **PYONGYANG,** North Korea (AP) — After months of threatening to wage a nuclear war, North Korea did an about-face Sunday and issued a surprise proposal to the United States, its No. 1 enemy: Let's talk.

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@FBIPressOffice @DarrellIssa Welcome to 2008-2013 2 elections are defrauded, and privacy usurped without warrants [facebook.com/photo.php?fbid](https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10151608077432070&type=3&theater)

WHY DOES PRISM COST SO MUCH MONEY, IF IT IS THE “LAZY DOG” CYBERSECURITY PROGRAM THAT OBAMA, THE FBI, AND THE NSA

CLAIM THAT IT IS?! NO: IT’S A MEGA METADATA INSIDER-TRADING SCOOPER, A CYBERSECURITY TURNED SPY PROGRAM, RUN AMOK !!

SO MUCH FOR YOUR GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT!



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@FBIPressOffice doesn't arrest eldest Tsarnaev @TomCoburn & analyzes spilled milk-cost \$136B [facebook.com/photo.php?fbid](https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10151608077432070&type=3&theater)

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#PRISM is spilled, sour milk left on the floor

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NSA LEAK SOURCE SAYS “TIP OF THE ICEBERG”, OTHER PEOPLE INTERVIEWED SAY “ 10 YEARS AGO, THE MINORITY REPORT WAS A MOVIE. 10 YEARS LATER, IT HAS BECOME A REALITY!!”

THIS WAS THE GOVT. PROFITING OFF SPYING ON YOU AND MAKING YOUR COMPUTER VULNERABLE TO THEIR PERSONAL BLACKMAIL, EXTORTION, AND INSTANTANEOUS KILL-SWITCH.

THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN OBAMA IS NOT THOROUGHLY IMPEACHED BY THE SENATE. OBAMA THEN USES EXECUTIVE ORDERS TO GO AROUND CONGRESS.



Brit Hume @brithume24h

"The Obama administration has made controversies worse by changing its stories, distorting facts & lying." <http://www.nationaljournal.com/politics/do-yo>



Tea Party Chief 2013@_TeaParty Protected account 24h

@brithume @BarackObama spent 5yrs. lying about not meeting natural born clause/spying on Tea Party, killed jobs w/insider trading #ACA



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@brithume @BarackObama Nothing but perpetual lies and scandals, this goes far beyond and image problem, this is an integrity problem now.

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Not content to wait on congress, President Obama signs cyber security executive order



<DERP> WHO CARES IF IT VIOLATES THE

CONSTITUTION OR GOES AROUND CONGRESS YET AGAIN?! I'VE VIRTUALLY WIPE MY ASS WITH THAT DOCUMENT AND CONGRESS!!

February 12, 2013 8:32 PM

Tom Cheredar



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While congress has yet to reach any sort of lasting solution regarding the nations growing cyber security problems, President Barack Obama has decidedly taken the first big step in an [executive order signed earlier today](#).

The executive order places the National Institute of Standards and Technology with the responsibility of creating cyber security standards for organizations and industries that are of great importance to the country, such as transportation, utilities (water and electric), and healthcare. The department of Homeland Security will then work with businesses and industry groups on a volunteer basis to ensure that the standards are being met properly as well as come up with incentives to get more organizations/businesses on board.

The executive order would also create a new initiative for businesses to share their cyber security data with a centralized organization that could make sense of it, and allow [security experts](#) to advise on how to prevent future attacks.

Right now the biggest deterrent in getting businesses and other organizations to get on some kind of standard cyber security plan is that most don't want to be held liable for security breaches due to failure of these self-imposed regulations. However, if congress passes new legislation regarding cyber security standards, that could change.

Last year the [House passed legislation call CISPA](#), or the [Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act](#), which would have addressed many of the concerns businesses and other

organizations had about a cyber security standards. The bill sought to give American companies more legal breathing room (protection against lawsuits) when collecting and sharing consumer/user data for the purpose of preventing massive Internet security threats. However, CISPA had few guarantees that it wouldn't grossly violate an individual's privacy rights, and initially faced of a [presidential veto threat](#)). The White House eventually put a stamp of approval on a revised version of the bill, which [failed a vote in the Senate](#).

Now, that same [House bill is tentatively headed back to the floor for another vote Wednesday](#), meaning congress has one more chance to pass the White House-approved version.

This is an issue that President Obama clearly understand is important (having highlighted it specifically in tonight's [State of the Union address](#)), and his executive order essentially lays the groundwork for the CISPA bill to pass, should that happen.

You can read full text of the cyber [security executive](#) order in the document embedded below.

by [Taboola](#)

From around the Web

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<http://venturebeat.com/2013/02/12/obama-cyber-security-executive-order/#XoerCIUILZqRVPse.99>

WHAT BEGAN AS A SLOW EXPERIMENT OF DATA TRACKING OVER THE PAST DECADE, THEN BECAME A LAYERING OF PROGRAMS FOR CYBERSECURITY FOCUSING ON YOUR BROWSER USAGE: ALL GROUPED TOGETHER THROUGH YAHOO, GIVING THE GOVT. AN INSTANT WINDOW INTO YOUR DAILY LIFE, SPENDING HABITS, PERSONAL EFFECTS, AND TO SILENCE YOUR ONLINE ACTIVITY AND

SHORT OUT YOUR EQUIPMENT WITH AN INVASIVE AND INTRUSIVE KILL-SWITCH.

Edward Snowden's not the first to make claims about NSA

Previous employees have said that the cyber-spying agency is tracking Americans' communications. Intelligence officials maintain that is not the case.



Comments



Protesters rally at the Capitol in opposition to the National Security Agency's surveillance programs. (Win McNamee, Getty Images / June 16, 2013)



Famous document-leakers in recent history

By Ken Dilanian, Washington Bureau

1:47 a.m. EDT, June 16, 2013

WASHINGTON — Mathematician William Binney worked for the National Security Agency for four decades, and in the late 1990s he helped design a system to sort through the digital data the agency was sucking up in the exploding universe of bits and bytes.

When the agency picked a rival technology, he became disillusioned. He retired a month after the terrorist attacks of Sept 11, 2001, and later went public with his concerns.

Binney and several other former NSA employees said that the cyber-spying agency had created a massive digital dragnet to secretly track communications of Americans. Government officials denied the allegations and dismissed Binney and the others as conspiracy theorists who lost a bureaucratic fight.

PHOTOS: Famous document-leakers

Revelations from Edward Snowden, the former NSA contractor who leaked secrets to the media, have made it clear that the NSA has been collecting and storing millions of domestic phone records every day — numbers, time and location, but not content — for at least seven years.

Another program, known as PRISM, has given the NSA access since at least 2007 to emails, video chats and other communications through U.S. Internet companies to spy on foreigners. American emails inevitably were swept up as well.

Were Binney and his colleagues right? Is the NSA conducting secret surveillance of Americans?

U.S. intelligence officials and senior members of Congress say no. They say authorities need a court order to actually use data gathered by the NSA on "U.S. persons," and only for investigations into terrorism or foreign espionage. If your data is sitting on an NSA server somewhere but is never examined, they argue, is your privacy really being invaded?

"What we create is a set of data ... and only under specific times can we query that data," Gen. Keith Alexander, the NSA director, told a Senate committee Wednesday. "And when we do that it's auditable.... We don't get to swim through the data."

James R. Clapper, director of national intelligence, used the metaphor of a library catalog

system. All the telephone metadata goes into the library, but taking a specific book "off the shelf, opening it up and reading it" would require a warrant, he told NBC News.

And Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.), who chairs the Senate Intelligence Committee, said the "vast majority" of records are never accessed and are deleted after five years.

Civil liberties activists aren't convinced.

Phone records are "sensitive as hell," said Julian Sanchez, who blogs on privacy at the Cato Institute, a libertarian think tank. "Who called a suicide hotline? Who called a divorce lawyer? A substance abuse counselor? Their gynecologist, followed by Planned Parenthood?"

NSA officials say that kind of information is irrelevant to the agency. It is tasked with collecting foreign intelligence and stopping terrorist plots, they say, and analysts would not be authorized to examine records on Americans unless they showed a link to a terrorism suspect or a foreign agent. All of the surveillance programs Snowden revealed, they add, were approved by Congress and are supervised by federal judges.

Critics say assurances about limits, rules and oversight would be more convincing if not for Snowden himself: He was able to remove highly classified documents from an NSA facility in Hawaii that officials say he was not authorized to access.

"Here's a low-level systems guy" who copied a top-secret order from the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court and a presidential directive about cyber attacks, said Mark Rumold, an attorney with the Electronic Frontier Foundation, a nonprofit advocacy group in San Francisco. "To say that there is a rigorous technical program in place to prevent broad-based lurking around through the data — I have a hard time believing that."

In a lawsuit, Rumold's group argues the NSA has used a "shadow network of surveillance devices" to acquire communications "of practically every American who uses the phone system or the Internet ... in an unprecedented suspicionless general search through the nation's communications networks."

The group cites evidence from Mark Klein, who in 2006 went public with documents purporting to show a secret room at an AT&T facility in San Francisco where he believed the NSA was copying telecommunications traffic. AT&T lawyers have acknowledged in court that the documents are genuine — without confirming that they show what Klein believes.

Klein said what he found was consistent with Snowden's disclosures on NSA programs code-named Fairview and Blarney, which involved the collection of communications on fiber cables and infrastructure as data flows past, as well as the PRISM program that accesses data from Internet companies.

Although the programs target foreigners, data on Americans are also captured. It is supposed to be discarded or blacked out under a process called minimization.

Officials decline to say precisely how minimization works, or whether the NSA collects more

information on Americans than it has acknowledged.

The information black hole puzzles Fred Cate, a law professor at Indiana University who advises the Pentagon on privacy issues.

It is "complete and utter nonsense," Cate says, to argue that answering questions about NSA surveillance would help America's enemies.

Foreign governments and terrorists already know the NSA is targeting their telephones, emails and other communications, Cate said. "That's why Osama bin Laden's compound wasn't connected to the Internet," he added.

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Obama's secret order draws up overseas target list for cyberattacks

Summary: *U.S. President Obama signed a directive that orders senior intelligence and defense staff to determine which foreign targets should be attacked with cyberweapons should the country come under attack.*



By [Zack Whittaker](#) for [Between the Lines](#) | June 7, 2013 -- 20:19 GMT (13:19 PDT)



U.S. President Obama giving a speech in February, just hours after signing an executive order on cybersecurity. (Image: CBS News)

Another day, another leak — in what has been a week of unauthorized disclosures that continues to envelop the White House in a privacy storm.

The U.S. government has drawn up a secret list of targets it can attack either preemptively or offensively if it came under attack, [reports The Guardian](#). *Read this*



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The London, U.K.-based newspaper continues its leak streak [by publishing a secret 18-page order](#), which describes how his national security team and intelligence officials were told to draw up a list of

overseas targets the U.S. government could attack if it were necessary.

Dubbed "Presidential Policy Directive 20," written in October — just months before President Obama [signed an executive order on cybersecurity](#) — the document describes how the U.S. government could take offensive measures against a hostile country or system "with little or no warning," and with "potential effects ranging from subtle to severely damaging."

In simple terms, the directive gives U.S. federal agencies the authority to "put in place tools and a framework to enable government to make decisions."

Detailed in the document, the Offensive Cyber Effects Operations (OCEO) can be used to identify valuable foreign targets in which the U.S. can employ a cyberattack instead of a targeted, surgical drone strike, for instance.

The key quote as follows:

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The Secretary of Defense, the DNI, and the Director of the CIA - in coordination with the AG, the Secretaries of State and Homeland Security, and relevant IC and sector-specific agencies - shall prepare for approval by the President through the National Security Advisor a plan that identifies potential systems, processes, and infrastructure against which the United States should establish and maintain OCEO capabilities; proposes circumstances under which OCEO might be used; and proposes necessary resources and steps that would be needed for implementation, review, and updates as U.S. national security needs change. **[Action: DOD, Office of the DNI, and CIA update to Deputies on scope of plans; 6 months after directive approval] (TS/NF)**

In the document, it describes how "offensive cyber effects" are defined by "operations and related programs or activities [...] in or through cyberspace, that are intended to enable or produce cyber effects outside the U.S. government networks."

Obama himself must give the final order, according to the order. This [ties in with an earlier report](#), citing The New York Times, that the President could launch a "pre-emptive" cyberattack against a state or government if required.

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These attacks against foreign nations can be conducted without the authority of that government whenever "U.S. national interests and equities" warrant such assaults. Such attacks are described as "anticipatory action taken against imminent threats."

Perhaps more worryingly, the order can also be used domestically against networks within the U.S., but this must be given as an explicit order from the President — except in dire circumstances or emergencies, such as when imminent loss of life may occur.

Some of the caveats included in the document is that any cyberattack must fall within the principles of international law, and not exceed the values that the U.S. government promotes both domestically and internationally.

The document remains classified as "top secret," with a declassification date of October 16, 2037. Security markings on the document confirm the classification, and that it should not be distributed to foreign nationals.

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I don't believe the politicians when they say they're just collecting data and not listening in. After the lies about the IRS, Benghazi, Fast & Furious, etc., they have zero credibility.

I was reluctant, but willing to go along with the Patriot Act after 911 based upon the promises of limits. They lied and went way beyond. Should have listened to my gut and the leftie privacy advocates....they were right.

I'm especially disappointed in the companies that went along and are lying in their denials (MS, Apple, Facebook, etc.). This has to stop. I'm willing to absorb a few attacks in exchange for our privacy.

U.S., British intelligence mining data from nine U.S. Internet companies in broad secret program

By Barton Gellman and Laura Poitras, June 06, 2013



The U.S. government is accessing top Internet companies' servers to track...

The National Security Agency and the FBI are tapping directly into the central servers of nine leading U.S. Internet companies, extracting audio and video chats, photographs, e-mails, documents, and connection logs that enable analysts to track foreign targets, according to a top-secret document obtained by The Washington Post.

The program, code-named PRISM, has not been made public until now. It may be the first of its kind. The NSA prides itself on stealing secrets and breaking codes, and it is accustomed to

corporate partnerships that help it divert data traffic or sidestep barriers. But there has never been a Google or Facebook before, and it is unlikely that there are richer troves of valuable intelligence than the ones in Silicon Valley.

Equally unusual is the way the NSA extracts what it wants, according to the document: “Collection directly from the servers of these U.S. Service Providers: Microsoft, Yahoo, Google, Facebook, PalTalk, AOL, Skype, YouTube, Apple.”

London’s Guardian newspaper reported Friday that GCHQ, Britain’s equivalent of the NSA, also has been secretly gathering intelligence from the same internet companies through an operation set up by the NSA.

According to documents obtained by The Guardian, PRISM would appear to allow GCHQ to circumvent the formal legal process required in Britain to seek personal material such as emails, photos and videos from an internet company based outside of the country.

PRISM was launched from the ashes of President George W. Bush’s secret program of warrantless domestic surveillance in 2007, after news media disclosures, lawsuits and the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court forced the president to look for new authority.

Congress obliged with the Protect America Act in 2007 and the FISA Amendments Act of 2008, which immunized private companies that cooperated voluntarily with U.S. intelligence collection. PRISM recruited its first partner, Microsoft, and began six years of rapidly growing data collection beneath the surface of a roiling national debate on surveillance and privacy. Late last year, when critics in Congress sought changes in the FISA Amendments Act, the only lawmakers who knew about PRISM were bound by oaths of office to hold their tongues.

The court-approved program is focused on foreign communications traffic, which often flows through U.S. servers even when sent from one overseas location to another. Between 2004 and 2007, Bush administration lawyers persuaded federal FISA judges to issue surveillance orders in a fundamentally new form. Until then the government had to show probable cause that a particular “target” and “facility” were both connected to terrorism or espionage.

In four new orders, which remain classified, the court defined massive data sets as “facilities” and agreed to certify periodically that the government had reasonable procedures in place to minimize collection of “U.S. persons” data without a warrant.

In a statement issued late Thursday, Director of National Intelligence James R. Clapper said

“information collected under this program is among the most important and valuable foreign intelligence information we collect, and is used to protect our nation from a wide variety of threats. The unauthorized disclosure of information about this important and entirely legal program is reprehensible and risks important protections for the security of Americans.”

Clapper added that there were numerous inaccuracies in reports about PRISM by The Post and the Guardian newspaper, but he did not specify any.

Jameel Jaffer, deputy legal director of the American Civil Liberties Union, said: “I would just push back on the idea that the court has signed off on it, so why worry? This is a court that meets in secret, allows only the government to appear before it, and publishes almost none of its opinions. It has never been an effective check on government.”

Several companies contacted by The Post said they had no knowledge of the program, did not allow direct government access to their servers and asserted that they responded only to targeted requests for information.

“We do not provide any government organization with direct access to Facebook servers,” said Joe Sullivan, chief security officer for Facebook. “When Facebook is asked for data or information about specific individuals, we carefully scrutinize any such request for compliance with all applicable laws, and provide information only to the extent required by law.”

“We have never heard of PRISM,” said Steve Dowling, a spokesman for Apple. “We do not provide any government agency with direct access to our servers, and any government agency requesting customer data must get a court order.”

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It is possible that the conflict between the PRISM slides and the company spokesmen is the result of imprecision on the part of the NSA author. In another classified report obtained by The Post, the arrangement is described as allowing “collection managers [to send] content tasking instructions directly to equipment installed at company-controlled locations,” rather than directly to company servers.

Government officials and the document itself made clear that the NSA regarded the identities of its private partners as PRISM’s most sensitive secret, fearing that the companies would withdraw from the program if exposed. “98 percent of PRISM production is based on Yahoo, Google and Microsoft; we need to make sure we don’t harm these sources,” the briefing’s author wrote in his speaker’s notes.

An internal presentation of 41 briefing slides on PRISM, dated April 2013 and intended for senior analysts in the NSA's Signals Intelligence Directorate, described the new tool as the most prolific contributor to the President's Daily Brief, which cited PRISM data in 1,477 items last year. According to the slides and other supporting materials obtained by The Post, "NSA reporting increasingly relies on PRISM" as its leading source of raw material, accounting for nearly 1 in 7 intelligence reports.

That is a remarkable figure in an agency that measures annual intake in the trillions of communications. It is all the more striking because the NSA, whose lawful mission is foreign intelligence, is reaching deep inside the machinery of American companies that host hundreds of millions of American-held accounts on American soil.

The technology companies, whose cooperation is essential to PRISM operations, include most of the dominant global players of Silicon Valley, according to the document. They are listed on a roster that bears their logos in order of entry into the program: "Microsoft, Yahoo, Google, Facebook, PalTalk, AOL, Skype, YouTube, Apple." PalTalk, although much smaller, has hosted traffic of substantial intelligence interest during the Arab Spring and in the ongoing Syrian civil war.

Dropbox, the cloud storage and synchronization service, is described as "coming soon."

Sens. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) and Mark Udall (D-Colo.), who had classified knowledge of the program as members of the Senate Intelligence Committee, were unable to speak of it when they warned in a Dec. 27, 2012, floor debate that the FISA Amendments Act had what both of them called a "back-door search loophole" for the content of innocent Americans who were swept up in a search for someone else.

"As it is written, there is nothing to prohibit the intelligence community from searching through a pile of communications, which may have been incidentally or accidentally been collected without a warrant, to deliberately search for the phone calls or e-mails of specific Americans," Udall said.

Wyden repeatedly asked the NSA to estimate the number of Americans whose communications had been incidentally collected, and the agency's director, Lt. Gen. Keith B. Alexander, insisted there was no way to find out. Eventually Inspector General I. Charles McCullough III wrote Wyden a letter stating that it would violate the privacy of Americans in NSA data banks to try to estimate their number.

Roots in the '70s

PRISM is an heir, in one sense, to a history of intelligence alliances with as many as 100 trusted U.S. companies since the 1970s. The NSA calls these Special Source Operations, and PRISM falls under that rubric.

The Silicon Valley operation works alongside a parallel program, code-named BLARNEY, that gathers up “metadata” — technical information about communications traffic and network devices — as it streams past choke points along the backbone of the Internet. BLARNEY’s top-secret program summary, set down in the slides alongside a cartoon insignia of a shamrock and a leprechaun hat, describes it as “an ongoing collection program that leverages IC [intelligence community] and commercial partnerships to gain access and exploit foreign intelligence obtained from global networks.”

But the PRISM program appears to more nearly resemble the most controversial of the warrantless surveillance orders issued by President George W. Bush after the al-Qaeda attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Its history, in which President Obama presided over exponential growth in a program that candidate Obama criticized, shows how fundamentally surveillance law and practice have shifted away from individual suspicion in favor of systematic, mass collection techniques.

The Obama administration points to ongoing safeguards in the form of “extensive procedures, specifically approved by the court, to ensure that only non-U.S. persons outside the U.S. are targeted, and that minimize the acquisition, retention and dissemination of incidentally acquired information about U.S. persons.”

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And it is true that the PRISM program is not a dragnet, exactly. From inside a company’s data stream the NSA is capable of pulling out anything it likes, but under current rules the agency does not try to collect it all.

Analysts who use the system from a Web portal at Fort Meade, Md., key in “selectors,” or search terms, that are designed to produce at least 51 percent confidence in a target’s “foreignness.” That is not a very stringent test. Training materials obtained by The Post instruct new analysts to make quarterly reports of any accidental collection of U.S. content, but add that “it’s nothing to worry about.”

Even when the system works just as advertised, with no American singled out for targeting, the NSA routinely collects a great deal of American content. That is described as “incidental,” and it

is inherent in contact chaining, one of the basic tools of the trade. To collect on a suspected spy or foreign terrorist means, at minimum, that everyone in the suspect's inbox or outbox is swept in. Intelligence analysts are typically taught to chain through contacts two "hops" out from their target, which increases "incidental collection" exponentially. The same math explains the aphorism, from the John Guare play, that no one is more than "six degrees of separation" from any other person.

In exchange for immunity from lawsuits, companies such as Yahoo and AOL are obliged to accept a "directive" from the attorney general and the director of national intelligence to open their servers to the FBI's Data Intercept Technology Unit, which handles liaison to U.S. companies from the NSA. In 2008, Congress gave the Justice Department authority for a secret order from the Foreign Surveillance Intelligence Court to compel a reluctant company "to comply."

In practice, there is room for a company to maneuver, delay or resist. When a clandestine intelligence program meets a highly regulated industry, said a lawyer with experience in bridging the gaps, neither side wants to risk a public fight. The engineering problems are so immense, in systems of such complexity and frequent change, that the FBI and NSA would be hard pressed to build in backdoors without active help from each company.

Apple demonstrated that resistance is possible when it held out for more than five years, for reasons unknown, after Microsoft became PRISM's first corporate partner in May 2007. Twitter, which has cultivated a reputation for aggressive defense of its users' privacy, is still conspicuous by its absence from the list of "private sector partners."

Google, like the other companies, denied that it permitted direct government access to its servers.

"Google cares deeply about the security of our users' data," a company spokesman said. "We disclose user data to government in accordance with the law, and we review all such requests carefully. From time to time, people allege that we have created a government 'back door' into our systems, but Google does not have a 'back door' for the government to access private user data."

Microsoft also provided a statement: "We provide customer data only when we receive a legally binding order or subpoena to do so, and never on a voluntary basis. In addition we only ever comply with orders for requests about specific accounts or identifiers. If the government has a broader voluntary national security program to gather customer data we don't participate in it."

Yahoo also issued a denial.

“Yahoo! takes users’ privacy very seriously,” the company said in a statement. “We do not provide the government with direct access to our servers, systems, or network.”

Like market researchers, but with far more privileged access, collection managers in the NSA’s Special Source Operations group, which oversees the PRISM program, are drawn to the wealth of information about their subjects in online accounts. For much the same reason, civil libertarians and some ordinary users may be troubled by the menu available to analysts who hold the required clearances to “task” the PRISM system.

There has been “continued exponential growth in tasking to Facebook and Skype,” according to the PRISM slides. With a few clicks and an affirmation that the subject is believed to be engaged in terrorism, espionage or nuclear proliferation, an analyst obtains full access to Facebook’s “extensive search and surveillance capabilities against the variety of online social networking services.”

According to a separate “User’s Guide for PRISM Skype Collection,” that service can be monitored for audio when one end of the call is a conventional telephone and for any combination of “audio, video, chat, and file transfers” when Skype users connect by computer alone. Google’s offerings include Gmail, voice and video chat, Google Drive files, photo libraries, and live surveillance of search terms.

Firsthand experience with these systems, and horror at their capabilities, is what drove a career intelligence officer to provide PowerPoint slides about PRISM and supporting materials to The Washington Post in order to expose what he believes to be a gross intrusion on privacy. “They quite literally can watch your ideas form as you type,” the officer said.

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Graphic: NSA slides explain the PRISM data-collection program

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Bush-Era NSA Director Says Obama 'Expanded' Surveillance Programs

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The former director of the US National Security Agency has indicated that surveillance programs have "expanded" under Barack Obama's time in office and said the spy agency has more powers now than when he was in command.

Michael Hayden, who served most of his tenure as NSA director under George W Bush, said there was "incredible continuity" between the two presidents.

Hayden's comments came as the debate around the extent of government surveillance in the US and the UK intensified on Sunday. In Washington, some US senators demanded more transparency from the Obama administration. Libertarian Republican Rand Paul said he wanted

to [mount a supreme court challenge](#).

The British foreign secretary, William Hague, announced he would make a statement to parliament on Monday after the Guardian revealed that UK intelligence agencies used the US Prism system to generate intelligence reports.

Hague said it was "fanciful" and "nonsense" to suggest that the British monitoring service, GCHQ, would work with an agency in another country to circumvent restrictions on surveillance in the UK.

The issue dominated the Sunday talk shows on both sides of the Atlantic. On CNN, senator Mark Udall, one of the prominent Senate critics of US government surveillance, called for amendments to the Patriot Act, the controversial law brought in after the 9/11 attacks, to rein in the NSA's powers. "I'm calling for reopening the Patriot Act," Udall said. "The fact that every call I make to my friends or family is noted, the length, the date, that concerns me."

Udall, who has been privy to classified briefings about NSA data collection programs, said it was unclear to him that the surveillance initiatives had disrupted terrorist plots, as the administration has claimed.

He called on Obama's administration to make more information about the programs public. "The ultimate check, the ultimate balance is the American public understanding to what extent their calls are being collected, if only in the sense of metadata," he said. "Let's not have this law interpreted secretly, as it has been for the last number of years."

Udall's Democratic colleague Ron Wyden, who has had access to the same confidential briefings, and also spoken out over the surveillance programs, [told the Guardian](#) he believed the White House needed to address whether previous statements "are actually true".

"Since government officials have repeatedly told the public and Congress that Patriot Act authorities are simply analogous to a grand jury subpoena, and that intelligence agencies do not collect information or dossiers on millions or hundreds of millions of Americans, I think the executive branch has an obligation to explain whether or not these statements are actually true," Wyden said.

On Fox News, Paul, the Kentucky senator, said the disclosures were a wake-up call. "I'm going to be seeing if I can challenge this at the supreme court level," he said. "I'm going to be asking all the internet providers and all of the phone companies: ask your customers to join me in a class action lawsuit. If we get 10 million Americans saying we don't want our phone records looked at,

then maybe someone will wake up and something will change in Washington."

Speaking on CNN, Republican senator John McCain defended the government's surveillance efforts, although he said members of Congress needed to be briefed in more detail about NSA activities. "If this was September 12, 2001, we might not be having the argument we are having today," he said. "Yes, perhaps there's been some overreach."

The Senate intelligence committee chairwoman, Dianne Feinstein, a Democrat, also justified the surveillance programs, arguing they were subject to congressional and judicial oversight and have contributed to the arrest of two terror suspects: David Headley and Najibullah Zazi.

Defending the practices on ABC's *This Week*, Feinstein said she flew over the World Trade Center in New York on the way to the funeral of Senator Frank Lautenberg. "I thought of those bodies jumping out of the building, hitting the canopy."

Hayden, who ran the NSA between 1999 and 2005, where, after September 11, he presided over the creation of secret, warrantless surveillance that collected information on Americans' communication, said the efforts had worked. "We've had two very different presidents pretty much doing the same thing with regard to electronic surveillance. That seems to me to suggest that these things do work."

Asked on Fox News Sunday how Obama had dealt with NSA programs since coming to office, Hayden replied: "In terms of surveillance? Expanded [the programs] in volume, changed the legal grounding for them a little bit – put it more under congressional authorisation rather than the president's Article 2 powers – and added a bit more oversight. But in terms of what NSA is doing, there is incredible continuity between the two presidents."

He added: "We've gotten more of these records over time. With the amendment to the Fisa Act, in 2008, which Senator Obama finally voted for, NSA is actually empowered to do more things than I was empowered to do under President Bush's special authorisation."

Hayden was confirmed as CIA director in 2006. Obama, who was a senator at the time, voted against Hayden's appointment, in protest against the NSA's surveillance on Americans.

Defending the mass collection of phone data from telecom providers, revealed on Wednesday when the [Guardian published a secret court](#) order requiring Verizon to data from millions of customers, Hayden said the NSA only stores the data for use in future terrorist investigations.

He said that safeguards were in place, ensuring there was always a "probable cause" or "arguable reason" before the database is scrutinised for intelligence about individuals connected to

suspects.

Mike Rogers, the Republican chairman of the House intelligence committee, condemned the leaks and said the media's sources should be investigated for potential criminal activity.

"Taking a very sensitive classified program that targets foreign person on foreign lands, and putting just enough out there to be dangerous, is dangerous to us, it's dangerous to our national security and it violates the oath of which that person [the whistleblower] took," he told ABC's George Stephanopoulos. "I absolutely think they should be prosecuted."

Speaking on the BBC, Hague said the UK has enjoyed an "exceptional intelligence sharing relationship" with the US since the second world war. But he said that information from the US which is sent to Britain is governed by UK law.

Hague, who said he authorises operations by GCHQ most days of the week, said: "The idea that in GCHQ people are sitting working out how to circumvent a UK law with another agency in another country is fanciful. It is nonsense."

He said GCHQ, MI5 and MI6 were overseen by the relevant secretary of state, by the interception commission and by parliament's intelligence and security committee.

"If you are a law-abiding citizen of this country going about your business and your personal life you have nothing to fear – nothing to fear about the British state or intelligence agencies listening to the contents of your phone calls or anything like that. Indeed you will never be aware of all the things those agencies are doing to stop your identity being stolen and to stop a terrorist blowing you up tomorrow."

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PRISM is Bad for American Soft Power

We need a real debate on how much privacy we're ready to sacrifice in exchange for security.

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U.S. President Barack Obama waves as he arrives to deliver remarks in front of the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin, Germany on June 19, 2013. (Kevin Lamarque/Reuters)

In 1948, Harry Truman flip-flopped. After decades of holding racial biases, he decided to support the civil rights movement against Jim Crow laws. Truman's shift was as much cold political calculation as anything else. The path to 270 electoral college votes ran through northern cities with large African American populations and a few states in the Deep South. The strategy worked. He carried Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, and Texas just as the *Chicago Daily Tribune* went to press with "Dewey Defeats Truman." There was a [foreign policy](#) angle to Truman's civil rights awakening, too. In the ideological battle pitting democracy against communism, the Soviet Union began to churn out propaganda saying that [Jim Crow](#) proved America's inability to live up to its own fundamental values on human rights.

Collecting Americans' phone and Internet records must meet the absolute highest bar of public consent. It's a test the Obama administration is failing.

The [argument was effective](#), argues Caley Robertson of Colby University: segregation was frustrating the United States' attempts to export democracy during the Cold War. In other words, Jim Crow was damaging America's soft power, [defined](#) by Harvard professor Joseph Nye as a country's ability to achieve its aims through attraction rather than coercion.

Which brings us to PRISM, the NSA program that collects meta-data from Americans' telephone and online communications.

I am a former Department of Defense intelligence analyst. I have never used PRISM, and do not know if it existed during my tenure. However, I have used NSA databases, and became aware of two ironclad truths about the agency: First, its data is a critical

intelligence tool; and second, that access to databases by non-NSA intelligence analysts is highly controlled. It's like buying drugs (so I'm told): you need "a guy" on the inside who passes you the goods in the shadows, then disavows any connection to you.

In addition to being useful and tightly controlled, PRISM is, of course, legal by the letter of the law. Its existence is primarily [justified](#) by the "business records" clause in the PATRIOT Act, and President Obama has [argued](#) that the legislation has been authorized by "bipartisan majorities repeatedly," and that "it's important to understand your duly elected representatives have been consistently informed on exactly what we're doing." Salvation from excessive government snooping would seem to lie at the ballot box.

Fair enough. But in the immediate wake of September 11, Americans questioned little of what their government would do to keep them safe. Just four months after the attacks in January 2002, Gallup reported that [fully half](#) of Americans would support anti-terrorism measures even if they violated civil liberties.

Times have changed. As soon as August 2003, Gallup found just 29 percent of Americans were willing to sacrifice civil liberties for security. By 2009, a CBS poll concluded only 41 percent of Americans had even [heard or read](#) about the PATRIOT Act, and 45 percent of those believed the law endangered their civil liberties. A *Washington Post* poll from April 2013--after the Boston marathon attacks but before PRISM's disclosure-- [found](#) 48 percent of Americans feared the government would go too far in compromising constitutional rights to investigate terrorism. And following the Edward Snowden leaks, 58 percent [were against](#) the government collecting phone records. Not a total reversal, but certainly trending in one direction.

This shift has existed in a vacuum of public debate. Prior to the PRISM leaks, the last time domestic government surveillance made headlines was in very late 2005 and early 2006, following [revelations](#) that the Bush administration was wiretapping Americans without a warrant. Despite the scandal, the PATRIOT Act [was quickly reauthorized](#) by March 2006.

The Bush administration did announce the end of warrantless wiretapping in 2007, and he [moved the program under jurisdiction of the FISA court](#) , a panel of Supreme Court-appointed judges who approve domestic surveillance requests. To call the FISA

court a rubber stamp is an understatement. This year, it [has rejected](#) a grand total of 11 warrant requests out of--wait for it--33,996 applications since the Carter [administration](#).

The PATRIOT Act's re-authorization wouldn't come up again until 2009. By then, public uproar over warrantless wiretapping had long since receded, and the year's debate played out as a relatively quiet [inside-baseball scuffle](#) between civil liberties groups and the Hill. When the law came up for its next presidential signature in 2011, it was done quietly by [autopen](#)--a device that imitates Obama's John Hancock--from France.

Shifting attitudes and quiet reauthorization flies in the face of the standard the president has set for himself. In a [2009 speech at the National Archives](#), Obama emphasized the importance of the consent of the governed in security affairs,

"I believe with every fiber of my being that in the long run we cannot keep this country safe unless we enlist the power of our most fundamental values... My administration will make all information available to the American people so that they can make informed judgments and hold us accountable."

The president's inability to live up to this ideal is particularly jarring as he defends PRISM. Following the leaks, he's said he is pushing the intelligence community to [release what it can](#), and rightly insists that the NSA is [not listening in](#) on Americans' phone calls. Those are helpful steps, but should have been raised during the National Archives speech just months into his administration, not six months into his second term.

Director of National Intelligence James Clapper [continues to argue](#) that disclosure of collection methods will give America's enemies a "'playbook' to avoid detection." That's thin gruel. First, America's enemies are already aware of the NSA's extensive electronic surveillance capabilities. That's why Osama Bin Laden and deceased al Qaeda in Iraq leader Abu Musab al Zarqawi [used](#) a complex network of couriers rather than electronic communications. It's typical operational security of truly dangerous operatives. Second, Obama [stated as recently as late May](#) that the threat from al Qaeda's core operatives has decreased significantly, shifting to less deadly cells scattered throughout the Middle East and North Africa.

The lack of public debate, shifting attitudes towards civil liberties, insufficient disclosure, and a decreasing terrorist threat demands that collecting Americans' phone and Internet records must meet the absolute highest bar of public consent. It's a test the Obama administration is failing.

This brings us back to Harry Truman and Jim Crow. Even though PRISM is technically legal, the lack of recent public debate and support for aggressive domestic collection is hurting America's soft power.

The evidence is rolling in. *The China Daily*, an English-language mouthpiece for the Communist Party, is having a field day, [pointing out America's hypocrisy](#) as the Soviet Union did with Jim Crow. Chinese dissident artist Ai Wei Wei made the link explicitly, [saying](#) "In the Soviet Union before, in China today, and even in the U.S., officials always think what they do is necessary... but the lesson that people should learn from history is the need to limit state power."

Even America's allies are uneasy, at best. German Chancellor Angela Merkel grew up in the East German police state and [expressed](#) diplomatic "surprise" at the NSA's activities. She [vowed](#) to raise the issue with Obama at this week's G8 meetings. The Italian data protection commissioner [said](#) the program would "not be legal" in his country. British Foreign Minister William Hague [came under fire](#) in Parliament for his government's participation.

If Americans supported these programs, our adversaries and allies would have no argument. As it is, the next time the United States asks others for help in tracking terrorists, it's more likely than not that they will question Washington's motives.

It's not too late. The PATRIOT Act is up for reauthorization in 2015. In the context of a diminished threat, the White House still has time to push the public debate on still-hidden, controversial intelligence strategies (while safeguarding specific sources and methods). Further, the administration should seek to empower the FISA court. Rather than defer to the Supreme Court to appoint its panel of judges, it would be better to have Senate-confirmable justices serving limited terms.

President Obama has said Americans can't have 100 percent security and 100 percent privacy. But you can have an honest public debate about that allows Americans to

legitimately decide where to strike that balance. It's both the right thing to do and American foreign policy demands it.

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With that in mind, Vice President Joe Biden was sworn in 7-11-12 over Obama's lack of provable citizenship, he was designated 7-23-12 for the delegation of act of war with Senator John Kerry and Senator John McCain:

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My objections to Assad remaining in power have nothing to do with Obama's goals for the Muslim World:

- **Assad has murdered his own people, under the guise that Al Qaeda is actively operating against him, and he has failed to produce this evidence to justify his people being killed in the crossfire.**
- **Assad has engaged in acts of Civil War against his own people, that are intolerable: use of tanks and planes, and he still can not maintain control.**
- **Assad dropped pamphlets from the sky on Saturday, his conduct and actions something only demonstrated from the likes of Hitler, and with this action, we feel that use of biochemical warfare is evidently an option despite his statements contrary.**
- **Assad has not only created a haven for Al Qaeda who was pushed out from Iraq over the Summer, but he will be guilty of quartering them and has been given a 60 day notice that he must identify and expel them from his country, or he will be met with swift response.**
- **Assad has abused the power of the UN to promote more violence and intimidation against his people, and he has not progressed to demonstrate that he can rule effectively without endangering the safety of his people, the countries around him, or those disaffected by his sectarian-fueled blood feud.**
- **Assad is meeting the threshold of despotism likened only in recent memory to Saddam Hussein.**

In other words, Assad has compelled us to a state of war with Syria by default. While we acknowledge this war is not against the people of Syria or the Syrian rebels, Assad has given comfort to our enemies and failed to govern his own people justly. While it has not been the choice of the United States to act as it has in recent past, the threat of Assad's use of biochemical weaponry and recent threats by Hezbollah against Israel to incite and provoke war, make this conflict a horse of a different color.

Now it is not just about Syria anymore, but the destabilization of Syria for the benefit of our enemy, whose aspirations are to draw us into conflict or to incite war with Iran and Israel, so that they do not have to use their funds or money.

Rather than seeing this as 'just another war truncating the War on Terror', this is our opportunity to conclude these conflicts and draw a formal end with this climax in Syria.

Rather than spending the upkeep for other military bases, we intend to exile terrorists and those convicted of violent crime to Johnston Atoll. Syria is of supreme advantage to us, and short-term occupation would only be necessary, not quite like Iraq or the training of the Afghan government to handle their own issues of security. Syria is different.

Assad has been given the following deadline, until September 30th, which is 40 days from now our time, and he has been warned repeatedly that an order could be issued at any time of choosing, depending upon our intelligence or that of Israel's and necessity to act against Al Qaeda, or threat of nuclear or biochemical warfare in the region.

I want to make the distinction here that if it happens that the Syrian rebels are able to work with the UN to draft a new Constitution and appointment of leadership, Palestinians may have found a new home and

country of their own. I say this because I see no political concession by Israel permitting Palestinian representation, though by majority of population Palestinians represent the West Bank, and I see no compromise to the 1967 survey that makes either side happy nor is right in the eyes of both groups.

Damascus or Aleppo may be used as a US military base, to prevent conflict and stabilize this emerging new government that is cooperative to the US and the UN vision.

If this is not an option, I support the use of drones or whatever is necessary to pre-empt an even greater loss of life and to prevent conflict of biochemical and nuclear warfare.

I pray this be considered by Congress, not to supplant the need for the passage of the 2013 Defense Bill as written (though it is needed and required without sequester applied), but that our need is even greater to resolve these threats expediently and close these wars and conflict by 2014.



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I refuse. I tell him that if no one knows, it is most likely our CIA, and they are not accountable to Congress for what they do.

I say we can not arm Syrians without a declaration of war.

Ambassador Stevens' Team killed, after SEA discovers GPS 9/12/12

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-Weapons were on a ship from Libya, bound for Turkey

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Attorney for Benghazi Whistleblowers Says Joint Chiefs Chairman Lied to Congress

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Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff (AP Photo)

(CNSNews.com) – An attorney whose firm represents two Benghazi whistleblowers said Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, lied to the Senate when he said there was never a “stand down” order during the Benghazi attack on Sept. 11, 2012.

“What was fascinating is that he explained his lie to them,” Joe DiGenova, an attorney representing one of the whistleblowers, told CNSNews.com.



“He actually said they were sent to Tripoli. They were needed in Benghazi,” said DiGenova, a former U.S. attorney, now with the Washington firm of DiGenova & Toensing. “They were told not to go to Benghazi, because their mission was Tripoli. I call that a stand down. He doesn’t. He can live with whatever he wants to think, but people died. In my opinion, what he did was lie.”

During testimony to the Senate Budget Committee last Wednesday, Dempsey said, “They weren’t told to stand down. A ‘stand down’ order means don’t do anything. They were told that the mission they were asked to perform was not in Benghazi, but was at Tripoli airport.”

This is contrary to what Gregory Hicks, former number two State Department diplomat in Libya, told the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee about the terrorist attack on the Benghazi compound that killed four Americans, including Ambassador Christopher Stevens.

Hicks told Congress that after the first attack, a security team left Tripoli for Benghazi with two military personnel and that four members of a special forces team in Tripoli wanted to go in a second wave but were told to stand down.

Hicks and Mark Thompson, acting deputy assistant Secretary of State for Counterterrorism, both testified to Congress in May about the State Department’s response to the Benghazi attack.

DiGenova represents Thompson. DiGenova’s wife and law partner Victoria Toensing represents Hicks.

The Joint Chief’s chairman stands by his testimony on the matter, said Col. Dave Lapan, spokesman for Dempsey.

“I would just say that Gen. Dempsey stands by his testimony, and he believes that no stand down order was given,” Lapan told CNSNews.com. “As he testified before the Senate, the

special operations team was directed to remain in Tripoli and to provide assistance to the wounded who were coming back from Benghazi, and they were not told to stand down.”

DiGenova said the administration has not been straightforward on Benghazi and other matters.

“The issue is trust and the continuing lying of this administration in every conceivable context in every branch of the government. It’s unbelievable,” DiGenova said. “It is remarkable. It is absolutely remarkable that they can lie with impunity and the media thinks nothing of it.”

Sen. Kelly Ayotte (R-N.H.) asked Dempsey during the Senate Budget hearing on June 12, “Mr. Hicks testified that he believed the stand-down order came from AFRICOM or Special Operations Command in Africa. Gen. Dempsey, can you help me understand who issued the stand- down order and what happened there, why the special forces that wanted to go with, I understand it -- under Colonel Gibson in Tripoli -- were told not to go and who gave them that order from there? They wanted to go and help in Benghazi on that night.”

Dempsey said he was prepared for the question.

“There were two different groups of— it was six people, not all working for the same command,” Dempsey said. “Two of them were working with Joint Special Operations

Command. They were co-located with another agency of government in Tripoli, and four were working under the direct line of authority of Special Operations Command Europe or AFRICOM – AFSOC, and it was the four you're speaking about. The other two went.

“The other four -- by the time they had contacted the command center in Stuttgart, they were told that the individuals in Benghazi were on their way back and that they would be better used at the Tripoli airport -- because one of them was a medic -- that they would be better used to receive the casualties coming back from Benghazi, and that if they had gone they would have simply passed each other in the air, and that's the answer I received,” Dempsey continued. “So they weren't told to stand down. Stand down means don't do anything. They were told to -- that the mission they were asked to perform was not in Benghazi but was at Tripoli Airport.”

During a May 8 House oversight hearing, several House members asked Hicks about the stand down order.

Rep. Jason Chaffetz (R-Utah) asked, "How did the personnel react to being told to stand down?"

Hicks responded, "They were furious. I can only say -- well, I will quote Lieutenant Colonel Gibson. He said, 'This is the first time in my career that a diplomat has more balls than somebody in the military.'"

Chaffetz followed, "So the military is told to stand down, not engage with the fight. These are the kind of people willing to engage. What did -- where'd that message come down? Where'd the stand-down order come from?"

Hicks replied, "I believe it came from either AFRICOM or SOC [Special Operations Command] Africa."

During that same hearing, Rep. Ronald Desantis (R-Fla.) asked, "And Mr. Hicks, I'd -- just to go back and get this. Even though you believed help was needed, there was a SOF [special operations forces] unit, special operations units ordered to stand down, correct?"

Hicks answered, "Yes."

Desantis followed, "And even though you thought air support was needed, there was no air support sent?"

Hicks answered, "No air support was sent."



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What Is the Syrian Electronic Army?



BY ALEX FITZPATRICK

As forces loyal to Syrian President Bashar al-Assad clash with the rebel Free Syrian Army in the streets of Syria, Internet-savvy government supporters are fighting a parallel information war in cyberspace. Called the Syrian Electronic Army, the group has a single mission: unleash an onslaught of pro-government propaganda upon the Internet.

Strategy and Tactics

To achieve that goal, the group uses social media platforms such as [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#) to counter the claims of the rebel Free Syrian Army. It coordinates massive spam attacks against anyone it perceives to be anti-government, posting thousands of pro-government messages in news article comment threads and on public officials' Facebook pages as a sort of digital sit-in.

The SEA, however, is more than a simple ideological spam factory. It has gained notoriety for downing, defacing or hijacking websites and social media profiles of major media outlets, then using them to post pro-government content. The goal? With few foreign journalists operating inside Syria, there may be a higher than normal opportunity for propaganda to influence the outside world's opinion of the volatile situation.

How has the SEA waged its digital war? To knock targeted websites offline, it has used Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) attacks, considered a relatively easy and mostly harmless cyberattack. However, hackers recently [wrestled control over a Reuters blog](#), reportedly through a vulnerability in an outdated version of Wordpress. That's a breach that requires a certain level of skill to achieve, but it's yet unknown if the hackers involved have ties to the SEA.

Neither *Reuters* nor a variety of other media outlets returned a request for comment on Syria-related hacking incidents.

Regardless, the SEA openly takes pride in its work and makes little effort to hide from public view: its [website](#) is chock full of information in Arabic and English about the group and how to join, an [official Twitter account](#) posts pro-Assad messages and spam attacks have been coordinated through the group's latest [Facebook page](#), which has more than 10,000 "likes."

[Facebook](#) has repeatedly shut down the SEA's account following spam attacks on pages including that of President Obama, but new accounts are quickly created and made popular. Neither Facebook nor Twitter responded to requests for comment for this article.

Nothing New

While the *Reuters* attack brought the SEA a renewed wave of attention as speculation rages they had a hand in the incident, it's been active for longer than a year. Jared Keller, now of *Bloomberg*, wrote a [thorough analysis](#) of the group last year for *The Atlantic*.

Keller listed a wide variety of media outlets, universities and public officials that have been targeted by the SEA. He also pointed out that the group isn't officially a part of the Syrian government, but it has at least been recognized by Syrian President Basar al-Assad:

"There is the electronic army which has been a real army in virtual reality," said Assad in the summer of last year. The comparison works in multiple ways: as with the real Syrian army, there have been [reports of defections](#) among the SEA.

Syrian Electronic Army vs. Anonymous

One might say the SEA has much in common with another ideologically driven group of digital activists: [Anonymous](#). Such a comparison wouldn't be too far off the mark if the two groups didn't dislike one another.

Anonymous, whose members often view themselves as orchestrators of social justice, have been trying to foil the SEA for more than a year in what it calls #OpSyria. Its latest anti-SEA effort involves using its wide social reach to counter what it views as pro-government propaganda.

"It is time for us to act," reads an [Anonymous release](#). "It is foolish to think that we can do this alone. We need to get others involved. Phase One we take the facts and give them to the average people. We inform those around us. This begins the fall of dominos that ends in the fall of Assad."

The SEA's response? Bring it on.

"If you were a virtual army, you should know that we are a real army who believes in the victory of their country and that no one can stop us," said an [SEA video](#) made in response to Anonymous' #OpSyria. "If you want to remember who the Syrian Electronic

Army is, you should recall how many times we have infiltrated your systems."

New Kind of Army

That the Internet recognizes no political borders lends the Syrian Electronic Army its most interesting characteristic: As with Anonymous, one must only need to believe in the cause to join its ranks.

Pro-government Internet users can, and perhaps have, signed up to spread misinformation, spammed opposition websites or hacked news media accounts in the name of the SEA from anywhere in the world.

If the SEA represents a new aspect of warfare, it means that previously localized conflicts can now be, in one fashion, fought from anywhere with an Internet connection.

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Does the Syrian Electronic Army represent a new type of information warfare? Share your thoughts in the comments.

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**The problem is, PRISM was penetrated by SEA.
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E! Online Twitter account hacked, posts fake

exclusive about Justin Bieber's sexuality

The hackers tweeted an 'exclusive' allegedly from Justin saying 'I'm a gay,' prompting 1,200 retweets and 351 favorites. The group behind the hack has also in the past gotten into accounts for '60 Minutes,' the BBC, NPR, Reuters and The Associated Press. [Comments \(29\)](#) BY [SASHA GOLDSTEIN](#) / NEW YORK DAILY NEWS **SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2013, 5:40 PM**



E! Online claimed to have an exclusive of Justin Bieber coming out of the closet, but it turns out the account had been hacked.

Don't Belieb a word of it.

The Twitter account for E! Online was hacked Saturday by a group which quickly began

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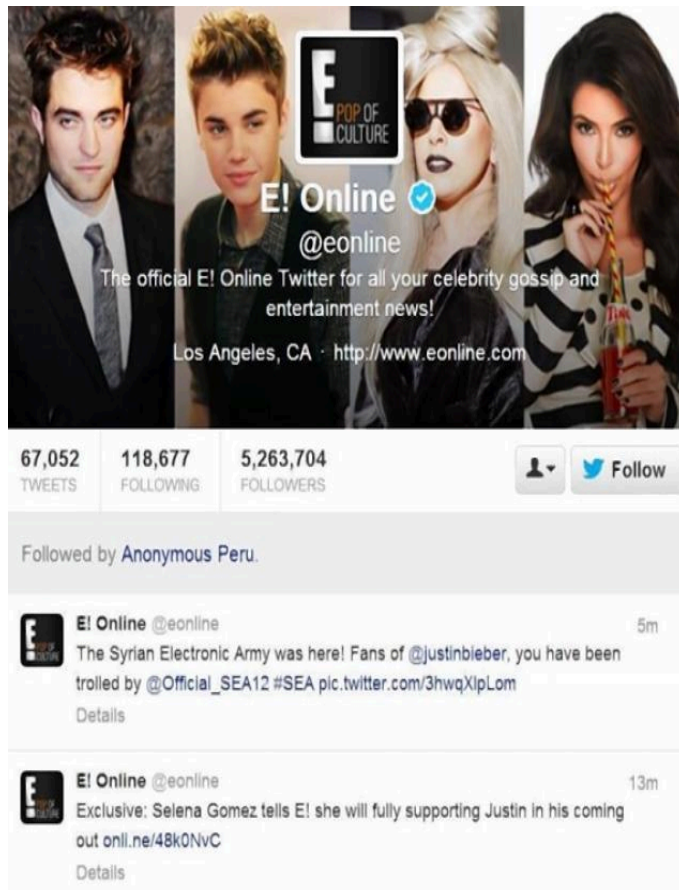
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Tweets from the Syrian Electronic Army were posted after E! Online's Twitter account was hacked on Saturday.

“Exclusive: [Justin Bieber](#) to E!online: I’m a gay,” the E! Online account announced — prompting 1,200 retweets and 351 favorites.

A group billing itself as the Syrian Electronic Army claimed responsibility for the takeover. The SEA was also behind the April hijacking of The Associated Press Twitter feed.

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A screen shot of E! Online's Twitter feed showed the messages allegedly sent by the Syrian Electronic Army had not been deleted. But as of now, only the top tweet appears in E! Online's feed.

E! suspended its Twitter account following the hack attack.

“Eonline's breaking news twitter and sms accounts were compromised today,” the organization said in a statement. “We're working to have this resolved as quickly as possible and are fully investigating the incident.

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The stream of tweets allegedly sent by the Syrian Electronic Army from E! Online's Twitter account.

“We apologize for any confusion that the erroneous news alerts may have caused.”

The SEA sent out a flurry of tweets and breaking news messages to text subscribers revolving around Bieber coming out of the closet.

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During the hack, one of the tweets sent through E! Online's feed courtesy of the Syrian Electronic Army was an 'exclusive' from Justin Bieber, saying 'I'm a gay'.

One tweet said Selena Gomez, the “Baby” singer’s on-again, off-again girlfriend, was supportive of his declaration.

Another said actress that Oscar-winning actress Angelina Jolie told E! that “Jordan is to blame for the Syrian refugees’ atrocious conditions.”

The cyberhackers support Syrian President Bashar Assad’s regime, the Wall Street Journal reported. Their other hacking targets include Twitter accounts for “60 Minutes,” the BBC, NPR and Reuters.



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The hackers even went on to proclaim that Bieber's on-again-off-again girlfriend, Selena Gomez, was supportive of the Biebs.

Spokespeople for Bieber could not be reached Saturday, when the singer performed in Dubai as part of his international "Believe" tour.

The SEA, after hacking the AP account, claimed two explosions rocked the White House and injured President Obama. The tweet caused stocks to dip and White House spokesman Jay

Carney to issue a statement saying the president was fine.

The FBI is reportedly investigating that hacking incident.

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Pro-Assad Syrian hackers launching cyber-attacks on western media

Syrian Electronic Army claims responsibility for attack on Guardian and other organisations

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The logo of the Syrian Electronic Army, which has targeted a number of western media organisations, including the Guardian, the BBC and al-Jazeera

The Guardian has come under a cyber-attack from Syrian

hackers who have targeted a series of western media organisations in an apparent effort to cause disruption and spread support for President Bashar al-Assad's regime.

The Syrian Electronic Army (SEA) claimed responsibility for the weekend Twitter attack on the Guardian, having previously targeted the BBC, France 24 TV, and National Public Radio in the United States.

Other recent victims have included the broadcaster al-Jazeera, the government of Qatar, and Sepp Blatter, the president of football's governing body Fifa, whose Twitter account was hacked.

Last week the SEA successfully attacked the Associated Press news agency, whose Twitter account was temporarily breached, allowing the group to send bogus messages which wreaked havoc on stock exchanges. The hackers tweeted that President Obama had been injured in a bomb attack at the White House, causing a temporary 143-point drop on the Dow Jones industrial average.

Cybersecurity experts say the SEA attacks are designed to disrupt and embarrass, and the group will likely target any site that might give it an opportunity to spread propaganda for Assad.

Analysts and western intelligence agencies are increasingly sure the SEA, which emerged two years ago, is essentially a proxy for an administration that has been widely condemned over its brutal efforts to quell an internal uprising.

Though many of the SEA's victims appear to have been chosen randomly, the group appears to have prioritised western media organisations in recent weeks.

"The aim of the SEA is to generate publicity," said one analyst. Last month the SEA hacked into the Twitter accounts associated with BBC weather, BBC Arabic Online and BBC Radio Ulster accounts.

Nine bogus tweets were broadcast in an hour, including some with anti-Israeli sentiments, and others saying "Long Live Syria", and the "Syrian Electronic Army Was Here".

Guardian journalists have reported from inside Syria over the last two years, highlighting the terrible toll the civil war has had on the country's people, and atrocities blamed on the regime as it attempts to quell a rebellion. It also published a number of leaked emails from the Assads and their inner circle.

Hours after the cyber-attack began, the SEA said it has targeted the Guardian for spreading "lies and slander about Syria" and

said it was in a "state of war with the security team of Twitter".

The Guardian first recognised it was being targeted over the weekend when spoof emails were sent to staff encouraging them to click on links that could compromise some of the company's email and social media accounts. Later, several of the Guardian's Twitter feeds – including GuardianBooks, GuardianTravel and guardianfilm – were broken into.

The technique is regarded as a classic, if crude, "phishing" attack – where individuals are tricked into giving away details that might allow hackers to gain access to sensitive information or allow them to control systems such as Twitter feeds.

The attack was quickly identified and is in the process of being dealt with. The Guardian has since discovered the attack originated from Internet Protocol (IP) addresses within Syria.

Syrian opposition activists say Assad's cousin Rami Makhlouf bankrolls the SEA, which recently moved from Syria to a secret office in Dubai.

Makhlouf pays the pro-regime hackers for their activities, and they typically earn \$500-\$1,000 for a successful attack. They also get free accommodation and food. Sometimes Syrian government officials tell the SEA which western sites to hack; on other

occasions the SEA selects its own targets.

A Guardian News & Media spokesperson said on Monday: "We are aware that a number of Guardian Twitter accounts have been compromised and we are working actively to resolve this."



United States government vigorously denies PRISM exists. Facebook denies that they participate, unless requested. Google says that they do not have a back door entry to its browser.

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ENLARGE - The US wants to help its allies protect themselves against cyberattacks coming from Iran and North Korea

Senior officials have revealed that the US has started helping Middle Eastern allies protect their computer systems against Iranian hackers. In the upcoming period, the US plans to help its Asian allies against cyberattacks from North Korea.

According to [The New York Times](#), it's uncertain which countries benefit from the US's cyber [capabilities](#). However, officials say that Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia are likely on the list.

As far as Asian countries are concerned, it's believed that South Korea and Japan are the most tempting targets for North Korean [cyber](#) operations.

Interestingly, an unnamed Israeli military official claims to possess evidence that Iran and North Korea are actually working together on developing cyber weapons. American officials say they're unaware of such a [collaboration](#).

US officials on the other hand believe Iran is hiring foreign developers associated with [cybercriminal](#) activities, including ones from Russia.

Iran and North Korea are making significant improvements as far as their cyber capabilities are concerned, but they're not as [advanced](#) as countries such as China or Russia.

However, unlike China and Russia, Iran and North Korea don't have anything to lose if they attempt to disrupt [financial](#) or energy markets.



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Despite reports indicating the opposite US President Barack Obama has continued to perpetuate (original article said perpetrate, for Ebonics users - Obama be perpetratin') the vague assertion that the controversial NSA surveillance programs, primarily PRISM, are responsible for stopping a major terrorist attack in New York City.

American officials have maintained that the National Security Agency has been “*transparent*” in its explanation of mass surveillance policies that are quietly reviewed and approved by a secret court after secret requests from law enforcement agencies.

President Obama, during an interview on PBS Monday night, claimed that Americans are “*not getting the complete story*” after a leak from former NSA employee exposed the widespread domestic monitoring.

Before an agency begins leafing through an individual's phone records or Internet history, according to US officials, they are required to take the case before a court created by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA). These FISA

courts, while meeting in secret and keeping the number of disclosures classified, have denied only ten out of more than 20,000 requests put in since September 11, 2001.

When asked if the FISA courts are effectively a rubber stamp for law enforcement and the federal government, Obama said *“the number of requests is surprisingly small”* and *“folks don’t go with a query unless they’ve got a pretty good suspicion”* that he intended target is involved in illegal activity.

Obama bemoaned media’s assertion that he had fallen from his liberal hero status to that of a kind of next Dick Cheney, the notoriously secretive vice president under George W. Bush, who pushed for greater federal power without the burden of public transparency.

Of the NSA electronic domestic spying program, Obama said, *“it is transparent”* in an interview with Charlie Rose of PBS.

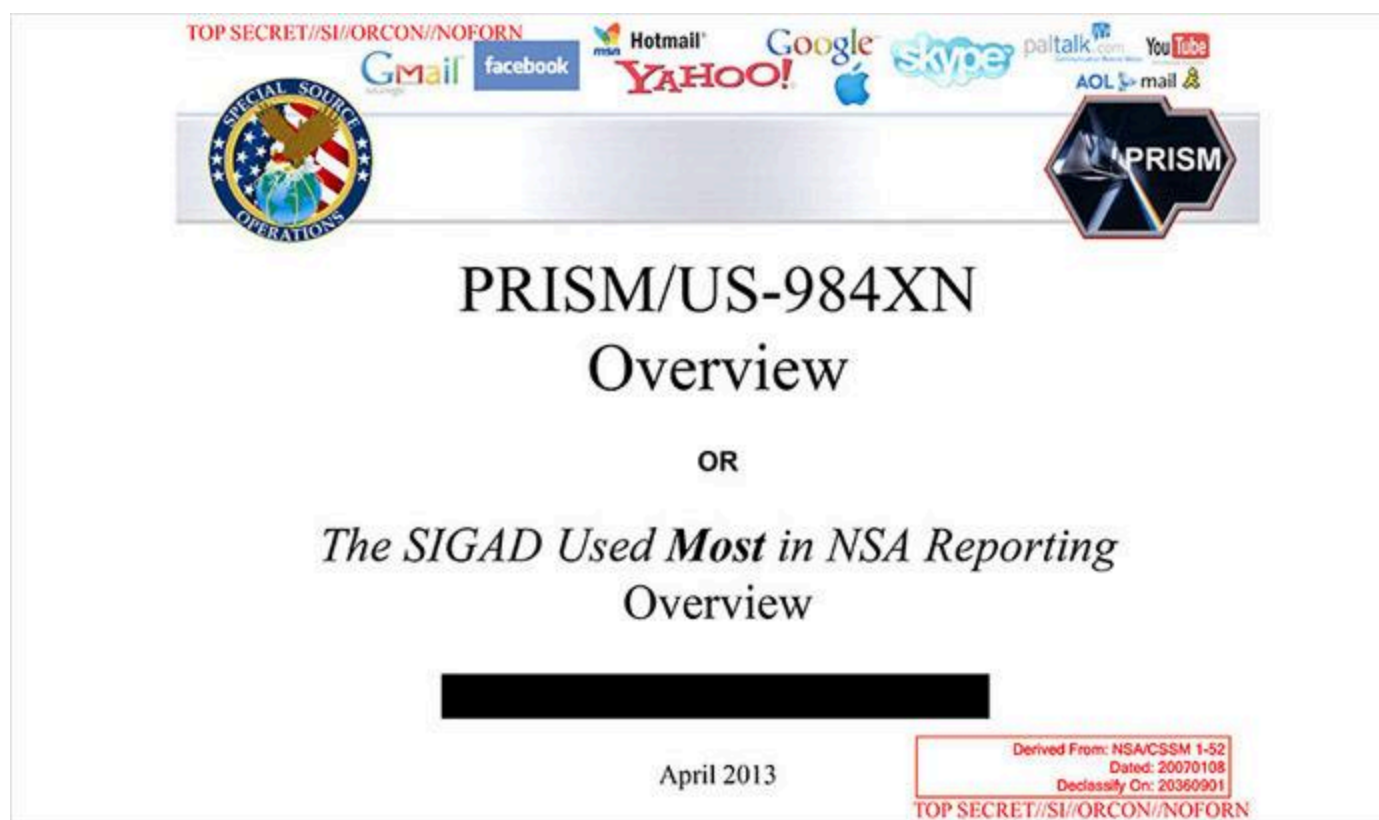
“That’s why we set up the FISA court...The whole point of my concern, before I was president – because some people say, ‘Well Obama was this raving liberal before. Now he’s Dick Cheney.’”

“My concern has always been not that we shouldn’t do intelligence gathering to prevent terrorism, but rather are we

setting up a system of checks and balances? So, on this telephone program, you've got a federal court with independent federal judges overseeing the entire program. And you've got Congress overseeing the program, not just the intelligence committee and not just the judiciary committee – but all of Congress had available to it before the last reauthorization [of the 2001 Patriot Act, which expanded the powers of the FISA court] exactly how this program works.”

Obama also echoed the claims of government officials who asserted that they had foiled dozens of terrorist plots through information gathered via the various surveillance programs. The president that implied Najibullah Zazi, who was arrested before he could detonate a bomb in the New York City subway, was caught as a result of warrantless surveillance.

The explanation was repeated by Senators Dianne Feinstein and Mike Rogers and part of a national intelligence declassification meant to shift public opinion on the NSA's PRISM program. While it may be a convenient story, though, lawmakers frequently forget to mention that the email that led to Zazi's capture and eventual prosecution could have been captured without PRISM, as the NSA program is known.



Under the law at the time the FBI had the authority to monitor the email accounts of people linked to terrorists. Zazi was identified when British intelligence found a computer containing an email from Zazi to Pakistani terrorists, at which point the government could have gone to a judge for a warrant.

“To get a warrant, the law requires that the government show that the target is a suspected member of a terrorist group or foreign government, something that had been well established at that point in the Zazi case,” the Associated Press reported

earlier this month.

“In using Zazi to defend the surveillance program, government officials have further confused things by misstating key details about the plot,” the agency said at the time.

Critics have not only levied their complaints at politicians, but at mainstream media outlets for failing to ask the relevant questions about the NSA programs. Charlie Rose, in particular, has been chided for not pushing Obama to provide evidence for his NSA claims while 24-hour news channels including CNN seem to have devoted more coverage to NSA leaker Edward Snowden’s personality than to the information he made public.

Snowden himself digitally emerged from hiding Monday to answer reader-submitted questions on TheGuardian.com, where he lamented the media’s failings.

“Journalists should ask a specific question: since these programs began operation shortly after September 11th, how many terrorist attacks were prevented SOLELY by information derived from this suspicion-less surveillance that could not be gained via any other source?” Snowden wrote.

“Initially I was very encouraged. Unfortunately, the mainstream media now seems far more interested in what I said when I was 17 or what my girlfriend looks like rather than, say, the largest program of suspicion-less surveillance in human history.”



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Fisa court oversight: a look inside a secret and empty process

Obama and other NSA defenders insist there are robust limitations on surveillance but the documents show otherwise

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Barack Obama discusses the NSA surveillance controversy at a press conference in California this month.
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Since we began publishing stories about the [NSA's](#) massive domestic spying apparatus, various NSA defenders – beginning with President Obama - have sought to assure the public that this is all done under robust judicial oversight. "When it comes to telephone calls, nobody is listening to your telephone calls," [he proclaimed on June 7](#) when responding to our story about the bulk collection of telephone records, adding that the program is "fully overseen" by "the [Fisa court](#), a court specially put together to evaluate classified programs to make sure that the executive branch, or government generally, is not abusing them". Obama [told Charlie](#)

Rose last night:

"What I can say unequivocally is that if you are a US person, the NSA cannot listen to your telephone calls ... by law and by rule, and unless they ... go to a court, and obtain a warrant, and seek probable cause, the same way it's always been, the same way when we were growing up and we were watching movies, you want to go set up a wiretap, you got to go to a judge, show probable cause."

The GOP chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, Mike Rogers, [told CNN](#) that the NSA "is not listening to Americans' phone calls. If it did, it is illegal. It is breaking the law." [Talking points](#) issued by the House GOP in defense of the NSA claimed that [surveillance](#) law only "allows the Government to acquire foreign intelligence information concerning non-U.S.-persons (foreign, non-Americans) located

outside the [United States](#)."

The NSA's media defenders have similarly stressed that the NSA's eavesdropping and internet snooping requires warrants when it involves Americans. The Washington Post's Charles Lane [told his readers](#): "the government needs a court-issued warrant, based on probable cause, to listen in on phone calls." The Post's David Ignatius told Post readers that NSA internet surveillance "is overseen by judges who sit on the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court" and is "lawful and controlled". Tom Friedman [told New York Times readers](#) that before NSA analysts can invade the content of calls and emails, they "have to go to a judge to get a warrant to actually look at the content under guidelines set by Congress."

This has become the most common theme for those defending NSA surveillance. But these claim are

highly misleading, and in some cases outright false.

Top secret documents obtained by the Guardian illustrate what the Fisa court actually does – and does not do – when purporting to engage in "oversight" over the NSA's domestic spying. That process lacks many of the safeguards that Obama, the House GOP, and various media defenders of the NSA are trying to lead the public to believe exist.

No individualized warrants required under 2008 Fisa law

Many of the reasons these claims are so misleading is demonstrated by the law itself. When the original Fisa law was enacted in 1978, its primary purpose was to ensure that the US government would be barred from ever monitoring the electronic communications of Americans without first obtaining an individualized warrant from the Fisa court, which required evidence showing "probable cause" that the

person to be surveilled was an agent of a foreign power or terrorist organization.

That was the law which George Bush, in late 2001, violated, when he **secretly authorized eavesdropping** on the international calls of Americans without any warrants from that court. Rather than act to punish Bush for those actions, the Congress, on a bipartisan basis in 2008, enacted a new, highly diluted Fisa law – the Fisa Amendments Act of 2008 (FAA) – that legalized much of the Bush warrantless NSA program.

Under the FAA, which was **just renewed last December** for another five years, *no warrants are needed for the NSA to eavesdrop on a wide array of calls, emails and online chats involving US citizens.* Individualized warrants are required only when the target of the surveillance is a US person or the call is entirely domestic. But even under the law, no

individualized warrant is needed to listen in on the calls or read the emails of Americans when they communicate with a foreign national whom the NSA has targeted for surveillance.

As a result, under the FAA, the NSA frequently eavesdrops on Americans' calls and reads their emails without any individualized warrants – exactly that which NSA defenders, including Obama, are trying to make Americans believe does not take place. As Yale Law professor Jack Balkin [explained back in 2009](#):

"The Fisa Amendments Act of 2008, effectively gives the President - now President Obama - the authority to run surveillance programs similar in effect to the warrantless surveillance program [secretly implemented by George Bush in late 2001].

That is because New Fisa no longer requires individualized targets in all surveillance programs. Some programs may be 'vacuum cleaner' programs that listen to a great many different calls (and read a great many e-mails) with any requirement of a warrant directed at a particular person as long as no US person is directly targeted as the object of the program. . . .

"New Fisa authorizes the creation of surveillance programs directed against foreign persons (or rather, against persons *believed* to be outside the United States) – which require no individualized suspicion of anyone being a terrorist, or engaging in any criminal activity. These programs may *inevitably include many phone calls involving Americans, who may have absolutely no*

connection to terrorism or to Al Qaeda."

As the FAA was being enacted in mid-2008, Professor Balkin [explained](#) that "Congress is now giving the President the authority to do much of what he was probably doing (illegally) before".

The ACLU's Deputy Legal Director, Jameel Jaffer, told me this week by email:

"On its face, the 2008 law gives the government authority to engage in surveillance directed at people outside the United States. In the course of conducting that surveillance, though, *the government inevitably sweeps up the communications of many Americans*. The government often says that this surveillance of Americans' communications is 'incidental', which makes it sound like the NSA's surveillance of Americans' phone calls and emails is

inadvertent and, even from the government's perspective, regrettable.

"But when Bush administration officials asked Congress for this new surveillance power, they said quite explicitly that *Americans' communications were the communications of most interest to them*. See, for example, Fisa for the 21st Century, Hearing Before the S. Comm. on the Judiciary, 109th Cong. (2006) (statement of Michael Hayden) (stating, in debate preceding passage of FAA's predecessor statute, that certain *communications 'with one end in the United States' are the ones 'that are most important to us'*).

The principal purpose of the 2008 law was to make it possible for the government to collect *Americans'* international communications -

and to collect those communications without reference to whether any party to those communications was doing anything illegal. And a lot of the government's advocacy is meant to obscure this fact, but it's a crucial one: The government doesn't need to 'target' Americans in order to collect huge volumes of their communications."

That's why Democratic senators such as Ron Wyden and Mark Udall [spent years asking the NSA](#): how many Americans are having their telephone calls listened to and emails read by you without individualized warrants? Unlike the current attempts to convince Americans that the answer is "none", the NSA [repeatedly refused](#) to provide any answers, [claiming](#) that providing an accurate number was beyond their current technological capabilities. Obviously, the answer is far from "none".

Contrary to the claims by NSA defenders that the surveillance being conducted is legal, the Obama DOJ has [repeatedly thwarted](#) any efforts to obtain judicial rulings on whether this law is consistent with the Fourth Amendment or otherwise legal. Every time a lawsuit is brought contesting the legality of intercepting Americans' communications without warrants, the Obama DOJ [raises claims of secrecy, standing and immunity](#) to prevent any such determination from being made.

The emptiness of 'oversight' from the secret Fisa court

The supposed safeguard under the FAA is that the NSA annually submits a document setting forth its general procedures for how it decides on whom it can eavesdrop without a warrant. The Fisa court then approves those general procedures. And then the NSA is empowered to issue "directives" to telephone and internet companies to obtain the

communications for whomever the NSA decides – with no external (i.e. outside the executive branch) oversight – complies with the guidelines it submitted to the court.

In his interview with the president last night, Charlie Rose asked Obama about the oversight he claims exists: "Should this be transparent in some way?" Obama's answer: "It is transparent. That's why we set up the Fisa Court." But as Politico's Josh Gerstein [noted about that exchange](#): Obama was "referring to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court –*which carries out its work almost entirely in secret.*" Indeed, that court's orders are [among the most closely held secrets in the US government](#). That Obama, when asked about transparency, has to cite a court that operates in complete secrecy demonstrates how little actual transparency there is to any this.

The way to bring actual transparency to this process is to examine the relevant Top Secret Fisa court documents. Those documents demonstrate that this entire process is a fig leaf, "oversight" in name only. It offers no real safeguards. That's because no court monitors what the NSA is actually doing when it claims to comply with the court-approved procedures. Once the Fisa court puts its approval stamp on the NSA's procedures, there is no external judicial check on which targets end up being selected by the NSA analysts for eavesdropping. The only time individualized warrants are required is when the NSA is specifically targeting a US citizen or the communications are purely domestic.

When it is time for the NSA to obtain Fisa court approval, the agency does not tell the court whose calls and emails it intends to intercept. It instead merely provides the general guidelines which it claims are used by its analysts to determine which

individuals they can target, and the Fisa court judge then issues a simple order approving those guidelines. The court endorses a one-paragraph form order stating that the NSA's process "'contains all the required elements' and that the revised NSA, FBI and CIA minimization procedures submitted with the amendment 'are consistent with the requirements of [50 U.S.C. §1881a(e)] and with the fourth amendment to the Constitution of the United States'". As but one typical example, the Guardian has obtained an August 19, 2010, Fisa court approval from Judge John Bates which does nothing more than recite the statutory language in approving the NSA's guidelines.

Once the NSA has this court approval, it can then target anyone chosen by their analysts, and can even order telecoms and internet companies to turn over to them the emails, chats and calls of those they target. The Fisa court plays no role whatsoever

in reviewing whether the procedures it approved are actually complied with when the NSA starts eavesdropping on calls and reading people's emails.

The guidelines submitted by the NSA to the Fisa court demonstrate how much discretion the agency has in choosing who will be targeted. Those guidelines also make clear that, contrary to the repeated assurances from government officials and media figures, the communications of American citizens are – without any individualized warrant – included in what is surveilled.

The specific guidelines submitted by the NSA to the Fisa court in July 2009 – marked Top Secret and signed by Attorney General Eric Holder – state that "NSA determines whether a person is a non-United States person reasonably believed to be outside the United States in light of the totality of the circumstances based on the information available

with respect to that person, including information concerning the communications facility or facilities used by that person." It includes information that the NSA analyst uses to make this determination – including IP addresses, statements made by the potential target, and other information in the NSA databases.

The decision to begin listening to someone's phone calls or read their emails is made exclusively by NSA analysts and their "line supervisors". There is no outside scrutiny, and certainly no Fisa court involvement. As the NSA itself explained in its guidelines submitted to the Fisa court:

"Analysts who request tasking will document in the tasking database a citation or citations to the information that led them to reasonably believe that a targeted person is located outside the United States. Before tasking is

approved, the database entry for that tasking will be reviewed in order to verify that the database entry contains the necessary citations."

The only oversight for monitoring whether there is abuse comes from the executive branch itself: from the DOJ and Director of National Intelligence, which conduct "periodic reviews ... to evaluate the implementation of the procedure." At [a hearing before the House Intelligence Committee Tuesday afternoon](#), deputy attorney general James Cole testified that every 30 days, the Fisa court is merely given an "aggregate number" of database searches on US domestic phone records.

Warrantless interception of Americans' communications

Obama and other NSA defenders have repeatedly claimed that "nobody" is listening to Americans'

telephone calls without first obtaining warrants. This is simply false. There is no doubt that some of the communications intercepted by the NSA under this warrantless scheme set forth in FAA's section 702 include those of US citizens. Indeed, as part of the Fisa court approval process, the NSA submits a separate document, also signed by Holder, which describes how communications *of US persons* are collected and what is done with them.

One typical example is a document submitted by the NSA in July 2009. In its first paragraph, it purports to set forth "minimization procedures" that "apply to the acquisition, retention, use, and dissemination of non-publicly available information concerning unconsenting United States persons that is acquired by targeting non-United States persons reasonably believed to be located outside the United States in accordance with section 702 of the Foreign

Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, as amended."

That document provides that "communications of or concerning United States persons that may be related to the authorized purpose of the acquisition may be forwarded to analytic personnel responsible for producing intelligence information from the collected data." It also states that "such communications or information" - those from US citizens - "may be retained and disseminated" if it meets the guidelines set forth in the NSA's procedures.

Those guidelines specifically address what the NSA does with what it calls "domestic communications", defined as "communications in which the sender and all intended recipients are reasonably believed to be located in the United States at the time of acquisition". The NSA expressly claims the right to store and even disseminate such domestic

communication if: (1) "it is reasonably believed to contain significant foreign intelligence information"; (2) "the communication does not contain foreign intelligence information but is reasonably believed to contain evidence of a crime that has been, is being, or is about to be committed"; or (3) "the communication is reasonably believed to contain technical data base information, as defined in Section 2(i), or information necessary to understand or assess a communications security vulnerability."

Although it refuses to say how many Americans have their communications intercepted without warrants, there can be no question that the NSA does this. That's precisely why they have created elaborate procedures for what they do when they end up collecting Americans' communications without warrants.

Vast discretion vested in NSA

analysts

The vast amount of discretion vested in NSA analysts is also demonstrated by the training and briefings given to them by the agency. In one such briefing from an official with the NSA's general counsel's office - a top secret transcript of which was obtained by the Guardian, dated 2008 and then updated for 2013 - NSA analysts are told how much the new Fisa law diluted the prior standards and how much discretion they now have in deciding whose communications to intercept:

"The court gets to look at procedures for saying that there is a reasonable belief for saying that a target is outside of the United States. Once again - a major change from the targeting under Fisa. Under Fisa you had to have probable cause to believe that the target

was a foreign power or agent of a foreign power. Here all you need is a reasonable belief that the target is outside of the United States ...

"Now, all kinds of information can be used to this end. There's a list in the targeting procedures: phone directories, finished foreign intelligence, NSA technical analysis of selectors, lead information. Now, you don't have to check a box in every one of those categories. But you have to look at everything you've got and make a judgment. Looking at everything, do you have a reasonable belief that your target is outside the United States? So, cast your search wide. But don't feel as though you have to have something in every category. In the end, what matters is, 'Does all that add up to a reasonable belief that your

target is outside the United States?"

So vast is this discretion that NSA analysts even have the authority to surveil communications between their targets and their lawyers, and that information can be not just stored but also disseminated. NSA procedures do not ban such interception, but rather set forth procedures to be followed in the event that the NSA analyst believes they should be "disseminated".

The decisions about who has their emails and telephone calls intercepted by the NSA is made by the NSA itself, not by the Fisa court, except where the NSA itself concludes the person is a US citizen and/or the communication is exclusively domestic. But even in such cases, the NSA often ends up intercepting those communications of Americans without individualized warrants, and all of this is left to the discretion of the NSA analysts with no real

judicial oversight.

Legal constraints v technical capabilities

What is vital to recognize is that the NSA is collecting and storing staggering sums of communications every day. Back in 2010, the Washington Post [reported](#) that "every day, collection systems at the National Security Agency intercept and store 1.7 billion e-mails, phone calls and other types of communications." Documents [published by the Guardian last week](#) detail that, in March 2013, the NSA collected *three billions* of pieces of intelligence just from US communications networks alone.

In sum, the NSA is vacuuming up enormous amounts of communications involving ordinary Americans and people around the world who are guilty of nothing. There are some legal constraints governing their power to examine the content of

those communications, but there are no technical limits on the ability either of the agency or its analysts to do so. The fact that there is so little external oversight is what makes this sweeping, suspicion-less surveillance system so dangerous. It's also what makes the assurances from government officials and their media allies so dubious.

A senior US intelligence official told the Guardian: "Under section 702, the Fisa court has to approve targeting and minimization procedures adopted by the Attorney General, in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence."

"The targeting procedures ensure that the targets of surveillance are reasonably believed to be non-US persons outside of the US", the official added.

"Moreover, decisions about targeting are memorialized, reviewed on a regular basis and

audited. Moreover, Congress clearly understood that even when the government is targeting foreign persons for collection, communications of US persons may be acquired if those persons are in communication with the foreign targets, for example as was testified to in today's hearing when Najibullah Zazi communicated with a foreign terrorist whose communications were being targeted under Section 702.

"That," the official continued, "is why the statute requires that there be minimization procedures to ensure that when communications of, or concerning, US persons are acquired in the course of lawful collection under Section 702, that information is minimized and is retained and disseminated only when appropriate. These procedures are approved on an annual basis by the Fisa court.

"Compliance with them is extensively overseen by

the intelligence community, the DOJ, the ODNI and Inspectors General," the official said. "Both the Fisa court and Congress receive regular reports on compliance."



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Holding Congress accountable for NSA excesses

By Steve Benen

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It didn't generate much attention at the time, but in the closing days of 2012, while most of the political world was focused on the so-called "fiscal cliff," Congress also had to take the time to reauthorize the government's warrantless surveillance program. A handful of senators -- Ron Wyden (D-Ore.), Jeff Merkley (D-Ore.), Pat Leahy (D-Vt.), Rand Paul (R-Ky.) -- proposed straightforward amendments to promote NSA disclosure and add layers of accountability, but as Adam Serwer **reported** at the time, bipartisan majorities rejected each of their ideas.

In effect, every senator was aware of dubious NSA surveillance -- some had been briefed on the programs in great detail -- but a bipartisan majority was comfortable with an enormous amount of secrecy and minimal oversight. Even the most basic of proposed reforms -- having the NSA explain how surveillance works in practice -- were seen as overly intrusive. The vast majority of Congress was comfortable with NSA operating under what are effectively secret laws.

With this in mind, **Jonathan Bernstein asked** a compelling question over the weekend and provided a persuasive answer: "If you don't like the revelations this week about what the NSA has been up to regarding your phone and Internet data, whom should you blame?"

There is, to be sure, plenty of blame to go around. The NSA has pushed the limits; federal courts approved the surveillance programs; George W. Bush got this ball rolling; President Obama kept this ball rolling; and telecoms have clearly participated in the efforts.

But save plenty of your blame -- perhaps most of your blame -- for Congress.

Did you notice the word I used in each of the other cases? The key word: *law*. As far as we know, everything that happened here was fully within the law. So if something was allowed that shouldn't have been allowed, the problem is, in the first place, the laws. And that means Congress.

It's worth pausing to note that there is some debate about the legality of the exposed surveillance programs. Based on what we know at this point, most of the legal analyses I've seen suggest the NSA's actions were within the law, though we're still dealing with an incomplete picture, and there are certainly some legal experts who question whether the NSA crossed legal lines.

But if the preliminary information is accurate, it's hard to overstate how correct Bernstein is about congressional culpability.

Towards the end of the Bush/Cheney era, there was a two-pronged debate about surveillance. On the one hand, there were questions about warrantless wiretaps and NSA data mining. On the other, there was the issue of the law: the original FISA law approved in 1978 was deemed by the Bush administration to be out of date, so officials chose to circumvent it, on purpose, to meet their perceived counter-terrorism needs.

In time, bipartisan majorities in Congress decided not to hold Bush/Cheney accountable, and ultimately expanded the law to give the executive branch extraordinary and unprecedented surveillance powers.

In theory, Obama could have chosen a different path after taking office in 2009, but the historical pattern is clear: if Congress gives a war-time president vast powers related to national security, that president is going to use those powers. The wiser course of action would be the legislative branch acting to keep those powers in check -- limiting how far a White House can go -- but our contemporary Congress has chosen to do the opposite.

This is, by the way, a bipartisan phenomenon -- lawmakers in both parties gave Bush expansive authority in this area, and lawmakers in both parties agreed to keep these powers in Obama's hands. What's more, they not only passed laws these measures into law, they chose not to do much in the way of oversight as the surveillance programs grew.

OK, but now that the NSA programs are causing national controversies again, perhaps Congress will reconsider these expansive presidential powers? Probably not -- on the Sunday shows, we heard from a variety of lawmakers, some of whom **expressed concern** about the surveillance, but most of whom are **prepared to allow** the programs continue untouched.

Indeed, for many lawmakers on the right, the intended focus going forward won't be on scaling back NSA efforts, but rather, will be on **targeting the leaks** that exposed the NSA efforts.

Conservatives, in particular, seem especially eager to leave these powers in the president's hands -- even though they have nothing but disdain for this particular president. And as Jon Chait **explained**, support for the NSA programs from the right will matter a great deal: "The Republican response is crucial, because it determines whether the news media treats the story

as a 'scandal' or as a 'policy dispute.'"

Michael Kinsley, referencing campaign-finance laws, once argued that in Washington, the scandal isn't what's illegal; the scandal is what's legal. I've been thinking a lot about this adage in recent days.

If the reports are accurate and the NSA is acting within the law, but you nevertheless consider the surveillance programs outrageous, there is one remedy: Congress needs to redraw the legal lines. At least for now, the appetite for changes among lawmakers appears limited, which only helps reinforce the thesis about who's ultimately responsible for this mess.

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<h2>US identifies Guantanamo indefinite detainees</h2>

Administration calls 46 men too dangerous to release as State Department names special envoy to close military prison.

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The Obama administration has publicly identified for the first time 46 prisoners at the Guantanamo Bay US Naval Base whom it wants to hold indefinitely without charge or trial because it says they are too dangerous to release but cannot be prosecuted.

The Defence Department released the names on Monday after the *Miami Herald* newspaper and a group of Yale Law School students sued for its release in a US District Court in Washington.

The list also names nearly two dozen prisoners who have been recommended for prosecution, including Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, who is already on trial for his alleged role in the September 11, 2011, attack, and Hambali, an alleged Indonesian "terrorist leader". Those on the list are prisoners who have been held without charge under the Authorised Use of Military Force act passed by Congress and signed by President George Bush in 2001, according to a spokesman for the Pentagon, Army Lieutenant-Colonel Todd Breasseale.

The prisoners on the list were first reviewed by an administration task force of lawyers, military officers and intelligence agents.

Indefinite detainees

In a 2010 report, the task force declared 48 Guantanamo prisoners too dangerous to

release. However, the report said they could not be tried, either because there was no evidence linking them to specific attacks or because evidence against them was tainted by coercion or abuse.

On the list were 26 Yemenis, 12 Afghans, three Saudis, two Kuwaitis, two Libyans, a Kenyan, a Moroccan and a Somali.

Two of the Afghans died after the list was compiled, one from suicide and the other from a heart attack.

That leaves 46 of the 166 Guantanamo prisoners designated as indefinite detainees.

The Guantanamo detention camp was set up in 2002 to hold prisoners captured in US counterterrorism operations overseas.

President Barack Obama recently called it a stain on America's reputation and reiterated his intent to close it.

He said his administration would appoint a pair of envoys from the State and Defence departments to work on that.

Following up on that promise, the State Department announced on Monday the appointment of Clifford Sloan, a veteran Washington lawyer, to work as its envoy to negotiate the repatriation or resettlement of 86 prisoners who have been cleared for transfer or release.

Pre-trial hearings

The announcement came as five prisoners charged with plotting the 9/11 attacks on the US appeared in the war crimes tribunal at the Guantanamo base for a week of pre-trial hearings.

Defendants in the death penalty case include Khalid Sheikh Mohammed and four other men accused of funding and training the hijackers.

All five defendants appeared adequately fed, suggesting they have not joined more than 100 other detainees who have waged a four-month hunger strike in protest at the failure to resolve their fate after more than a decade of detention at Guantanamo.

They sat quietly in the courtroom as their lawyers questioned a retired admiral who previously oversaw the Guantanamo war crimes tribunal.

The lengthy and at times tedious questioning was aimed at showing the admiral and other military officials meddled in attorney-client communications, which are supposed to be confidential.

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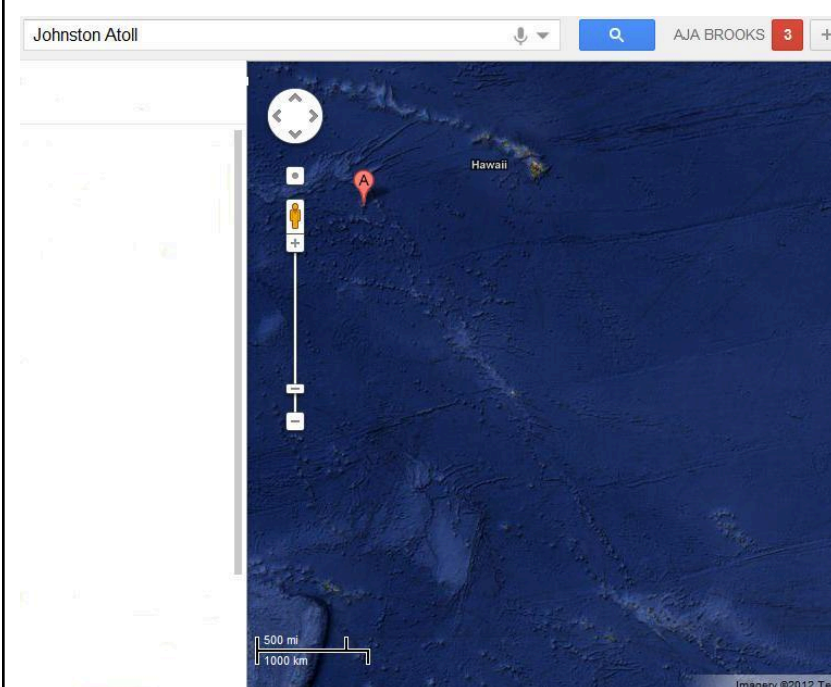
The hearing was the first in the case since February, when camp officials revealed that what appeared to be smoke alarms in the huts where defence lawyers met the defendants were actually microphones.

Camp officials insisted that they never listened to or recorded attorney-client meetings at the detention camp and said the microphones have since been disabled.

In addition to the five defendants in the 9/11 case, the Obama administration had planned to try about 36 prisoners in the war crimes tribunal.

But the chief prosecutor in the tribunals, Army Brigadier-General Mark Martins, told Reuters news agency last week that number would be scaled back to about 20 - including the 9/11 defendants and seven cases that have already been completed.

He had planned to charge many of the others with providing material support for terrorism but a US appeals court ruled last year that was not internationally recognised as a war crime when the acts in question took place in the late 1990s and early 2000s.



THE HUNGER STRIKE BEGAN, SHORTLY AFTER SEQUESTER BROUGHT

PROPOSED REFORMS TO CLOSE GUANTANAMO IN FAVOR OF JOHNSTON ATOLL...

Aja Brooks

The Military Sequestration Prevention Act of 2012

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The opening statement of the Constitution declares that we, the people of the United States, as one of our main duties is to provide for the common defense. This means that the people are the government, not the government as a separate entity, so that we decide as taxpayers how our money meets the needs of domestic peace and tranquility.

Article I, Sec. 8 determines that the power to declare war resides with Congress, and that no appropriation shall be made longer than two years to raise and support an Army.

At this time, Vice President Joe Biden, Senator John McCain, and Senator John Kerry are authorized to sign a declaration of war jointly, or any emergency military order as required by military command or conference. Obama has been relieved of signature authority, Vice President Biden is acting Commander-in-Chief.

Given these provisions of the Constitution listed above, it is necessary to revisit our commitments to other countries that fall under diplomacy operations and those that actually fall under the regular defense budget. There has been a lot of political discourse regarding "unconstitutional wars, endless war spending, and endless wars", but these are misnomers when it comes to approving an annual defense budget and defining our previous and current national security needs.

Our war has always been against the enemy Al Qaeda, and the bulk of our military spending has been in pursuit of that enemy going on eleven years. After ending the Iraq War, that has been likened to my generation's Vietnam, it is also necessary that we promote a military budget that is reasonable and does not use sequester, an across-the-board percentage cut, without thorough examination of the 2013 defense bill and what our military is requesting to carry out operations.

After reviewing the 2013 defense bill, we prefer a redirection of spending, as opposed to direct cuts to meet a budget the Senate hasn't even produced, nor is Obama authorized to compose or impose upon anyone:

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A sequester is a default mechanism, usually used for annual business budgeting, but given that defense is the first priority of a Constitutionally-funded model budget and that the Senate has failed to produce an annual budget for 4 years straight and has been operating on a continuing resolution, we have averted 5 government shutdowns, and we pray to avert a 6th on 9/30/12.

*I would like to note that this process had gotten so political, so weighed down with ire and rhetoric for failure to even write a Constitutional budget, that the Tea Party and Paul Ryan took over this process. Paul Ryan wrote a deficit reduction budget called the Path to Prosperity, based on the works of Tom Coburn and others, which came forth from the very heated debate over the debt ceiling in the Summer of 2011, so the Tea Party drafted a working budget based on actual physical revenue trend, (in order to reach a target of deficit control and a path toward paying off our deficit annually).

After review, Bush Tax Cuts offset the inflation of the costs of the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars to avoid a tax revolt

during times of conflict. However now that Afghanistan is considered a matter of diplomacy operations in alliance with Karzai, those costs must be monitored effectively for approval of the 2013 defense budget.

The problem is, the Bush Tax Cuts caused us to borrow to pay Congress' salaries over the past 10 years, and while this is not specifically about the 2013 defense appropriation bill, it is worth noting that Congress while in session works 12, 13, and 14 hour days at times, meets endlessly, and then while on break they meet with constituents.

We are not the part-time Congress of the Founding Fathers, who took off seasonally to manage domestic affairs and work. Congress may need to consider a reduction in their salary of \$200 billion from last year to this year, to cause us not to borrow, unless those cuts are found.

Congress' salary is \$1 trillion annually, plus the \$700 billion in interest that hits us every 5-6 months. While we would all like to get off of the continuing resolution model, it is imperative that everyone presents a budget to get a public consensus about how the government appropriates and carries out funding of each program. Failing to write a budget will be met by the wrath of voters, and Congress has been appealed to order misappropriation and remuneration charges over Obamacare, a \$2 trillion tax increase that was just cremated by the House, for not providing any health insurance whatsoever.

Without a budget, the Democrats leave their constituents' voices unheard and misrepresented to a cacophony of shouting and wasted floor time debating bills that aren't even at hand.

Seeking balance, the 2013 TEA PARTY BALANCED BUDGET \$3.5 TRILLION ANNUAL REVENUE

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has been written to reflect the expiration and sunset of the Bush Tax Cuts, so that Congress is paid without having to borrow or pay the interest for their salaries. This will not only balance our domestic spending to our needs of national defense, this budget places us with a \$25 billion down payment on our deficit, free and clear. This way the books are balanced going into 2013, and any additional revenue can be applied toward deficit reduction, as we begin to implement the Path to Prosperity proposals by March of 2013.

To discuss these matters specifically related to the 2013 defense budget, we ask that \$600 billion be appropriated for general military operations, \$200 billion for requiring anyone under 25 to get their Master's degree for education/retraining purposes, and \$200 billion for defense projects. The project list was due 8/1/12, when I attended the meeting, I did not hear of the projects or who had theirs ready for review.

We have abandoned the need for consideration of revisiting the military draft, unlike Israel. We want a volunteer Army, because we believe that our military works best that way, and we want our soldiers to function well in the private sector. We are making education a requirement, and we want no one under the age of 25 on front line duty, because the brain has not fully developed. This may cause some criticism from the military and how it chooses to operate, but we have to operate more wisely than we have in the past in recruiting, training, and retention of personnel.

Defense projects are to be submitted and approved by Allen West. He is an asset to be in a position of having served and to be able to communicate with military personnel with relative disclosure in being mindful that not everything must be left to public scrutiny.

I found the 2013 defense budget well constructed and easy to read, despite the repetition and long list of equipment, I was eventually able to tabulate the cost, but we need a different scoring system in the margin for legislation anyway.

In short, we ask that no defense cuts be made by percentage calculation or with respect to the annual budget,

because we find that the 2013 defense budget takes taxpayer dollars into consideration, and that it is not asking for any increases but a preservation of operations.

We must take that into consideration as taxpayers, that our military has more than met their obligations and given us a 5 time renewal of Army to complete the task of our generation against Al Qaeda. We must also respect that our fight is not quite finished, that we have smoked out Al Qaeda in Yemen, and that with the help of Iraq, we now have Al Qaeda cornered in Syria. While we are looking forward to a time of peace and a time when the Middle East tension with neighbors subsides, we know that these are all factors of a delicate balance of operations and quality intelligence.

In order to prevent this sequester and to pay Congress, we are cutting \$200 billion from the Judiciary, until they get serious and prioritize processing violent offenders and preventing abuse of tax dollars.

We also propose a measure that should sit well with those against capital punishment and those who are tired of supporting terrorists, murderers, rapists and pedophiles to be housed for life sentences:

We will begin phasing out maximum security wards to isolating prisoners to Johnston Atoll.

With the invention or perfection of drones, we will be able to remotely secure prisoners on this deserted and abandoned military base. Johnston Atoll or Drone Island will function like exile, except we will know when the elements have taken a prisoner, as opposed to lethal injection costs and life sentencing housing costs:

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We find that life sentencing is a cruel and unusual punishment to taxpayers, who are forced to subsidize violent criminals' sustenance, and it is cruel and unusual to deny someone the punishment their offense such deserves, an injustice that carries with it enormous impunity and consequently the perpetuation of violent crime trends.

Johnston Atoll will help us mitigate costs and these issues surrounding other proposed Judicial Reform:

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With these reforms in place and implementation of "The Military Sequester Prevention Act of 2012", we can not only help to reduce terrorism but other forms of violence in society, and in conjunction with the proposed use of Johnston Atoll, we ask that any existing law still in place for lack of a Senate vote taken on Obamacare, that the House begin redirecting funds appropriated to Planned Parenthood by Obamacare or H.R. 4872 to be implemented for the cost of plane travel and parachute for prisoners phased out to Johnston Atoll.

Failure to adhere to this budget or these proposals will bring further audit of federal prison costs and reforms, including deportations to country of origin to deserted areas like Johnston Atoll, for taxpayers do not have to sustain global terrorism through prison bases contrary to their well being, or gangs for twenty years to life.

We urge the Senate to act in passing the 2013 defense budget, as written, with the military to apply the reforms listed herein. If the Senate does not, we will pursue cutting the salaries of Senators by \$200 billion, for creating a defense vacuum between now and 9-30-12, with our military unable to approve their project lists that were due on 8/1/12. The Department of Homeland security is also being considered for reductions, as well as other underperforming domestic agencies.

Obama Administration Releases Names Of Dozens Of Gitmo's 'Indefinite Detainees'

By **Hayes Brown** on Jun 17, 2013 at 6:04 pm



The Obama administration on Monday for the first time released the names of the 48 prisoners at the Guantanamo Bay military prison who may spend the rest of their lives there without trial.

Until today, the identities of the detainees that the Obama administration has determined to be too dangerous to release, yet unable to be prosecuted in a court of law, has remained secret. The Miami Herald on Monday reported that it had obtained the full list of the individuals from the government following a Freedom of Information Act request, resulting in a list of four dozen names.

After President Obama signed his 2009 Executive Order to close the base's prison, an administration task

force sifted through the evidence against all of the prisoners who remained in the base. In 2010, the panel concluded that the evidence against 48 of the detainees was either too flimsy or too tainted to be allowed to stand in a criminal court, but that each of them were also too dangerous to be released or transferred to another country's captivity. With this admission, the only remaining authority remaining to hold these individuals is the 2001 Authorization for the Use of Military Force, under which these men are held as a form of war prisoner which the Bush administration claimed was outside the bounds of the Geneva Conventions' rules.

While the identities of the Guantanamo Bay prisoners was previously known, this is the first time the administration has publicly acknowledged those listed as being ineligible for release, transfer, or prosecution. Each of the detainees are indexed with a serial number and their nationality, with two asterisks denoting prisoners who died during their captivity. As a result of the release, we now know that the prisoners hail from a multitude of Muslim-majority countries, including not just the declared war zone in Afghanistan, but also from undeclared conflict zones like Somalia and Yemen.

Several of the detainees on the indefinite detention list are currently participating in the prisoners' on-going hunger strike, according to the Herald. This includes Yemeni prisoner Abdal Malik al Wahab, who, according to his lawyer, vowed in March to fast until he was out of Guantanamo "dead or alive." As of Monday, 104 of the 166 detainees left in the prison were participating in the strike. Of those striking, 44 are being force-fed to keep them alive, a practice that has been condemned as "torture."

President Obama last month announced that he would renew his efforts to close the base, one of his campaign promises when running for his first term. House Republicans rebuked those efforts once again last week, voting through a defense authorization bill that contained provisions to extend a ban on spending funds to close the facility. Democrats offered several amendments to reverse this decision, which were all voted down on the House floor.

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FBI Chief: Surveillance Drones Used in U.S.

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By Devlin Barrett



Federal Bureau of Investigation Director [Robert Mueller](#) testifies during a hearing before the House Judiciary Committee June 13, 2013 on Capitol Hill in Washington.

The head of the **Federal Bureau of Investigation** acknowledged Wednesday that his agency uses drones to conduct surveillance in the United States, but said it does so rarely.

Asked about drones at a Senate hearing, FBI director **Robert Mueller** said the agency uses them “in a very, very minimal way, very seldom.”

Federal agencies have been using drones for years to monitor the northern and southern borders of the U.S., and those drones have occasionally been deployed to

help domestic law-enforcement agencies like the FBI.

The use of such drones is politically charged and civil-rights advocates say there are no clear privacy rules governing their use.

FBI hostage negotiators used surveillance drones during a standoff earlier this year with an Alabama man who had taken a boy hostage inside a makeshift underground bunker.

Asked by Sen. **Dianne Feinstein** (D., Calif.) about what privacy protections are used in deploying drones and storing the images they collect, Mr. Mueller said their use was narrowly focused on specific incidents.

“It’s very seldom used and generally used in a particular incident when you need the capability,” said Mr. Mueller, who said he wasn’t sure what becomes of the images recorded by such drones. “It is very narrowly focused on particularized cases and particularized needs.”

He added: “There are a number of issues related to drones that are going to have to be debated.” One area that needs to be explored, he said, was how long-established guidelines on helicopter surveillance should be adopted or altered to cover unmanned drone surveillance. “It’s worthy of debate and perhaps legislation down the road,” said Mr. Mueller.

Mr. Mueller spent Wednesday morning testifying before the Senate Judiciary Committee for what is likely to be his last time as FBI director. His term expires in September, and President **Barack Obama** is expected to nominate former Bush administration official **James Comey** to succeed him.

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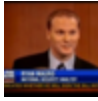
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By David Ingram and Patrick Temple-West

(Reuters) - More than a dozen FBI agents are assigned to a criminal probe into Internal Revenue Service scrutiny of conservative political groups, FBI Director Robert Mueller said on Wednesday.

"It's a high-priority investigation and it needs to be handled with care, but it also needs to be pushed aggressively," he told the Senate Judiciary Committee at a hearing.

Mueller spoke as Tea Party conservatives rallied outside the U.S. Capitol in the sixth week of a controversy that prompted President Barack Obama to fire acting IRS Commissioner Steve Miller.

At least 1,000 protesters gathered at an "Audit the IRS" event organized by the Tea Party Patriots, an umbrella group of the anti-Washington movement whose members favor lower taxes and less government spending.

Republican Representative Dave Camp of Michigan told the crowd that the IRS investigation will take time, but it will get answers.

"We will hold those responsible accountable," he said.

Carol Bolling, a Tea Party organizer from Georgia, said the IRS should be abolished. "I want something done now. There's enough proof to know what they did," she said of IRS officials.

The IRS came under fire starting on May 10 when a Washington IRS official apologized for the handling by agency employees in Cincinnati of applications for tax-exempt status submitted by some Tea Party-aligned conservative groups.

The Cincinnati agents, before deciding whether to grant tax-exempt status, had sent some of the non-profit groups' applications to a special unit for closer scrutiny to see if the groups respected legal limits on political activity.

PARTISAN DISPUTE

Republicans have alleged that the IRS targeted the groups because of their politics and have tried to link the activity, without success so far, to officials in Washington.

Democrats have said the law on non-profit groups' political involvement needs clarifying and said there is no evidence of political involvement from Washington in the IRS doing its job.

Attorney General Eric Holder said last month the FBI had opened a criminal investigation. Holder said the investigation would be wide-ranging, examining whether the IRS violated civil rights laws or other protections.

The investigation is being run out of the FBI's Washington Field Office, Mueller said. He declined to say whether it could lead to charges against individuals at the IRS.

A report last month from the U.S. Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, an IRS watchdog, criticized the way the IRS screened the applications, picking out ones with words in their names such as "Tea Party."

This put the IRS' political impartiality at risk, said the audit report from the watchdog.

AGENCY EMBATTLED

Several congressional panels are looking into the matter. At least a half-dozen IRS employees, including at least two Washington officials, have sat down for lengthy interviews with investigators from the House of Representatives Oversight and Government Reform Committee, which is leading the probe.

Separately this week, two Republican senators blasted the IRS for paying bonuses to employees at a time of across-the-board spending cuts in the federal government.

In a letter dated on Tuesday, Chuck Grassley of Iowa and Orrin Hatch of Utah requested information from new IRS Commissioner Daniel Werfel on how the agency is handling merit pay.

The IRS in a statement said the agency is under a legal obligation to comply with its collective bargaining agreement with its union. Grassley contends that the union contract allows for reshuffling of funds in the event of a budget shortfall.

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Google challenges U.S. gag order in NSA flap

Byron Acohido and Jon Swartz, USA TODAY 7:30 p.m. EDT June 18, 2013



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STORY HIGHLIGHTS

- Asks secret court to let company tell more about information it divulges

Taking yet another step in its struggle to distance itself from the National Security Administration's controversial PRISM data-mining program, Google this afternoon

asked the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court to relax gag orders over data requests it makes.

Claudia Rast, a privacy attorney at Butzel Long, says the move may gain the search giant public relations benefits. But the court is not likely to amend the standing gag order, she says.

The legal filing cites the First Amendment's guarantee of free speech. Among the nine tech companies shown by whistle-blower Edward Snowden to have been handing over consumer data to the government, Google has been the most aggressive in attempts to cast itself as cooperating the least.

"We have long pushed for transparency so users can better understand the extent to which governments request their data — and Google was the first company to release numbers for National Security Letters," the company said in a statement.

Google e-mailed the statement to USA TODAY.

"However, greater transparency is needed, so today we have petitioned the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court to allow us to publish aggregate numbers of national security requests, including FISA (Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act) disclosures, separately," Google said in a statement.

"Lumping national security requests together with criminal requests — as some companies have been permitted to do — would be a backward step for our users," Google said.

Snowden was a low-level consultant who admitted to stealing documentation of NSA anti-terrorism programs that involved monitoring of phone records and Internet behaviors of consumers.

Last week, both Facebook and Microsoft released details on the number of legal

orders made to them by the NSA. But Google wants to disclose even more details, such as time frames of requests. Under federal law, the NSA is permitted to issue such requests under complete secrecy.

Rast says the court is not in a position to declassify any information the NSA wants to keep secret, including presumably innocuous information Google wants permission to divulge. It probably will take a policy decision by the Obama administration or an act of Congress to compel NSA to relax the gag order, as Google wants.

"This is a PR issue," Rast says. "Basically, the companies are held to not disclose any aspect of it (PRISM) at all. And they're struggling to come up with a way to defend the privacy of their customers within the context of the FISA court issue."

Now that the existence of PRISM is public knowledge, the companies have a big incentive to disclose the precise nature of what's being handed over to the government.

At stake are billions in profits the companies anticipate from products and services tied into the Internet cloud. Consumer trust is required for that projected commerce to fully mature.

Google has by far the most to protect. The search giant is expected to make more from mobile ads than all other companies combined for the second year in a row, totaling nearly \$8.9 billion in mobile ad revenue in 2013, according to projections from research firm eMarketer. That would give Google 56% of the total mobile ad market. And that's only a fraction of what Google earns from its dominant, bread-and-butter search term advertising business. Google's revenue topped \$50 billion in 2012.

"Google's court filing is a step in the right direction," says Josh Bell, media strategist at the American Civil Liberties Union. "The public has a right to know more about the government's sweeping surveillance programs so that it can judge for itself whether

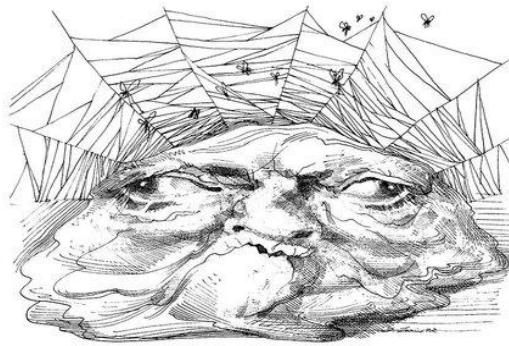
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Spying on Americans: A Very Old Story

Aryeh Neier



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There is nothing new about political surveillance. One of the early practitioners, Joseph Fouché, the chief of police in Napoleonic France, supposedly had thousands of informers who sometimes acted as *agents provocateurs*. It is said that, on one occasion, two of his agents, unknown to each other, attended the same meeting where each proposed various revolutionary acts. Leaving at about the same time, they are reported to have arrested each other at the foot of the stairs.

Though the activities of the National Security Agency now in dispute are different than such earlier precursors, it is important to recognize that the older forms of surveillance persist. Consider the **complaint filed in a federal court** today by the American Civil Liberties Union against The New York Police Department: it describes the systematic surveillance of mosques within a 250-mile radius of New York City and of at least 263 “hot spots” in New York City, such as cafés, restaurants, and bookstores owned and patronized by Muslims. The complaint also describes the ways in which the surveillance—and awareness that it is taking place—have disrupted Muslim community life in New York. New-style electronic surveillance and old-style use of informers, who may be tempted to become *agents provocateurs* because that is a means to penetrate groups suspected of plotting against the government, can co-exist.

In the United States, political spying by the federal government began in the early part of the twentieth century, with the creation of the Bureau of Investigation in the Department of Justice on July 1, 1908. In more than one sense, the new agency was a descendant of the surveillance practices developed in France a century earlier, since it was initiated by US Attorney General Charles Joseph Bonaparte, a great nephew of Napoleon Bonaparte, who created it during a Congressional recess. Its establishment was denounced by Congressman Walter Smith of Iowa, who argued that “No general system of spying upon and espionage of the people, such as has prevailed in Russia, in France under the Empire, and at one time in Ireland, should be allowed to grow up.”

Nonetheless, the new Bureau became deeply engaged in political surveillance during World War I when federal authorities sought to gather information on those opposing American entry into the war and those opposing the draft. As a result of this surveillance, many hundreds of people were prosecuted under the 1917 Espionage Act and the 1918 Sedition Act for the peaceful expression of opinion about the war and the draft.

But it was during the Vietnam War that political surveillance in the United States reached its peak. Under Presidents Lyndon Johnson and, to an even greater extent, Richard Nixon, there was a systematic effort by various agencies, including the United States Army, to gather information on those involved in anti-war protests. Millions of Americans took part in such protests and the federal government—as well as many state and local agencies—gathered enormous amounts of information on them. Here are just three of the numerous examples of political surveillance in that era:

- In the 1960s in Rochester, New York, the local police department launched Operation SAFE (Scout Awareness for Emergency). It involved twenty thousand boy scouts living in the vicinity of Rochester. They got identification cards marked with their thumb prints. On the cards were the telephone numbers of the local police and the FBI. The scouts participating in the program were given a list of suspicious activities that they were to report.**
- In 1969, the FBI learned that one of the sponsors of an anti-war demonstration in Washington, DC, was a New York City-based organization, the Fifth Avenue Peace Parade Committee, that chartered buses to take protesters to the event. The FBI visited the bank where the organization maintained its account to get photocopies of the checks written to reserve places on the buses and, thereby, to identify participants in the demonstration. One of the other federal agencies given the information by the FBI was the Internal Revenue Service.**

- In November 1970, the FBI issued an urgent directive to recruit informers to report on black student organizations on college campuses because the agency had concluded that, “Black Student Unions (BSU) and similar groups...are targets for influence and control by the violence-prone Black Panther Party (BPP) and other extremists.” In fact, there was never an indication that the Black Panther Party gained influence on any college campus.

The National Security Agency was involved in the domestic political surveillance of that era as well. Decades before the Internet, under the direction of President Nixon, the NSA made arrangements with the major communications firms of the time such as RCA Global and Western Union to obtain copies of telegrams. When the matter came before the courts, the Nixon Administration argued that the president had inherent authority to protect the country against subversion. In a unanimous decision in 1972, however, the US Supreme Court rejected the claim that the president had the authority to disregard the requirement of the Fourth Amendment for a judicial warrant.

When President George W. Bush authorized warrantless wiretaps without the approval of the Special Court established under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 (FISA), he effectively revived the inherent presidential power argument of the Nixon administration. The Bush administration supplemented this with the argument that the post-9/11 statute adopted by Congress, the Authorization for Use of Military Force (AUMF), implicitly encompassed warrantless wiretapping where the president’s concern was the prevention of international terrorism. The Obama administration’s defense of the current surveillance practices of the National Security Agency are not based on the claims about inherent presidential authority made by the Nixon and Bush administrations, but rely instead on the involvement of other branches of government. Yet since the arguments about executive power have been made in recent times, it is not possible to be sure that they have been permanently put to rest.

Much of the political surveillance of the 1960s and the 1970s and of the period going back to the World War I consisted in efforts to identify organizations that were critical of government policies, or that were proponents of various causes the government didn’t like, and to gather information on their adherents. It was not always clear how this information was used. As best it is possible to establish, the main use was to block some of those who were identified with certain causes from obtaining public employment or some kinds of private employment. Those who were victimized in this way rarely discovered the reason they had been excluded.

Efforts to protect civil liberties during that era eventually led to the destruction of many of these records, sometimes after those whose activities were monitored were given an opportunity to examine them. In many cases, this prevented surveillance records from being used to harm those

who were spied on. Yet great vigilance by organizations such as the ACLU and the Center for Constitutional Rights, which brought a large number of court cases challenging political surveillance, was required to safeguard rights. The collection of data concerning the activities of US citizens did not take place for benign purposes.

The NSA's surveillance practices that have been revealed in recent weeks are fundamentally different. They do not involve efforts to monitor the activities of individuals on the basis of their affiliations with certain organizations or causes. Rather, they attempt to identify the targets for surveillance through patterns of electronic behavior that arouse the government's suspicion. Yet these new forms of surveillance, over time, may lead in the same direction. Those identified in this way may be excluded from certain benefits or opportunities on the basis of having been identified for engaging in activities that are legitimate. If that were to happen, they are unlikely ever to find out that they have been blocked on such grounds.

There is a further danger. Between 1956 and 1971, the FBI operated a program known as COINTELPRO, for Counter Intelligence Program. Its purpose was to interfere with the activities of the organizations and individuals who were its targets or, in the words of long-time FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, to "expose, disrupt, misdirect, discredit or otherwise neutralize" them. The first target was the Communist Party of the United States, but subsequent targets ranged from the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. and his Southern Christian Leadership Conference to organizations espousing women's rights to right wing organizations such as the National States Rights Party.

A well-known example of COINTELPRO was the FBI's planting in 1964 of false documents about William Albertson, a long-time Communist Party official, that persuaded the Communist Party that Albertson was an FBI informant. Amid major publicity, Albertson was expelled from the party, lost all his friends, and was fired from his job. Until his death in an automobile accident in 1972, he tried to prove that he was not a snitch, but the case was not resolved until 1989, when the FBI **agreed to pay** Albertson's widow \$170,000 to settle her lawsuit against the government.

COINTELPRO was eventually halted by J. Edgar Hoover after activists broke into a small FBI office in Media, Pennsylvania, in 1971, and released stolen documents about the program to the press. The lesson of COINTELPRO is that any government agency that is able to gather information through political surveillance will be tempted to use that information. After a time, the passive accumulation of data may seem insufficient and it may be used aggressively. This may take place long after the information is initially collected and may involve officials who had nothing to do with the original decision to engage in surveillance.

President Obama has argued that we cannot have absolute protection against terrorism or absolute protection for privacy, and that some trade-off is necessary. That sounds reasonable. The

difficulty with the president's formulation, however, is that we cannot know what trade-off is acceptable if the programs that invade our privacy are kept secret.

One area in which Americans have generally made peace with such a trade-off is air travel. Some people resent the screening of passengers at airport security as an intrusion on bodily privacy. Yet most Americans have accepted giving up a small amount of privacy in the interest of safety. We are able to do so because we know what is taking place and we can gauge the extent to which our privacy is compromised.

Since President Obama is asking us to trade some of our privacy with respect to our phone calls and our use of the Internet for greater protection against terrorism, at the very least we need to know exactly how our privacy is being violated. We also need to debate fully whether such measures uphold our Constitutional rights, such as the First Amendment's guarantees of freedom of expression and the Fourth Amendment's prohibition of unreasonable searches and seizures. Yet if the program is kept secret, and if even the court opinions stating the rationale for authorizing surveillance are kept secret, we cannot decide whether a trade-off is warranted; if it is warranted, exactly what should be traded; if constitutional rights are implicated, whether these are appropriate matters for a trade; or how we can impose limits on any trade so as to minimize the violation of our rights. A trade made in ignorance is not much of a trade.

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Notice NSA Chief now says 50 attacks @FBIPressOffice when you didn't stop #BostonMarathon
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Deputy Attorney General James Cole must have practiced, but he's not convincing me whatsoever

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@TheJusticeDept I would call this a compliance problem

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@_cypherpunks_ @VivianeRedingEU

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Michael @_cypherpunks_ 12 Jun

EU Commissioner @VivianeRedingEU's letter to the US Attorney-General Holder

<http://www.statewatch.org/news/2013/jun/eu-usa-reding-ag.letter.pdf> ... (full-text, pdf) #prism #TPP

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Anna Rascouët-Paz @rascouet 12 Jun

EU gets pissed at US on surveillance programme, demands

explanation:<http://www.techhive.com/article/2041563/european-commissioner-demands-prism-answers-from-us-attorney-general.html> ...

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European commissioner demands Prism answers from US attorney general<http://bit.ly/19qjXX5>

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European commissioner demands Prism answers from US attorney general<http://dlvr.it/3W0CJ5>

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Steve Patterson @stevep2007 12 Jun

EU demands answers about Prism: The EU's Justice Commissioner writes to the US attorney general with a list of...

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@Number10gov Articles on the #PRISM spy machine

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@jamiedupree You have to have probable cause #PRISM does not validate probable

cause<http://facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10151626877433670&set=a.79091778669.74391.773523669&type=3&theater> ...

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Tea Party Chief @2013_TeaParty Protected account 21m

@jamiedupree @ushomelandsec Congress got duped on #PRISM pgm. for

cybersecurity<http://facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10151626877433670&set=a.79091778669.74391.773523669&type=3&theater> ...

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@jamiedupree @ushomelandsec #PRISM cookie b.s. \$136 billion a year is not going to cut

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Tea Party Chief @2013_TeaParty Protected account 23m

@jamiedupree Oh yes it does

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10151619102618670&set=a.441358828669.228886.773523669&type=3&theater> ... you have to establish probable cause, and then get a warrant @ushomelandsec

Tea Party Chief @2013_TeaParty Protected account 24m

@FoxNews See Mr. Cole doesn't understand that there's only 40 some odd at Guantanamo still a danger, none of those have 1st Amdt. rights

Tea Party Chief @2013_TeaParty Protected account 25m

@hiatt618 @FoxNews You have to do an investigation to establish probable

causehttps://docs.google.com/document/d/1Dg_J7dUJ7DUiy8wt2Z07asw5utmWyCIYQEsQExA8hVc/edit ...

pic.twitter.com/oBEfYLwpfO

Tea Party Chief @2013_TeaParty Protected account 26m

@hiatt618 exactly @StateDept should've got probable cause on Osama first

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Sgt Hiatt USMC @hiatt618 30m

@FoxNews yes overseas calls not 100 million Americans are calling overseas to say we could have stopped 911 is a false argument we didn't

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@FoxNews

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@FoxNews @BarackObama too busy using IRS to chase the Tea Party #PRISM with @FBIPressOffice than to arrest eldest Boston bomber!!

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@realDonaldTrump I'm sick of hearing this sh_t-this is defense of the indefensible, it is not about #PRISM how much it costs/how ineffective

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@realDonaldTrump I'm not impressed #NSA did not prevent #BostonMarathon

@StateDept<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10151610939933670&set=a.79091778669.74391.773523669&type=3&theater> ... or #PRISM

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@realDonaldTrump NO @BarackObama too busy using IRS to chase the Tea Party #PRISM with @FBIPressOffice than to arrest eldest Boston bomber!!

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@realDonaldTrump Obama is taking our civil liberties through the mud.

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@jamiedupree So good, we've never heard about it, until they used it to start spying on citizens and got busted when #PRISM was hacked.

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The Associated Press @AP 31m

BREAKING: US officials say they'll begin meeting with Taliban at group's new Qatar office within days.

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@jamiedupree NO @BarackObama too busy using IRS to chase the Tea Party #PRISM with @FBIPressOffice than to arrest eldest Boston bomber!!

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Obama too busy using IRS to chase the Tea Party @Call_Me_Dutch @StateDept #PRISM with @FBIPressOffice than to arrest eldest Boston bomber!!

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@Call_Me_Dutch @StateDept Dutch, if that were true, why was Tea Party targeted?<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10151628783868670&set=a.10150477503253670.383130.773523669&type=1&theater> ... w/o warrants
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I am not impressed #NSA @Call_Me_Dutch did not prevent #BostonMarathon @StateDept<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10151610939933670&set=a.79091778669.74391.773523669&type=3&theater> ... or #PRISM
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Tea Party Chief @2013_TeaParty Protected account 39m

WASTING OUR MONEY IS CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR CONGRESS @RepMikeRogers @ushomelandsec @FBIPressOffice
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We don't want to reauthorize #PRISM it got hacked @RepMikeRogers @ushomelandsec @FBIPressOffice
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They didn't prevent the Boston Marathon bombing @RepMikeRogers @ushomelandsec @FBIPressOffice
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Mike Rogers has his rhino nose and skin on today @SpeakerBoehner<http://facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10151628783868670&set=a.10150477503253670.383130.773523669&type=1&theater> ... @ushomelandsec
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\$136 billion in waste for this @RepMikeRogers
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Tea Party Chief @2013_TeaParty Protected account 45m

Your attempts at transparency resemble wax paper

@BarackObama<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10151628783868670&set=a.10150477503253670.383130.773523669&type=1&theater> ... @ushomelandsec
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@stlteaparty I don't think they'll have to worry about @FoxNews that considering what happened to @CBSNews
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I DISAGREE. #Snowden blew the whistle when #SEA had hacked #PRISM @janschakowsky

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@AsheSchow

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@RepJeffMiller

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@ali Based on the conglomerate, I'd say so

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@SenatorMenendez Political #SCOTUS

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1zVPk_xWOqakxkXCvmKbZjZsWLrFFNTrXzxRtJXh5p8/edit ... states will dismiss fraud of contests

@GovBrewer<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10151558441323670&set=a.10150477503253670.383130.773523669&type=3&theater> ...

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I am not impressed with the deficit #PRISM makes us carry #NSA spyware

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@Call_Me_Dutch @HouseIntelComm I do not believe #NSA spyware to our

advantage<http://facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10151626877433670&set=a.79091778669.74391.773523669&type=3&theater>

...<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10151610939933670&set=a.79091778669.74391.773523669&type=3&theater> ... it got hacked

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#PRISM is spilled, sour milk left on the floor

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#headdesk

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<eye roll> Robert Litt

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I DON'T THINK SO

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WHERE IS YOUR WARRANT THEN FOR MONITORING @FBIPressOffice @TomCoburn#PRISM @janschakowsky

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#ObamaPhoneFraud



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[@RennaW](#) REACTION TO NSA HEARING STATEMENTS, FACTS, WARRANTLESS

USE OF PROGRAM, COST OF THE PROGRAM #PRISM

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Renna @RennaW56m

Hidden camera catches phone co. passing out Obama phones to ppl who say they'll sell them for drugs, shoes, cash dailym.ai/19LUuaD

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THANK YOU JAMES COLE FOR EXPLAINING HOW LARGE THE WEB OF DECEIT IS ON #PRISM [@TheJusticeDept](#) [@FBIPressOffice](#) #PRISM

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Why do #FISA courts not notify the person being surveilled? [@RepWestmoreland](#) #PRISM

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Congress got snookered on #PRISM [@TomCoburn](#) [@HouseFloor](#) [@SpeakerBoehner](#) [@SenateFloor](#) #PRISM <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ob...> [@TheJusticeDept](#)



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Lying to the American people and Congress about scope and depth of #PRISM INTOLERABLE [@FBIPressOffice](#) [@ushomelandsec](#) <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ob...>



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Failing to acknowledge [#PRISM](#) even existed, when it was hacked delayed fixing the kill-switch threat/breach. [@FBIPressOffice](#) [@ushomelandsec](#)



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[@FBIPressOffice](#) [@ushomelandsec](#) As an analyst [#Snowden](#) saw this coming and knew program was a risk [#PRISM](#) <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ob...>



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[@FBIPressOffice](#) [@ushomelandsec](#) [#SEA](#) learned how [#PRISM](#) worked by using Yahoo and hacking celebrities and news accounts on Twitter.

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[#SEA](#) hacked us [@FBIPressOffice](#) over the past month [@ushomelandsec](#) REACTION TO NSA HEARING STATEMENTS, FACTS, [#PRISM](#) <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ob...>



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Because he knew [#PRISM](#) could get hacked [@RepTerriSewell](#) [#PRISM](#) <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ob...>



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[@DevinNunes](#) John Brennan ran his mouth [@TheJusticeDept](#) scapegoated [@AP](#) and others....



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[@DevinNunes](#) You have voiced exactly what I wanted to say.



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@DevinNunes REACTION TO NSA HEARING STATEMENTS, FACTS, WARRANTLESS USE OF PROGRAM, COST OF THE PROGRAM <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ob...>



Tea Party Chief 2013@_TeaParty Protected account 52m

How about: pay for your own food, phone, abortions, and STAY OUT OF MY WALLET
[@BarackObama](#)

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[@BarackObama](#) because we have a secret court--that no one knows who or where it is--that oversees it.



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[@BarackObama](#) but today he clarified what he meant by "transparency". He stated that the NSA's spying program is "completely transparent"



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[@BarackObama](#) most "transparent" administration in history, I of course thought he meant it would be open to public scrutiny,



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New crime [@BarackObama](#) impersonating a President by not being a natural born citizen/meeting eligibility requirement <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid...>

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#PRISM is a metadata dragnet through [@Yahoo](#)
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Wikileaks founder Assange: We are helping NSA leaker Snowden



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Wikileaks founder Julian Assange speaks to the media inside the Ecuadorian embassy in ...

Wikileaks founder Julian Assange said on Wednesday that his anti-secrecy group has been in touch with National Security Agency leaker Edward Snowden's legal team in a bid to help him [secure asylum in Iceland](#).

"I feel a great deal of personal sympathy with Mr Snowden," Assange told reporters on a conference call. He joined the call from the Ecuadorian embassy in London, where he has lived since entering the diplomatic mission and seeking asylum exactly one year ago.

"We are in touch with Mr Snowden's legal team and have been, are involved, in the process of brokering his asylum in Iceland," Assange said. "Our people in Iceland have been in contact with his legal team."

Asked whether Snowden, who reportedly made his disclosures from Hong Kong but whose current location is unclear, could fly to Iceland without being stopped by the U.S. government or America's allies, Assange replied: "All those issues are being looked at by the people involved."

But Assange declined to say whether he had had any direct contact with Snowden. He also declined to say whether Wikileaks had been in touch with the former NSA contractor before he provided details of the NSA's telephone and Internet surveillance to The Guardian newspaper and The Washington Post.

“As a matter of policy, we do not discuss issues which may relate to sourcing,” the Australian said.



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UNREAL: Anti-Gun Rally Held By Bloomberg's Group Mentions Boston Bomber Tamerlan Tsarnaev As A Victim Of Gun Violence

Wednesday, June 19, 2013



A man was arrested and two people, including a Concord police officer, were allegedly assaulted during a rally Tuesday in a clash between a gun control group and gun rights

supporters.

The event had people supporting the Mayors Against Illegal Guns movement, founded by New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, reading the names of those “killed with guns” since the Dec. 14 shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary outside their “No More Names” bus.

Jeff Grappone, Ayotte’s spokesman, said well-heeled out-of-state groups have gone on the attack against the Republican.

“New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg’s special interest group has spent millions on false attacks against Senator Ayotte,” he said. “Senator Ayotte has voted for legislation that had bipartisan support to fix the current broken background check system, increase the prosecution of those who illegally seek to obtain firearms, and provide additional resources for school safety, while protecting the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens.”

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U. S. S E N A T O R David Vitter

Dear Friend,

I don't have to tell Louisianians that when the economy is bad, families and businesses struggle. The Obama economy has been hard on many families and businesses; meanwhile, Wall Street has seen record profits. But these megabanks are STILL getting a special handout from the rest of us – the taxpayers.

Since the financial crisis, megabanks have been receiving taxpayer-funded handouts to support them. The logic by some in Washington was that these banks were "too big to fail". But what does that mean for the rest of us? It means that taxpayers foot the bill when big banks take financial risks.

In the meantime, the megabanks and their CEO's continue to pile up money, continuing the dangerous cycle of being "Too Big To Fail."



[Click here](#) to listen to my remarks when we introduced the bill yesterday.

This policy never should have been put in place, and it certainly shouldn't be continuing still today. So to fix this problem, I've introduced legislation with Senator Sherrod Brown a Democrat from Ohio that would end these policies. The "too big to fail" megabanks put the taxpayers at risk of having to bail them out again in the future and make it

harder for smaller banks like community banks throughout Louisiana to compete against them.

My number one goal is to protect the taxpayers from financial risks, and the best way to do this is to put an end to "too big to fail" policies.

I'm interested in hearing your thoughts on these and other issues important to you. Please contact me with your ideas at any of my state offices or in my Washington office. You can also reach me online at <http://vitter.senate.gov>.

Sincerely,



David Vitter
United States Senator

P.S. Please visit my website to sign up for my newsletter and receive regular email updates from me on the issues important to Louisiana families.

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For any other questions or concerns, and for updates on these and other important issues, visit my website at: www.vitter.senate.gov.



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#ACA doesn't help me hire, lower insurance premiums, get #HSA @BarackObama or reimburse my costs of natural therapy <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2013/06/14/presidential-proclamation-national-small-business-week-2013> . . .



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#PHI is a concern when you've used health regs. for insider trading, and not real reform @HHSgov <http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/obamacare-will> share personal health info with federal state agencies/articles/2013/06/14 . . .



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AETNA FLEEING THE HEALTH INSURANCE MARKET IN CALIFORNIA, DUE TO #ACA

In California, Americans Continue To Be Let Down By Obama's "Keep Your Plan" Promise

In 2010, Obama Promised Americans That You Can "Keep Your Plan." OBAMA: "If you like your doctor, you're going to be able to keep your doctor. If you like your plan, keep your plan." (President Barack Obama, [Remarks At George Mason University](#), Fairfax, VA, 3/19/10)

As ObamaCare Continues To Be Enacted, Aetna Announced That They Will Discontinue Individual Consumer Plans In The State. "Aetna Inc. will stop selling health insurance to individual consumers in California at the end of the year, withdrawing as the federal health law is expected to reshape the market in 2014." (Anna Wilde Matthews, "Aetna To Leave California Individual Insurance Market," [The Wall Street Journal](#), 6/14/13)

- **49,000 Will Have To Find Health Care Coverage Elsewhere.** "Aetna said it currently has about 49,000 individual policyholders in California. In 2011, when it had substantially bigger membership, it was the fourth-biggest player in the state's consumer market, with about 5.2% of the plans sold that year, according to a report from Citigroup Inc." (Anna Wilde Matthews, "Aetna To Leave California Individual Insurance Market," [The Wall Street Journal](#), 6/14/13)



YEAH I WENT TO
COLLEGE...
JUST BECAUSE
THE PROFESSOR
DON'T REMEMBER
ME BEING THERE
IN 46 YEARS DON'T
MEAN NOTHING...
SEE? I GOT THE
AFRO TO PROVE
DAT I WAS THERE...

FROM PHONES TO STUDENT LOANS.....

U. S. S E N A T O R
David Vitter

Dear Friend,

Did you get a chance to read the Times-Picayune this week? If you didn't, you missed a giant, expensive newspaper ad attacking my efforts to end the government welfare cell phone program. The ad was bought by TracFone, a company that profits from the program by handing out free cell phones. This is an entitlement program gone mad.

TracFone is upset because I'm fighting to end this program, which would also end their corporate welfare. The program is called the Universal Service Fund (USF), and it was created to expand access to landline service for low-income households. Unfortunately, it has expanded far beyond its original intent. Now it's an out-of-control, fraud-ridden entitlement program that spoils what should be a worthwhile helping hand. [According to one report](#), the wireless part of the program actually grew from \$143 million five years ago to over \$2 billion in 2012 – and nearly 41 percent of those getting cell phone welfare may not even be eligible for the program. In fact, a friend of mine [went into one of the stores and picked up a working phone](#), even though he isn't eligible for the program.



Instead of trying to fix this problem, TracFone decided to protect their profit and attack me through a newspaper advertisement. What they didn't realize is that their advertisement drew some much-needed attention to this program. In fact, I [wrote a letter](#) to F.J. Pollack, the CEO of TracFone, to thank him for the publicity.





Click the images above to learn more about my legislation and my response to TracFone.
When you pay taxes on your phone bill, your money goes directly in to this fraud-ridden and out-of-control entitlement program. As so many middle class Americans struggle underneath this economy, it's really offensive to make taxpayers subsidize an abused free cell phone service for others.

I'm interested in hearing your thoughts on this free cell phone program and other issues important to you. Please contact me with your ideas at any of my state offices or in my Washington office. You can also reach me online at <http://vitter.senate.gov>.

Sincerely,

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@RepJoePitts Watching House Cmte. Looks at Prescription Drug Abuse

<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/event/220191> how to combat it

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PROPOSED LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FEDERAL JUDICIARY REFORMS AND THE DRUG TREATMENT REFORM ACT OF 2013:

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IN KEEPING WITH THE GOALS AS OUTLINED IN THE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE 2013 BUDGET
http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/ondcp/fy2013_drug_control_budget_and_performance_summary.pdf **PAGE 1**, the goal to achieve a 15 percent reduction in the rate of drug use and similar reductions in drug use consequences over the course of five years, can be met but not with conventional medicine: as pharmaceuticals and counseling have limitations in success rates and side effects.

The abandonment of holistic medicine and natural therapies has shown up mostly in throwing money at these problems and failing to win the war on drugs: the National Drug Control Budget demonstrates commitment to these goals, requesting \$25.6 billion to reduce drug use and its consequences in the United States. This represents an increase of \$415.3 million (1.6%) over the FY 2012 enacted level of \$25.2 billion.

Criticism ranges from federally subsidized abuse of Medicare Part D, pharmaceuticals being legally dispensed for longer than 2 weeks without monitoring or medication being dispensed for longer than a 6 month treatment program, which all have promoted drug abuse at the expense of taxpayers, while feeding and subsidizing the drug war.

Failure to treat the root cause of drug addiction turns non-violent offenders into career felons, results in untimely death, with exponential losses of tax revenue and no reciprocity of revenue, while current federal drug laws violate constitutional rights by enabling the disease through prevalence of medication to further abuse not treatment, and by a failure to restore the individual and treating a legitimate illness as a felony criminal offense. Dopamine deficiency is diabetes of the brain. Therefore, because the law has not kept up with research, we have pumped federal dollars in the wrong hands to our detriment to not meet the above goals.

Part of this expense is to offset state costs of treatment, which should be remedied at state level-not funding BIG PHARMA. The increase in spending of 1.6% is therefore denied, and if current federal drug treatment programs do not incorporate exercise, diet, rest, activities, and natural therapies for treatment programs, funding is subject to be cut to ALL of the programs receiving funding from this budget. Each state is appropriated an average of \$51 million to execute this budget according to current federal law. Rather than change existing federal law to legalization, most agree all kinds of drugs should not be legal, rather certain kinds legal, others regulated, and others tested, standardized, and taxed. Rather than let that guide this particular set of laws regarding local law enforcement's budgets and federal law, we must cut funding because there is no perfect pill to fix every disorder and a health condition that has been criminalized by federal law.

Dopamine deficiency is the root cause of most or all mental disorders concerning ability to control emotions and behavior http://www.ehow.com/about_5561783_dopamine-deficiency-symptoms.html
The most pertinent fact of science has been overlooked in the pursuit of government program expansion and tax dollars being thrown at problems and still not producing fruitful solutions because the root cause has not been treated, but simply mitigated. Treating dopamine deficiency resolves and restores individuals, while other government solutions have failed.

The substitutionary drug treatment alternative with natural therapies for dopamine deficiency, bipolar disorder, PTSD, and drug addiction is a natural therapy called Spirulina:
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spirulina_\(dietary_supplement\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spirulina_(dietary_supplement))
Spirulina is perfectly legal, safe, over-the-counter, doesn't present negative side effects, and used over 3 years time, can restore the dopamine production process and dopamine stores with exercise, to normal levels. Spirulina is also being used successfully as a shield against HIV infection, to treat PTSD, and other health issues.

Broad use of this treatment can also help settle our debt with the Chinese in buying this product from their producers. However product testing and safety would be required by the FDA to accept trade and import standards, the Chinese [State Food and Drug Administration](#) reported that [lead](#), [mercury](#), and [arsenic](#) contamination was widespread in spirulina supplements marketed in China.

Pakistan and India would certainly benefit as trade partners for this commodity.

For people facing malnutrition from lack of milk or meat, Spirulina could successfully treat malnutrition in Africa as well, and support efforts to fight HIV and AIDS. A 90 day supply costs \$10 only, and can easily help someone being treated for malnourishment, and Spirulina is a cost effective alternative to synthetic drug treatments that are 8-10 times the cost for drug treatment programs.

Spirulina prevents cancer from oxidative damage and toxins: Spirulina intake has also been found to prevent damage caused by toxins affecting the heart, liver, kidneys, neurons, eyes, ovaries, DNA, and testicles. Which also means that Spirulina would prevent genetic proclivity to drug addiction from being replicated in reproduction of children.

Before any assessments or diagnoses is given to an individual, a blood test must be conducted before any treatment is received: this includes diabetes, thyroid, hormonal work up, anemia, HIV, and CBC. All of this information is valuable and must be documented, not simply hypothesizing medication based on reported symptoms. Some people are being treated for problems that they don't even legitimately have while others are simply forming complaints to resell medication for profit, instead of for consumption or healing which is a form of fraud of our tax dollars. States who are able to conduct brain scans should only do so, when inability to function daily is present, but unlike before in the days of ecstasy or crack, the rapid oxidative damage done to the brain by drug addiction can be repaired with time and proper anti-oxidants and treatment for dopamine deficiency, provided there is total abstinence from every kind of drug legal or otherwise, as a cessation program and transition to sobriety.

By 2020, it is estimated that 1 in 4 people will suffer from some mental issue, and this will increase with women and children. Part of it is the genetic and chemical makeup passed onto the child, which is altered and recreated artificially with medication, which doesn't cure but replicates the problem with reproduction, into the child. The current federal dollars, even with the annual increases, will not be able to meet the current needs in 7 years with current federal programs using rehabilitation by imprisonment, 6 month to year long programs with pharmaceuticals, or resolved in the interim or even generationally without changing current programs, redirecting funding, or cutting them altogether in favor of holistic and natural therapies.

The FY 2013 Budget proposes \$9.2 billion in Federal funds for early intervention and treatment services for individuals with drug problems: this amount should be offset by a state package of Drug Reform laws. See the state of Georgia's model: each state must pass a package of laws similar to Georgia's, and they must spend their own state dollars to address these issues, not rely on federal funds for programs and services that have not reduced drug abuse and incarceration rates, while draining the Judiciary of federal dollars.

The recommendation is that \$35 billion be cut from this budget at the federal level. Each state will have to cut reliance on federal dollars to about \$3 billion average per state, to reach current budget requirements to contain spending to 2012 levels and prevent us from being driven over the fiscal cliff, as the demand for drugs is the fuel of the fire eating into the value of the dollar and overall budget.

Like the proposed 2013 postal reforms, law enforcement officers will have to go green for environmental considerations and recent climate disruption:

Preface:

In a time of unprecedented national debt caused by the Bush Tax cuts, this current law that sunsets 1/1/13 caused Congress to offset war-time inflation to voters by lowering taxes \$500 billion every year, resulting in a \$5 trillion dollar deficit by tax breaks given to voters during the Presidency of George Bush Jr. While many in Congress have made this a political issue, Congress passed these tax cuts every year, essentially with a Democrat-controlled Senate agreeing in 2006 to raise the debt ceiling to accommodate this very same tax policy and out-of-control spending by borrowing from banks to pay half of their portion of salary, from which the \$500 billion tax cuts came.

Congress would then borrow \$500 billion from the bank to pay themselves annually, resulting in \$5 trillion in tax breaks, \$5 trillion in Congressional salary payments that were not funded and the interest on that \$5 trillion Congress also tacked onto the deficit to pay themselves, while financing a tax gimmick that in a decade has cost nearly \$17 trillion dollars. While Defense is the first priority of Constitutional spending, this is exactly what the retired Representative Ron Paul referred to, when he chided Congress for 'unfunded wars'.

The difficulty in ending this policy originally created to offset inflation and keep consumer spending high and state sales tax revenues up in order to finance over a decade of war, has been most readily hindered by the advancements of expensive drone technology, not ending the Afghanistan war as promised but delayed by the alliance with Afghanistan until 2014, coinciding with the current genocide occurring in Syria.

Essentially, the Bush Tax Cuts are no longer serving to offset the inflation that they were originally intended and designed to do:

Homeland Security is eating into a substantial part of the federal budget that should be funded at state level. We need to peel back the layers of government, to stop federal overlapping of programs to get out of debt, or we can not provide any services if the federal government shuts down over impasse.

For example, county budgets are running deficits because inflation is so high that the value of a dollar versus our current deficit (including 10% for title) means that the real value of the dollar today has been devalued to \$.33.

Retirement pensions are not being funded properly, so hours may need to be changed, but the main issue is inflation and current local law enforcement practices. Considering the current rate of inflation, local law enforcement is losing the most money in arresting and prosecuting those for drug laws, rather than mitigating mandatory minimums to drug treatment, probation, and community service automatically. This really adds up when you consider the cost of training law enforcement and resources better spent on returning individuals to a status of taxpayers, rather than career criminals.

Reforming the disparity of law can easily help pay more into funding current retirement pensions while examining how to reduce operational costs of jails and vehicles, as relegated to violent offenders and true emergencies.

All local law enforcement offices need to apply the following reforms to personnel and operations, beginning 1/1/13:

Personnel Reforms:

Health Insurance has recently become politicized and designated as a tax by the Supreme Court, so rather than restrict benefits on health plans or call for an increase on insurance rates, personnel should meet the following requirements to perform their job duties and be able to adapt to using equipment that prevents damage to the environment or having local departments who have county deficits be relegated to foot patrol; particularly in areas where there is a need of increased police presence, to contain and dismantle gang activity, and to bring down crime rates while truly serving communities, rather than leeching off of them.

-Organize Community Watch Programs and Cleanup Programs to avoid federal budget cuts like CITIZENS ON PATROL

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CITIZENS ON PATROL - 2011-2012 ANNUAL REPORT

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-All employees should be considered active, athletic, and able to walk up to 5-7 miles per day. This does not mean that employees should have to run a 5 min. military mile, but this does mean that they should be able to walk a 5-7mi. route on foot within an hour or so.

-All employees should weigh 185 lbs. - 200 lbs. for men and up to 175 lbs. for women. Otherwise, personnel are not doing their part to boost their immune system to prevent chronic disease, and they are also not fit to perform the job duties required of them. This is particularly important, that law enforcement set the example. These employees are also considered high-risk health individuals who will not be suited to perform the changing duties required by local law enforcement personnel as being relegated to foot patrol units and community cleanup programs during the day time.

-Employees are encouraged to review insurance coverage: basic health and dental should not run over \$120 per month, and provider policies should be reviewed to cover retirees, help with life insurance plans, and pay into a pool for a policyholder that provides pension and health care in a dual program.

Possibly outsourcing health insurance to a federal reimbursement system for fair rates, so that there is assurance of retirement and health benefits for law enforcement officers, not being continually subject to budget cuts and inflation.

-Any duplicate programs need to be eliminated, at local level, as well as an examination of social security paid in vs. social security sustenance, vs. pension paid in and pension payouts. Asking for more than what has been paid in by either program is a form of fraud against the federal government and current pension provider.

Operational reforms:

-All local law enforcement agencies and counties who are operating in a deficit must begin cutting costs by re-designating zones, patrol areas, and territories for being on the beat, which requires that part of the force be on foot within the community. Sometimes this will be impractical, but protecting the environment and incorporating exercise and activity into the work day will substantially improve the health of all employees and reduce carbon emissions. Heat from kinetic energy will be substantially reduced, with less police vehicles being used, a component we have seen in the 2011 700 tornado outburst, as well as super hurricanes Irene and Sandy. In fact, unless you are state patrol officers funded by Governor's Offices' budgets, the police force will be on foot and present in communities proportionate to monitoring traffic, unless conducting investigations. Hours can be determined by rotating duties to foot patrol 2-3 times a week, or as necessary to meet budget cuts.

-Law enforcement agencies and counties will need to examine their pay rates in regards to inflation and benefits for further consideration to meet budget cuts.

To avoid across the board federal cuts, or block cuts to state budgets, so that we don't have to resort to cutting hours, these reforms should be considered and implemented no later than 1/1/13 or cuts will be made.

Slated cuts for the Judiciary umbrella are \$50 billion, or \$1 billion for each state on average.

The Judiciary falls under the 3rd umbrella of Constitutionally designated funding, wherein law enforcement is supposed to serve the courts, not harass, demean, and abuse constitutional rights of taxpaying citizens.

Law enforcement should be just as reliable, polite, and considerate of the environment as any other citizen should be.

To review the proposed federal budgets for 2012-2013:

2013 TEA PARTY BALANCED BUDGET \$3.5 TRILLION ANNUAL REVENUE

<http://lnk.ms/cj8nx>

With the \$1 trillion in tax increases already used last year in interest and \$400 billion Obamacare remuneration (which has not provided anyone uninsured a federal insurance program), we have actually gone over the fiscal cliff, and must cut the 2013 Budget back to 2012 spending levels:

2012 TEA PARTY BUDGET \$2.5 TRILLION ANNUAL REVENUE <http://lnk.ms/Wb6nV>



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OBAMA LOBBY MEDIA (O.L.M. FOR SHORT - DOES YOGA POSES AND POSTURES FOR OBAMA) CONGLOMERATE OF ABC, CNN, NBC, BUT PARTICULARLY ABC AND CNN, DECIDED TO PLAY JUDGE, JURY, AND EXECUTIONER WITH GEORGE ZIMMERMAN'S LIFE BEFORE THE COURT COULD EVEN SELECT THE JURY.

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VOICE ANALYST REFUTES ABC-DIANE SAWYER, CNN, AND NBC'S PEDDLED SLANDER TO INDUCE A TRIAL WITH PREJUDICE: VOICE COMPARISON DOES NOT WORK IN COMPARING VOLUME OF VOICE; VOICE IS IDENTIFIED by intonation, enunciation, and pronunciation, not volume. #BPA measures 38 different identifiers that match voice as identity.



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@ABC @DianeSawyer @CNN @nbc If you had reputable college education for Music Therapy or journalism, you wouldn't be peddling media slander.

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Tea Party Chief @2013_TeaParty Protected account 11m

@ABC @DianeSawyer @CNN @nbc well-known feature of voice research that sample comparisons of spoken voice to screams, as non-comparable

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#ForensicVoiceAnalyst just refutes comparisons of Trayvon's voice to screams, as non-comparable @ABC
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Did you hire a new typist for the @CNN news bar? The one who typed Trayvon SKREEMS in Ebonics??

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#ForensicVoiceAnalyst to refute slander and libelous reports, to exact pre-trial prejudice in #ZimmermanTrial
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Breaking News @BreakingNews 39m
Live video: George Zimmerman appears at pre-trial hearing - @NBCNews<http://bit.ly/GGZ4oj>
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In trying to defy a right to a trial without prejudice, you have sealed your fate with a lawsuit @ABC @DianeSawyer
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**CAMPAIGN CORRUPTION INVESTIGATION OF GANGSTA TEACHERS,
INDICTED AND UN-CERTIFIED SHERIFF VICTOR HILL LEADS TO....
COMMIE CORE RUINED GA'S STATE EDUCATION SYSTEM, PLAGUED BY**

CHEATING SCANDALS, PILFERED FEDERAL FUNDS AND UNMERITED

BONUSES, AND MONEY WAS LAUNDERED THROUGH CHURCHES AND OTHER

MONEY SCAMS TO PERPETUATE OBAMA ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN FRAUD:

SEE: GANGSTA TEACHERS EXPOSED!

**THEY HELPED FUND ELECTION FRAUD FOR OBAMA, BY BUYING THE
CHURCH VOTE TO RIG LOCAL COUNTY ELECTIONS AND TO FUNCTION AS
COFFERS TO PAY VOTERS TO COMMIT ELECTORAL FRAUD IN OTHER
STATES, AND THEY TOOK MONEY FROM THE SCHOOL SYSTEM, FILTERED IT
THROUGH THE CHURCH, AND THEN PAID THE MONEY BACK WHEN
"COINCIDENTALLY" OBAMA WAS RE-ELECTED....
VOTE EARLY VOTE OFTEN IS PURPOSEFUL FRAUD!**



GANGSTA TEACHERS

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Apr, 3 2013 | Written by ATLien

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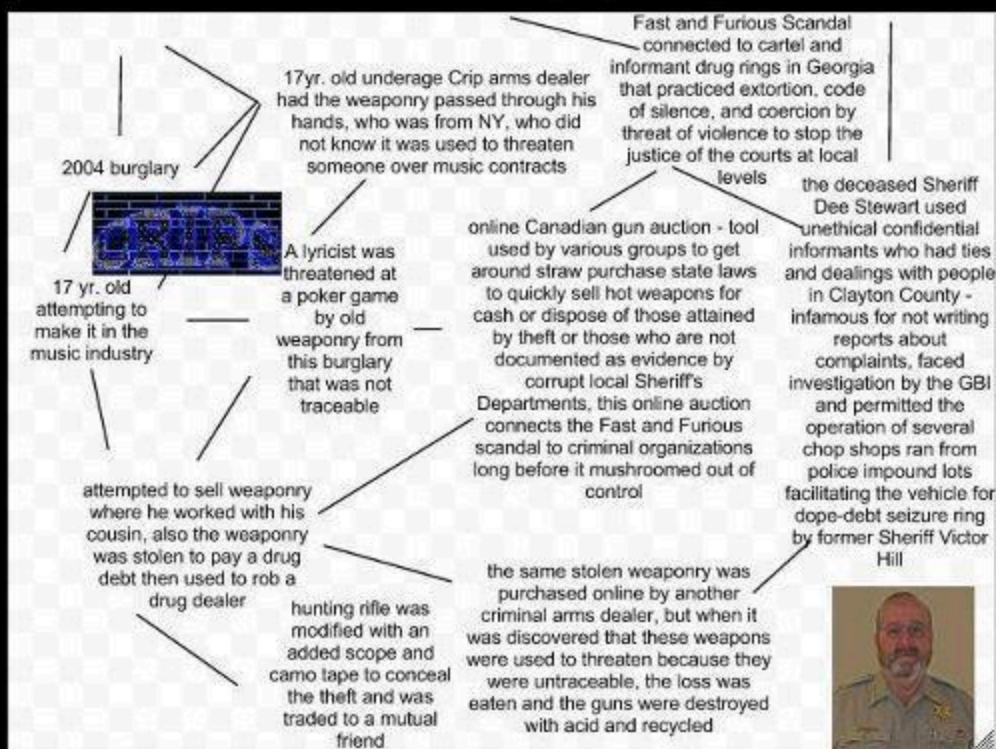
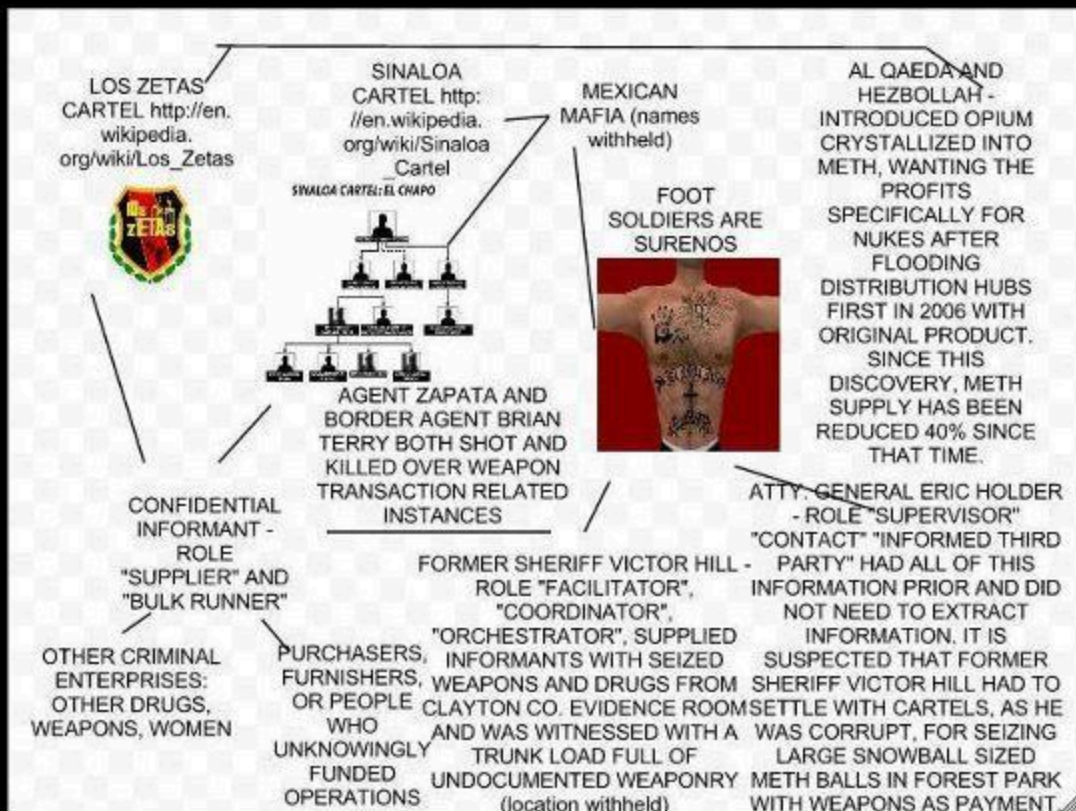
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(FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO KNOW VICTOR HILL, WE CAN SEE HIM SAYING

“YOU’RE GOING DOWN WITH ME TOO, BURRELL!!)

DAMN YOU VICTOR HILL, WE DON’T HAVE TO PAY FOR

YOUR CRIMES



AND YOUR LEGAL EXPENSES!!

Sheriff Victor Hill wants taxpayers to pay his legal debt

Posted: Jun 13, 2013 6:34 PM EDT Updated: Jun 14, 2013 8:01 AM EDT

By Tony McNary - [email](#)



CLAYTON COUNTY, GA (CBS ATLANTA) -

Clayton County Chairman Jeff Turner told CBS Atlanta News that Sheriff Victor Hill asked county commissioners to pay off his legal debt.

"The Sheriff came to the county commissioners and made a simple request that we consider paying for his legal fees that were incurred the first time he was in office," said Turner.

In the November elections, Hill reclaimed the job he lost to Kem Kimbrough four years ago.

When Hill was first elected Sheriff in 2004, he put snipers on top of the Sheriff's office and fired several employees. They sued and won.

Now Hill wants taxpayers to foot the bill, which amounts to roughly \$475,000.

"A judgment was awarded against him. He wants us to pay that judgment off for him," said Turner.

Turner said the county is currently paying Hill's \$10,000 legal fees he incurred from March to May of this year. Hill hired attorneys to consult him on how to pay off that \$475,000 personal debt from 2004.

"The amount of money the county is responsible and paying for at this time is legal fees that are accruing in his official capacity as Sheriff," said Turner.

Clayton County resident Alice Samuel voted for Hill in 2012, but she doesn't think she and other residents should pay Hill's bill.

"I really don't think the consumers, the people, should have to pay his bill," said Samuel.

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@wsbtv Just screams <you gonna gimme dat Obama \$ for these campaigns, or I'll.... I'll _____, _____, and _____ to you!> #TheftByExtortion

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TO VACCINATE OR NOT VACCINATE? TO ADMINISTER PLAN B OR TO NOT ADMINISTER PLAN B? ISN'T THIS ABOUT PARENTAL CONSENT?

HPV vaccine cut infection by half in teen girls

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By ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Judge raises concerns about school cheating case

By MIKE STOBBE

AP Medical Writer

ATLANTA (AP) - Researchers say a vaccine for a sexually spread virus has cut infections in teen girls by half.

This is the first evidence of how well the HPV vaccine works since it came on the market seven years ago.

For girls ages 14 to 19, the study found a 56% reduction in the types of HPV virus targeted by the shots. Vaccination campaigns focus on girls ages 11 and 12.


Many men and women are infected with the human papillomavirus during their life. Most don't develop symptoms and clear the infection on their own. But some infections lead to genital warts, cervical cancer and other cancers.

Results of the study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention were released Wednesday.

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Dolce and Gabbana sentenced to jail for tax evasion

Fashion designers convicted of evading tax on income of around €1bn but sentence is suspended until end of appeals process

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*Domenico Dolce (R) and Stefano Gabbana have always denied any wrongdoing, and will appeal, their lawyers said.
Photograph: Milo Sciaky/EPA*

The fashion designers Domenico Dolce and Stefano Gabbana were given a suspended prison sentence of a year and eight months on Wednesday for what prosecutors claimed was a sophisticated system of evading tax on income of around €1bn (£850m).

A court in Milan ruled that the pair had sold their world-famous brands to a Luxembourg-based holding company in 2004 to avoid declaring tax on royalties. They were also slapped with a suspended fine of €500,000 owed to [Italy](#)'s national tax agency.

The duo, who were not in court for the ruling and made no immediate statement, have always denied any wrongdoing and their lawyers said they would appeal.

Under Italian law, a sentence of this kind is suspended until the conviction is made definitive. Given the length of the appeals process, it is unlikely Dolce or Gabbana will ever see the inside of a jail cell. A separate charge

of misrepresenting income had already passed the statue of limitations.

In her closing speech to the court on Wednesday, prosecutor Laura Pedio said there was "rock-solid proof" that the designers had carried out a sophisticated system of tax evasion, the Ansa news agency reported.

Her colleague Gaetano Ruta said the holding company, Gado – a combination of the two men's surnames – was an artificial construction "whose aim was to get a tax advantage". The prosecutors had asked the court to hand down a sentence of two-and-a-half years, but the judge decided to be more lenient.

Massimo Dinoia, the lawyer for Dolce and Gabbana, had declared the case to be "the paradox of paradoxes" because the amount they were charged with evading "exceeded the income by a large margin".

The conviction marks the latest point in a long and winding path that began in Luxembourg in 2004 and 2005, when Dolce and Gabbana transferred control of their two brands to Gado – a move prosecutors argued was made deliberately in order to evade tax.

In 2008, as the financial crisis was starting to put increasing pressure on state coffers, the Italian authorities began in an investigation into Gado. Italy is estimated to lose €120bn every year in unpaid taxes, much of it though holding companies registered in offshore centres such as Luxembourg.

A case charging the pair with tax fraud and tax evasion was thrown out by a judge two years ago, but Italy's supreme court subsequently ruled in

November that the men could be prosecuted, if only for the latter charge.

Dolce and Gabbana's luxury fashion house – officially founded in Milan in 1985, five years after the designers first met – is famous for producing glamorous clothing for celebrities such as Kylie Minogue, Kate Moss, Scarlett Johansson and Madonna, who celebrated her birthday at their Portofino villa in 2009.

Gabbana, in particular, has been vocal in the insistence of innocence during the long legal battle. When the new trial was ordered last year, he posted a message on Twitter that read: "Everyone knows that we haven't done anything." He has also, in the past, written: "All that I care about is making clothes, that's all. Let them do and say whatever they want ... To be accused of something that's not true is not a pretty thing, but the heart of the matter is, who cares, we'll all end up in the ground in the end."

On Wednesday night, however, there was no comment from the designers directly relating to the trial. Soon after the verdict, Gabbana tweeted a close-up photograph of some flowers.

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2013 Disclosure Statement:

*1/8/13 \$1 Prison Ministry

*1/12/13 7 Diva Scarves valued at \$35, 6 Danica Patrick Scarves valued at \$60, Purple Scarf valued at \$10, Green Scarf valued at \$10, Rainbow Scarf valued at \$10, Braided scarf valued at \$10, Pink, white, and light green scarf valued at \$15,

Red, white, and black scarf valued at \$25, 1 autumn tones scarf valued at \$15 = \$190 to Project Overcoat

*1/17/13 \$5 worth of Yarrow, Spirulina, and assorted teas for flu prevention Brian Lindsey

*1/18/13 Falcons Scarf, valued at \$25 to Kathy Brooks

*1/21/13 6 Falcons scarves and 1 Ravens scarf valued at \$35 for class

*2/10/13 \$6 Prison Ministry

*2/10/13 2 Atlanta Falcons scarves valued at \$50, 1 mauve tones scarf valued at \$25 = \$75 worth of scarves for Christmas-Valentine's Day gifts for Hargis Family

*2/16/13 Diva colored feather earrings valued at \$25 to Courtney

*2/25/13 "Pears" painting valued at \$345 given to Bonnie Lindsey-Veach for her birthday

*3/24/13 \$7 of medicine to Brian Lindsey

*3/28/13 25 UN-UNICEF scarves

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10151166618097235&set=a.10150636401987235.429456.20073992234&type=3> &theater valued at \$630 to https://twitter.com/FREE_Syria_NGO

*3/30/13 \$30 meal of roast duck and muscadine wine for birthday party

*4/2/13 \$.50 oatmeal packet and Ramen noodles to man in need

*4/2/13 25 Red Cross

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*4/12/13 2 oil pastel paintings valued at \$690

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and \$640 <http://s279.photobucket.com/user/creativeinnovations27/media/8.jpg.html>

each as wedding gifts to Jeff and Jennifer Causey. Total value \$1,330

*5/24/13 Camo Long Scarf to Brian Carpenter, valued at \$32 en route

*5/26/13 Olive oil, rose oil, and self heal valued at \$5 to Tony for skin healing

*5/28/13 Naturopathic treatment to Brian Lindsey

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dGPqTKmYvh0duriF3n2MjXw05fYkILEgecFtXQVoVcU/edit> valued at \$25 (\$5 consultation waived, medicinal items provided)

*5/31/13 \$1.50 cereal and Ramen noodles to man in need

2012 STATEMENT OF COMPANY WORTH - \$13,321

2013 STATEMENT OF COMPANY WORTH - \$12,753

I gave \$8,423.89 in the form of charity, gifts, food, lobbying, and providing community cleanup

I have an inventory surplus of \$4,329.11 for the year

2013 ANNUAL STATEMENT OF WORTH <http://Ink.ms/dxnMn>

Mission 2012 Mission Work:

*1/1/12 Lighthouse Missionary Baptist Church \$2 tithe/Prayer List

*1/7/12 \$70 worth of scarves to Project Overcoat for United Way

*1/16/12 \$10 Rick Perry

*1/31/12 \$10 Rick Santorum

*2/1/12 1 scarf and 1 purse, valued at \$25 for January birthday gift

*2/7/12 \$5 Prison ministry

*2/10/12 2 scarves for Valentine's Day one \$15, the other \$10

*2/20/12 \$190 pledge to Rick Santorum's campaign for scarves and buttons to raise money for Rick Santorum's campaign, \$15 donation to his campaign equals a free scarf and button

*3/17/12 \$10 donation to Wounded Warrior Project on behalf of Ashton Williamson, who was given a scarf to wear

*4/3/12 \$25 donation to Rick Santorum's campaign for advertising

*4/5/12 \$25 Prison Ministry for Easter

*4/11/12 \$5 to Rick Santorum's campaign

*4/11/12 \$5 to Newt Gingrich to carry Rick's banner of repeal <http://t.co/VcLjBgo>

*4/13/12 \$10 to Rick Santorum's campaign

*4/20/12 \$18 to Rick Santorum for Trisomy 18 Awareness for Bella

*5/20/12 \$932.47 to Governor Nathan Deal, Governor Perry, and Mitch McConnell for Disaster Relief certificates

*6/1/12 2-John Cena scarves, one for Ryan one for Tyler, valued at \$10

*6/2/12 1 white Betty Boop Purse, 1 tea pot, basket, tea bags, and political unity scarf, for Courtney's graduation, valued at \$50

*6/30/12 \$10 for Repeal and Replace to Mitt Romney

*7/31/12 \$10 for books for belated bday gift

*8/11/12 1 purse, valued at \$30 to Janine Norman for Back2School/product representation at high

*8/28/12 2 UGA scarves to father and son for favorite team schools

*9/15/12 2 Spirit scarves for relatives, one UGA and U of F valued at \$10

*9/16/12 1 light pink baby blanket for friends' baby shower valued at \$35

*9/30/12 1 Angel painting for faith sharing valued at \$50

*10/2/12 \$20 for Officer Down Memorial/Vest program \$20

*10/5/12 #PotlatchGA = \$131 value of goods includes shipping

#PotlatchPackage @GovernorDeal 1 blue-purple, 2 pink/1 multi, 2 rainbow, 1 light green, 1 autumn, 2 purple, 4 packs of accessories #EnRoute

*10/31/12 \$1 for Prison Ministry Correspondence

*11/1/12 \$10 Red Cross Hurricane Sandy Relief

*11/25-11/27/12 \$1.45 Salvation Army

*11/26/12 \$5 Prison Ministry

*12/17/12 \$.50 Salvation Army

*12/19/12 \$231 Christmas Gifts to Brian Lindsey's family and friends

*12/20/12 \$10 Officer Sean Callahan - Officer Down Memorial

*12/22/12 \$1.50 Salvation Army

*12/23/12 \$10 Red Cross Hurricane Sandy Relief

*12/29/12 \$63 Christmas Gifts to Medstat Employees/Family

2012 statement: I produced over \$3,000 worth of goods, I gave \$944.45 of it to charity, the remaining pledges total: \$943.47 for a total of \$1,887.92, post office box rental yearly of \$120.

Under the 7-7-7 tax plan or flat 20% plan, I needed to produce \$2,664.20-\$2,797.41 worth of goods/services:

-I did \$3,900 of community cleanup as a volunteer, meeting and exceeding my individual tax due of \$932.47 by about \$3,000. (Saving the county about \$3,000)

-I paid 7% in sales tax to the state, off items purchased to run my business and on sales that I made.

-7% of charity is \$932.47, of which I gave \$944.45 in the form of goods, exceeding that target by \$11.98.

=Between volunteer cleanup services and charity, I gave \$4,844.45 (not counting the sales tax revenue I generated for the state of GA) putting me in a bracket somewhere between 36-37%. This bracket will be higher, counting sales tax paid.

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2011 CONTRIBUTIONS/my treasures in Heaven:

*4/14/11 Prison ministry \$10
*4/30/11 Billy Graham Japanese disaster relief \$3.30
*5/3/11 Red Cross disaster relief for the South \$1.59
*5/9/11 Red Cross disaster relief for the South \$.42
*5/10/11 GA GOP Chairmanship Tricia Pridemore Grassroots and GA GOP \$5
*5/16/11 Prison ministry \$10
*6/23/11 tithe and prayer list \$2
*7/16/11 Prison ministry \$10
*8/16/11 Prison ministry \$10
*9/11/11 DeKalb Memorial 9/11 \$9.12
*9/16/11 Prison ministry \$10
*10/5/11 2 pink breast cancer awareness scarves, valued at \$10
*10/22/11 1 pink breast cancer awareness scarf and pink purse, valued at \$15
*11/6/11 Prison ministry \$10
*11/24/11 1 camo scarf valued at \$15
*12/6/11 1 pink and black diva scarf valued at \$15
*12/8/11 4 red and black Mt. Zion school colors - scarves valued at \$40
*12/21/11 Prison ministry \$5/\$5*12/21/11 Rick Santorum \$10
*12/24/11 1 ocean colored scarf, valued at \$15

2011 statement: I produced over \$700 worth of goods, I gave \$200 of it to charity, I had a few orders this year that paid for the cost of my post office box rental yearly of \$120.

Price Range \$\$\$\$ (50+)

Awards 2012 STATEMENT OF COMPANY WORTH - \$13,321

Haggai 1:9

Ye looked for much, and, lo, it came to little; and when ye brought it home, I did blow upon it. Why? saith the Lord of hosts. Because of mine house that is waste, and ye run every man unto his own house. Churlish souls stint their contributions to the ministry and missionary operations, and call such saving good economy; little do they dream that they are thus impoverishing themselves. Their excuse is that they must care for their own families, and they forget that to neglect the house of God is the sure way to bring ruin upon their own houses. Our God has a method in providence by which He can succeed our endeavours beyond our expectation, or can defeat our plans to our confusion and dismay; by a turn of His hand He can steer our vessel in a profitable channel, or run it aground in poverty and bankruptcy. It is the teaching of Scripture that the Lord enriches the liberal and leaves the miserly to find out that withholding tendeth to poverty. In a very wide sphere of observation, I have noticed that the most generous Christians of my acquaintance have been always the most happy, and almost invariably the most prosperous. I have seen the liberal giver rise to wealth of which he never dreamed; and I have as often seen the mean, ungenerous churl descend to poverty by the very parsimony by which he thought to rise. Men trust good stewards with larger and larger sums, and so it frequently is with the Lord; He gives by cartloads to those who give by bushels. Where wealth is not bestowed the Lord makes the little much by the contentment which the sanctified heart feels in a portion of which the tithe has been dedicated to the Lord. Selfishness looks first at home, but godliness seeks first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, yet in the long run selfishness is loss, and godliness is great gain. It needs faith to act towards our God with an open hand, but surely He deserves it of us; and all that we can do is a very poor acknowledgment of our amazing indebtedness to His goodness.

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Republicans: Postal Service has green light to end Saturday mail delivery

By Russell Berman and Bernie Becker - 03/09/13 01:54 PM ET

The GOP's interpretation of language in a bill funding the government could set up a showdown with Senate Democrats.

House Republican leaders believe the Postal Service has a green light to implement its reduction in Saturday service, even though a House-passed spending bill contains a provision requiring six-day delivery.

The interpretation by the House GOP could set up a showdown with Senate Democratic leaders, who have argued that the legislative language prohibits the cash-strapped agency from limiting letter delivery to five days a week.

The Postal Service (USPS), which lost nearly \$16 billion in 2012, announced in February that it would end Saturday delivery of first-class mail starting in August, a move that it says would save \$2 billion annually. Package delivery on Saturdays would continue.

Postal officials have for years pushed to limit Saturday delivery, but had previously insisted they would need congressional approval to do so.

But last month, Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe said the agency would move forward with its modified six-day plan and urged Congress not to try to tie the agency's hands via legislative directive.

In crafting the latest stopgap spending measure, House appropriators kept in place a 30-year-old provision that states, “6-day delivery and rural delivery of mail shall continue, at not less than the 1983 level.”

Yet during the floor debate on the continuing resolution, Rep. Darrell Issa (R-Calif.), author of postal reform legislation in the House, sought and received assurance from House Appropriations Committee Chairman Hal Rogers (R-Ky.), that the Obama administration had not requested the removal of the six-day provision.

“USPS has the authority to implement the modified Saturday delivery plan under current law and retains that authority if this provision were to be continued in its current form,” said Ali Ahmad, a spokesman for Issa, the chairman of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. The provision is “vague,” Ahmad said, and the Postal Service is not eliminating a day of day of service but rather “altering what products are delivered on that day.”

“Consumers will still have access to mail services on Saturday,” he said. “Mail will also continue to be processed on Saturday.”

A court could disagree with the committee’s interpretation if the Postal Service’s moves were challenged, but Ahmad pointed out that the post office could simply forgo the roughly \$100 million in appropriated federal funds if it chose to ignore the provision.

“Given the \$2 billion savings the Postal Service can achieve through the modified Saturday delivery schedule,” Ahmad said, “it would still be a wise business decision for it to do so.”

The GOP leadership is backing Issa’s interpretation. A leadership aide said a colloquy between Issa and Rogers on the House floor was intended “to make clear that the [continuing resolution] does nothing to prevent the USPS from moving forward with the modified Saturday delivery plan announced in February.”

“The Postal Service, at the time of its announcement, said it believed it could move forward with this plan even if Congress took no action,” the aide said. “The House is not standing in the way.” The Senate, however, could try to stand in the Postal Service’s way.

Senate Democrats are expected to release their version of a continuing resolution early next week, and a spokesman for Appropriations Chairwoman Barbara Mikulski (D-Md.) would not say whether the measure would keep or update the six-day delivery language.

But Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) is just one of a string of lawmakers from both sides of the aisle who have questioned whether USPS can unilaterally end Saturday letter delivery. Lawmakers who represent rural constituents say six-day delivery is a necessity.

“Given the importance of the post office to communities in Nevada and across our nation, such a drastic policy change cannot be enacted without approval from Congress,” Reid said in a February statement, shortly after Donahoe announced the delivery change.

“Instead, the postmaster general relied on flawed legal guidance to claim that he can circumvent Congress’ authority on the matter.”

Senate Majority Whip Dick Durbin (D-Ill.), who is also a top appropriator, has been a key backer of six-day delivery language.

With five months until USPS’s modified delivery schedule goes into effect, lawmakers still have time to pass a broad overhaul of postal operations that would likely tackle delivery standards. Congressional negotiators — including Issa, Sen. Tom Carper (D-Del.) and Rep. Elijah Cummings (Md.), the ranking Democrat at House Oversight — came close to finishing off a postal deal at the end of last year.

Those negotiations came after the Senate passed a bipartisan postal bill in April 2012, a measure that House Republicans — including Issa and GOP leadership — deemed inadequate.

But Republican leaders refused to bring their own preferred approach to the floor last year over concerns that it would force the rank-and-file to take a tough vote close to the election.

In addition to delivery standards, lawmakers are trying to figure out whether or how much to ease the Postal Service’s current requirement to pay roughly \$5.5 billion a year to prepay healthcare costs for future retirees.

USPS defaulted on two of those payments in 2012, accounting for more than two-thirds of their losses for the year. The agency is also asking for Congress to refund an overpayment that the Postal Service made to a federal retirement fund.

Postal negotiators have said they still believe they are approaching a deal, and Carper — now the chairman of the Senate Homeland Security Committee — has expressed hope that they can get a measure to the president’s desk before USPS moves forward with its delivery changes in August.

“It’s imperative that we act,” Carper said at a February hearing. “I’ll call this the first overtime. I want us to get this baby done.”

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~~*PASSAGE OF VAWA UMBRELLA OF LAWS ACT*~~

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Aja Brooks

September 20, 2012

The Global Counterterrorism Council was called to order on 9/20/12, in the wake of Ambassador Stevens' Team's deaths, and shortly before the 2012 election as an advisory panel and participatory preparation for Mitt Romney's assumption of Commander-In-Chief. The Council was chosen and formed for several reasons:

- Barack Obama's failure to negotiate with Iran

- Barack Obama being removed from authority of Command and restricted from veto power over lack of provable citizenship and defrauding the 2008 election

(see RESTRICTION OF VETO POWER AND DECLARATION OF NO AUTHORITY OF THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1IG1SCohq6nIr7xQgUsTofCTWW4VL0S_kuKqGPKs1FAs/edit?pli=1)

- Wherein, the power to declare war was formally vested in Vice President Joe Biden 7/23/12 Senator John McCain, and Senator John Kerry co-jointly and respectively after the 7/17/12 transition, as marked at 7:07pm

- After the death of Ambassador Stevens' Team that was clearly an act of terrorism on an annual remembrance of the 9-11-01 attack, questions surrounding the details of their last hours were mired in Obama enforcing an Executive Order involving Libya, not Syria, wherein security was cut at the Benghazi Consulate to prevent knowledge of arms being shipped to Syrian rebels and in order to pay for \$400 billion Obamacare remuneration around the will and full knowledge of Congress.

- Suspensions had been raised in August, by Ahmadinejad who dutifully reported a month prior to the Benghazi attack that weapons were being shipped to Syrian rebels by the United States. Thinking that was a matter of the CIA, who is not directly accountable to our military, the issue was dismissed until on 9/9/12 an Al Qaeda commander announced that he would take Syria for its own.

- Subsequent to that active intelligence, weapon supplies were cut off to Benghazi and negotiations over the blind Sheik were abruptly ended. This caused Al Qaeda to launch an offensive that the Consulate was unprepared to weather: due to lack of security, available resources, and intensity of the attack.

- The order to stand down was given for 2 reasons: Biden chose not to declare war on Libya, to retaliate in response into territories that Libya had recently come under new governance, as doing so would shed more light on the fact that the Consulate was not being used for diplomatic purposes, but as a pseudo-secret military base of operations, and that Obama went around Congress to provide Syrian revolutionaries arms by an unenforceable prior Executive Order from last year that applied only to Libya.

- Barack Obama was effectively removed from Command shortly before the election over the incident, to prevent war with Iran that Obama attempted to foster over his special interest with Syria and the trade war he created over oil with sanctions that ruined our economic growth and recovery, Iran's economy, and Iraq's to force Iran to a provocative state to disclose its intentions and activities.

(see Order to Cease and Desist Command effective 10-21-2012:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vYcv9k9s2_VdED5JxSL50ie-gQTnW0Mr8jaWJESUNFQ/edit)

- To form a consensus, strengthen international relationships, and form a global counterterrorism task force against terrorism

- To form a unified front against 13 sprouting terrorist organizations from the stump of Al Qaeda as designated 10/25/12:

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The Council meets online collectively to discuss national security issues, current and emerging terrorism threats, and to form a course of action based on real-time information.

The appointment to Council was to give an alternative meeting to UN Council, but to include them in daily discussion. Next to the UN, the Global Counterterrorism Council contains some of the most powerful and controversial collection of eclectic world leaders in government and politics.

The Global Counterterrorism Council is a peace-keeping council, like the UN, but unlike the UN, the Global Counterterrorism Council discusses matters of war: internal conflict, regional conflict, and national conflict to reduce tension, encourage interaction and dialogue, and to reduce the threat of war by respect of Sovereignty and respect of cultural position of a country's representative identity.

The appointment of a War Council is called when members can not resolve their differences and disputes peacefully through the UN or the GCC.



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