

I value my privacy. The government has a track history of not valuing people's privacy from the DMV clerks selling information illegally to the FBI papers that ended up laying around the Clinton Whitehouse to the National Security Letters which prohibit people from ever talking about what the government is forcing them to do, we have a serious lack of governmental privacy.

All this government snooping has not kept us safe. In fact, the more information the government has, the more we worry about leaks of this information. The "carnivore" computers had a high rate of virus infections leaving them controlled by anybody in the world who happens upon them.

The government does NOT belong tapping all connections because it will be a loss of privacy with no benefit.

Also, having the companies pay to build equipment which allows the government to listen in is just bad decision making. It is as wrong as charging suspected criminals for the investigation of their actions. If the government insists upon snooping, it should at least pay for all the costs of this snooping.

I used to look at China's government snooping and Russia's KGB reports and thank God I lived in the USA. Now, I think the USA has gone far past the evils of these other countries. Now I fear my own government because it doesn't care about me at all and views me as a suspect worth monitoring simply because I use email and the phone.

Bring back the founding fathers who would bring decency and freedom back to the USA.