

# Former Top NSA Official: "We Are Now In A Police State"

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# 32-year NSA Veteran Who Created Mass Surveillance System Says Government Use of Data Gathered Through Spying "Is a Totalitarian Process"

Bill Binney is the high-level NSA executive who *created* the agency's mass surveillance program for digital information. A 32-year NSA veteran widely regarded as a "legend" within the agency, Binney was the senior technical director within the agency and managed thousands of NSA employees.

Binney has been interviewed by virtually all of the mainstream media, including <u>CBS</u>, <u>ABC</u>, <u>CNN</u>, <u>New York Times</u>, <u>USA Today</u>, <u>Fox News</u>, <u>PBS</u> and many others.

Last year, Binney held his thumb and forefinger close together, and said:

We are, like, that far from a turnkey totalitarian state.

But today, Binney told Washington's Blog that the U.S. has already become a police state.

By way of background, the government is spying on <u>virtually everything we do</u>.

<u>All of the information</u> gained by the NSA through spying is then <u>shared with federal, state</u> and <u>local agencies</u>, and they are using that information to prosecute <u>petty crimes such as drugs and taxes</u>. The agencies are instructed to <u>intentionally "launder"</u> the information gained through spying, i.e. to pretend that they got the information in a more legitimate way ... and to <u>hide that from defense attorneys and judges</u>.

This is a bigger deal than you may realize, as legal experts say that there are so many federal and state laws in the United States, that <u>no one can keep track of them all ...</u> and <u>everyone</u> violates laws every day without even knowing it.

The NSA also <u>ships Americans' most confidential</u>, <u>sensitive information</u> to <u>foreign</u> <u>countries</u> like <u>Israel</u>(and <u>here</u>), the <u>UK</u> and other countries ... so they can <u>"unmask" the information</u> and give it back to the NSA ... or use it for their own purposes.

Binney told us today:

The main use of the collection from these [NSA spying] programs [is] for law enforcement. [See the 2 slides below].

These slides give the policy of the DOJ/FBI/DEA etc. on how to use the NSA data. In fact, they instruct that none of the NSA data is referred to in courts – cause it has been acquired without a warrant.

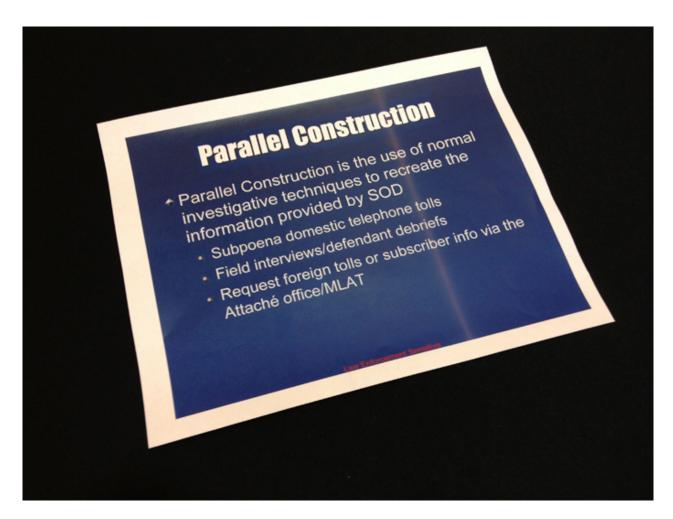
So, they have to do a "Parallel Construction" and not tell the courts or prosecution or defense the original data used to arrest people. This I call: a "planned programed perjury policy" directed by US law enforcement.

And, as the last line on one slide says, this also applies to "Foreign Counterparts."

This is a total corruption of the justice system not only in our country but around the world. The source of the info is at the bottom of each slide. **This is a totalitarian process - means we are now in a police state**.

Here are the two slides which Binney pointed us to:





(Source: Reuters via RT)

We asked Binney a follow-up question:

You say "this also applies to 'Foreign Counterparts.'" Does that mean that foreign agencies can also "launder" the info gained from NSA spying? Or that data gained through foreign agencies' spying can be "laundered" and used by U.S. agencies?

#### Binney responded:

For countries like the five eyes (US, Canada, UK, Australia, New Zealand) and probably some others it probably works both ways. But for others that have relationships with FBI or DEA etc., they probably are given the data to used to arrest people but are not told the source or given copies of the data.

(See this for background on the five eyes.)

View past discussions between Washington's Blog and Binney <a href="here">here</a>, <a href="her

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