

Surveillance Can be Used to Frame You, If Someone In Government “Happens to Take a Dislike to You”

Top Spying Experts Explain Why You Should Oppose Spying ... Even Though You've Done Nothing Wrong

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Top NSA whistleblower William Binney – the former head of the National Security Agency’s global digital data gathering program – has repeatedly explained that just because you “haven’t done anything wrong” doesn’t mean you can’t be severely harmed by spying:

“The problem is, if they think they’re not doing anything that’s wrong, they don’t get to define that. The central government does.”

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Binney explains that the government is storing *everything*, and creating a [searchable database ... to be used whenever it wants, for any purpose it wants](#) (even just going after someone it doesn’t like).

And he notes that the government will go after anyone who is on its enemies list:

If you ever get on their enemies list, like Petraeus did, then you can be drawn into that surveillance.

Binney recently held his thumb and forefinger close together, and [said](#):

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

Similarly, in response to the question, “why should people care about surveillance?”, the whistleblower source of the Guardian’s disclosures on phone and Internet spying – Edward Snowden – said:

Because even if you’re not doing anything wrong you’re being watched and recorded. And the storage capability of these systems increases every year consistently by orders of magnitude ... to where it’s getting to the point where you don’t have to have done anything wrong. You simply have to eventually

fall under suspicion from somebody – even by a wrong call. And then they can use this system to go back in time and scrutinize every decision you’ve ever made, every friend you’ve ever discussed something with. And attack you on that basis to sort to derive suspicion from an innocent life and paint anyone in the context of a wrongdoer.

[If people don’t oppose the surveillance state now] it will be turnkey tyranny.

In 1975, Senator Frank Church [said](#) about the NSA:

I know the capacity that is there to make tyranny total in America, and we must see to it that this agency and all agencies that possess this technology operate within the law and under proper supervision, so that we never cross over that abyss. That is the abyss from which there is no return.

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