

## CU Forum

### In the Aftermath of 9/11:

### Background Information for Edward Snowden's Video Appearance at CU

*The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.*

#### Amendment IV to the Constitution of the United States

Edward Snowden spoke via video link at Macky Auditorium at CU on February 16, 2016 (<http://www.colorado.edu/involvement/events/dsb-event-news>). The talk was moderated by Ron Suskind, an author and Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist (<http://ronsuskind.com/>, [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ron\\_Suskind](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ron_Suskind)) appearing in person at Macky.

In early June of 2013, Edward Snowden delivered a large number of internal, classified National Security Agency (“NSA”) documents to journalists in Hong Kong. He directed the journalists to publish the documents as they best saw fit, in light of their journalistic experience. He asked for nothing in return. (See short video of Snowden in Hong Kong on June 6, 2013: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5yB3n9fu-rM>)

The actions taken by Edward Snowden occurred within the context of actions, legal rulings and policies initiated and implemented by the U.S. government following the events of September 11, 2001.

Many of these actions, rulings and policies were kept secret from the American public.



*NSA Headquarters  
in Ft. Mead, Maryland.*

Edward Snowden had been working as an information technology contractor and computer systems expert at the NSA, with direct access to large amounts of classified information.

NSA is a U.S. governmental agency charged with collecting, via electronic devices, what is called 'signal intelligence' ("SIGINT").

SIGINT is intelligence derived from electronic signals and systems used by foreign targets, such as communications systems, radars, and weapons systems. . . . NSA's SIGINT mission is specifically limited to gathering information about international terrorists and foreign powers, organizations, or persons.

<https://www.nsa.gov/sigint/>

*NSA data processing  
and storage facility  
near Bluffdale,  
Utah*

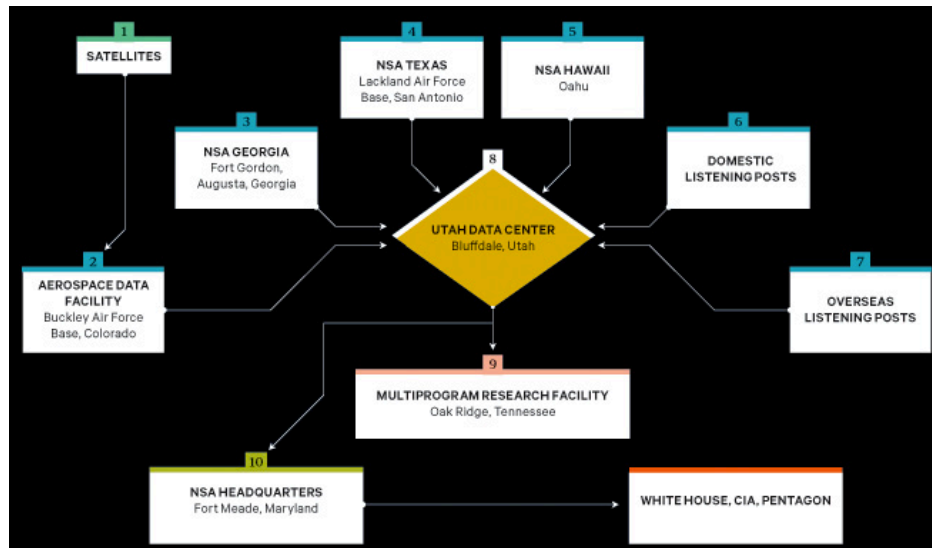


Among the issues raised by U.S. government actions, legal rulings and policies following 9/11 are these:

Executive Power	Enemy Combatants
Wars of Preemption	Guantanamo Detainees
The War on Terror	Military Commissions
Government Secrecy	Extraordinary Rendition
The Patriot Act	Secret CIA Prisons
U.S. National Security Strategy	Warrantless Domestic Surveillance
Enhanced Interrogation	Driftnet Domestic Data Collection
Indefinite Detention	Drone Strikes
Military Privatization	Signing Statements
Intelligence-gathering Privatization	Targeted Assassination of U.S. Citizens
Telecom Involvement	Axis of Evil
Retroactive Immunity	Leak Crackdown
Total Information Awareness	Wartime
Tech Company Cooperation	Military Equipment to Local Police Departments
National Security Letters	

Most of these issues remain current and controversial today.

In 2014, The Guardian US edition and the Washington Post were awarded the Pulitzer Prize for Public Service Journalism for their coverage of the Snowden documents (<http://www.pulitzer.org/prize-winners-by-category/2014>). The Guardian received the award for helping “to spark a debate about the relationship between the government and the public over issues of security and privacy” and the Post for helping “the public understand how the disclosures fit into the larger framework of national security.”



*from James Bamford, “The NSA is Building the Country’s Biggest Spy Center”, Wired Magazine, March 15, 2012, [http://www.wired.com/2012/03/ff\\_nsadatacenter/](http://www.wired.com/2012/03/ff_nsadatacenter/)*

The resources listed below present background information to better understand the aftermath of the events of September 11, 2001, in and on the United States.

### **“9/11” - A documentary film of the events of September 11, 2001**

By happenstance, French filmmakers Gedeon and Jules Naudet were in lower Manhattan with their cameras on the morning of September 11, 2001 filming a documentary on the New York Fire Department. They ended up capturing on film much more than they expected.

Directed by James Hanlon, Gedeon Naudet, Jules Naudet

September 12, 2002  
2 hours and 9 minutes

Available on DVD

Frontline (<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/>) is an investigative journalism television series on the Public Broadcasting System. Many Frontline programs can be streamed online and have substantial additional material on the websites of the programs, including commentaries, analyses, interviews, timelines and documents.

General background documentaries about events following 9/11:

**The War Behind Closed Doors**

February 20, 2003

1 hour

The debate over development of a new strategic vision for America and America's role in the world: preemption vs. containment. The Axis of Evil. An Act of War. The War on Terror. Wartime.

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/iraq/>

**Spying on the Home Front**

May 15, 2007

1 hour

Information dragnet over security concerns for Las Vegas new year's eve celebration. NSA installs secret equipment in AT&T facility in San Francisco. Total Information Awareness. National Security Letters.

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/homefront/>

**Cheney's Law**

October 16, 2007

1 hour

Dick Cheney, David Addington, John Yoo and the secret legal memos on the extent of executive power in wartime: congress, torture, domestic surveillance. Signing statements.

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/cheney/>

**Top Secret America: The Hidden Legacy of 9/11**

April 30, 2013

1 hour

“Greystone”: secret CIA covert actions in Afghanistan. Secret CIA prisons. Private intelligence contractors. Director of National Intelligence. Department of Homeland Security.

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/film/topsecretamerica/>

### **Secrets, Politics, and Torture**

May 19, 2015

1 hour

Status of prisoners/detainees. The torture debate: Is torture an effective technique for getting intelligence from a prisoner? Is torture something Americans do? Zero Dark Thirty.

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/film/secrets-politics-and-torture/>

Documentaries focusing on NSA activities after 9/11:

### **United States of Secrets - Part One - “The Program”**

May 13, 2014

2 hours

The NSA gets authorization for The Program. NSA whistleblowers awaken: William Binney, Kirk Wiebe, Edward Loomis, Diane Roark, Thomas Drake. The FBI strikes back: raids their homes. Drake charged with violating Espionage Act. Charges eventually dropped. Edward Snowden.

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/film/united-states-of-secrets/>

### **United States of Secrets - Part 2 - “Privacy Lost”**

May 19, 2014

1 hour

Edward Snowden. “PRISM” project: nine tech companies cooperate with NSA. “MUSCULAR” project: NSA and British GCHQ break into hardware communication links of Google and Yahoo.

<http://www.pbs.org/video/2365251169/>



*NSA whistleblowers Diane Roark, Edward Loomis,  
Kirk Wiebe, William Binney, Thomas Drake*

## **Citizenfour**

An Oscar-winning documentary of Edward Snowden, filmed in a Hong Kong hotel room in June, 2013, talking with journalists Glen Greenwald and Ewen MacAskill of The Guardian newspaper about the bundle of NSA documents he has just handed over to them. Snowden signed his first anonymous emails reaching out to Poitras as ‘Citizenfour.’

Directed by Laura Poitras

October 10, 2014  
113 minutes

Available on DVD and some streaming services

The DVD package contains a second disk with additional material:

- 3 deleted scenes from the movie
- A New York Times Timestalks with Laura Poitras, Glenn Greenwald, David Carr and Edward Snowden via video feed
- A Film Society of Lincoln Center Q&A with Dennis Lim and Laura Poitras
- “The Program” - A New York Times Op-Doc by Laura Poitras about NSA whistleblower William Binney.

## **Edward Snowden Youtube Videos**

### **Edward Snowden's First Public Video**

Edward Snowden's first public comments on what he did and why he did it from his hotel room in Hong Kong in June, 2013. Filmed in conjunction with the making of the Citizenfour documentary, but released about 16 months earlier than the documentary.

Jun 6, 2013  
12:34

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5yB3n9fu-rM>

### **Edward Snowden on How We Take Back the Internet**

A TED Talk

Mar 18, 2014  
35:17

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yVwAodrjZMY>

### **AJUpFront**

Interview with Edward Snowden and Daniel Ellsberg on the Al Jazeera program AJUpFront.

September 4, 2015  
16:54

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=64xBtImXfmM>

There are many other Edward Snowden videos on Youtube.

## **NSA Documents**

These are internet sources for various collections of the NSA documents delivered by Edward Snowden and related newspaper articles.

**NSA Files: Decoded**  
The Guardian US

“NSA Files: Decoded,” is an explanatory multimedia package featuring a series of 30-60 second video interviews and interactive graphics. Awarded the 2014 Pulitzer Prize for Public Service.

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/interactive/2013/nov/01/snowden-nsa-files-surveillance-revelations-decoded>

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Hotmail® Google® Skype® paltalk.com YouTube AOL mail

Gmail facebook YAHOO!

**SPECIAL SOURCE OPERATIONS** (TS//SI//NF) **PRISM Collection Details** **PRISM**

Current Providers

What Will You Receive in Collection (Surveillance and Stored Comms)?  
It varies by provider. In general:

- E-mail
- Chat – video, voice
- Videos
- Photos
- Stored data
- VoIP
- File transfers
- Video Conferencing
- Notifications of target activity – logins, etc.
- Online Social Networking details
- **Special Requests**

• Microsoft (Hotmail, etc.)

• Google

• Yahoo!

• Facebook

• PalTalk

• YouTube

• Skype

• AOL

• Apple

Complete list and details on PRISM web page:  
Go PRISMFAA

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*Slide from an NSA PRISM Project presentation*

### **Pulitzer Prize Articles**

The Guardian US

List of articles for which the Guardian received the 2014 Pulitzer Prize for Public Service.

<http://www.pulitzer.org/winners/7200>

### **Pulitzer Prize Articles**

The Washington Post

List of articles for which the Post received the 2014 Pulitzer Prize for Public Service.

<http://www.pulitzer.org/winners/7201>



## NSA Documents

American Civil Liberties Union

<https://www.aclu.org/nsa-documents-search>

## NSA Primary Sources

Electronic Frontier Foundation

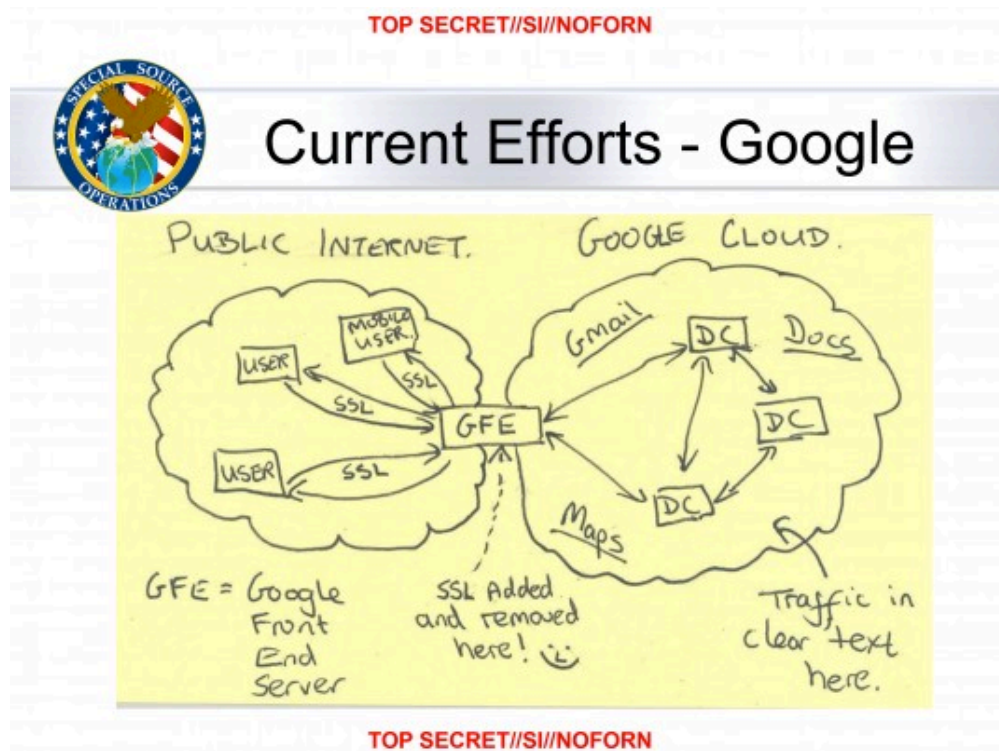
<https://www.eff.org/nsa-spying/nsadocs>

## Global Surveillance Disclosures

(2013 - present)

Wikipedia

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Global\\_surveillance\\_disclosures\\_%282013%E2%80%93present%29](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Global_surveillance_disclosures_%282013%E2%80%93present%29)



*“In this slide from a National Security Agency presentation on “Google Cloud Exploitation,” a sketch shows where the “Public Internet” meets the internal “Google Cloud” where user data resides. Two engineers with close ties to Google exploded in profanity when they saw the drawing.” [https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/nsa-infiltrates-links-to-yahoo-google-data-centers-worldwide-snowden-documents-say/2013/10/30/e51d661e-4166-11e3-8b74-d89d714ca4dd\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/nsa-infiltrates-links-to-yahoo-google-data-centers-worldwide-snowden-documents-say/2013/10/30/e51d661e-4166-11e3-8b74-d89d714ca4dd_story.html)*

## **National Security Agency Articles**

The New York Times

News about the National Security Agency, including commentary and archival articles published in The New York Times.

[http://topics.nytimes.com/top/reference/timestopics/organizations/n/national\\_security\\_agency/index.html](http://topics.nytimes.com/top/reference/timestopics/organizations/n/national_security_agency/index.html)

## **Documents from Glen Greenwald's book**

### **No Place to Hide**

<http://glenngreenwald.net/pdf/NoPlaceToHide-Documents-Compressed.pdf>

## **Books**

### **The Snowden Reader**

by David P. Fidler

Paperback: 376 pages

Indiana University Press

April 24, 2015

### **The NSA Report: Liberty and Security in a Changing World**

by The President's Review Group on Intelligence and Communications Technologies:

Richard A. Clarke, Michael J. Morell, Geoffrey R. Stone, Cass R. Sunstein, Peter Swire

Paperback: 288 pages

Princeton University Press

April 20, 2014

Also available online at:

[https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/docs/2013-12-12\\_rg\\_final\\_report.pdf](https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/docs/2013-12-12_rg_final_report.pdf)