

Proof that Power, Money and Crushing Dissent Are NSA's Real Motives for Spying

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The NSA not only spied on the leaders of [Germany](#), [Brazil](#) and [Mexico](#), but on at least [35 world leaders](#).

The Guardian [reports](#):

One unnamed US official handed over 200 numbers, including those of the **35 world leaders**, none of whom is named. These were **immediately “tasked” for monitoring** by the NSA.

That's just one incident we know about. The NSA also spies on the [European Union](#), the [European Parliament](#), the [G20 summit](#) and other allies.

The NSA [asked](#) government agencies to share their Rolodexes, so the NSA would have phone numbers for top foreign political and military leaders.

A confidential government memo [admits](#) that the spying didn't help prevent terrorism:

The memo acknowledges that eavesdropping on the numbers had produced “little reportable intelligence”.

Because the leaders of allies such as Germany, Brazil, Mexico, the EU and G-20 have no ties to Al Qaeda terrorists, the spying was obviously done for *other* purposes.

The NSA conducts [widespread industrial espionage](#) on our allies. That has nothing to do with terrorism, either.

Indeed, there is [no evidence that mass surveillance has prevented a **single** terrorist attack](#). On the contrary, top counter-terror experts say that mass spying [actually **hurts** U.S. counter-terror efforts](#)(more [here](#) and [here](#)).

If NSA spying were really focused on terrorism, our allies and companies [wouldn't be fighting back so hard](#) against it.

And even the argument that 9/11 changed everything holds no water. [Spying started **before 9/11** ... and **various excuses have been used to spy on Americans over the years**](#). Even NSA's industrial espionage has been going on for [many decades](#). And the NSA was already spying on American Senators more than [40 years ago](#).

Governments who spy on their own population [always do it to crush dissent](#). (Why do you think that the NSA is doing *exactly* the same thing which [King George did to the American colonists ... which led to the Revolutionary War?](#))

Of course, if even *half* of what a NSA whistleblower Russel Tice says – that [the NSA is spying on – and blackmailing – top American government officials and military officers](#) (and [see this](#)) – then things are *really* out of whack.

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