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A progressive champion needs your help to end warrantless spying on Americans.
Matt Lockshin, CREDO Action via uark.edu
August 4, 2012 to James
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Clicking here will automatically add your name to this petition to Sens. Pryor and Boozman: http://act.credoaction.com/campaign/merkleySpying/?p=merkleySpying&r=6923532&id=44554-600974-aaADCtx
"Sens. Pryor and Boozman: Co-sponsor Sen. Merkley's Protect America's Privacy Act (S. 3515) to end warrantless spying on Americans."

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Tell Sens. Pryor and Boozman: End warrantless spying on Americans. Dear James,

Part of George W. Bush's legacy are laws that allow our government to trample our constitutional rights in the name of "national security."

First, after 9/11, there was the PATRIOT Act, which threw open the door to massive government spying. Then there was the FISA Amendments Act of 2008, which gave retroactive immunity to the telecoms that aided Bush's illegal wiretapping program.

The FISA Amendments Act also allowed government spy agencies to suck up and store vast amounts of electronic information about people on foreign soil who don't enjoy the constitutional protections against unreasonable search and seizure afforded to American citizens.

In practice, however, loopholes in the law also allow massive amounts of warrantless spying on innocent Americans.

Progressive champion Sen. Jeff Merkley is trying to rein in intelligence programs that are spying on Americans. And this week he introduced the Protect America's Privacy Act (S. 3515) to do just that.

Tell Sens. Pryor and Boozman: Co-sponsor Sen. Merkley's Protect America's Privacy Act to end warrantless spying on Americans. Click here to automatically sign the petition. The FISA Amendments Act will expire unless it's renewed before the end of the year, and rather than carefully review its implications, the Senate is on track to rubberstamp its renewal.

But the simple fact is that it's deeply irresponsible to do so. Among other things, we don't even know how many Americans have been affected, and all indications are that the numbers have been massive.

In fact, when questioned by two senators on the Intelligence Committee about the number of Americans spied on "unintentionally" by the NSA, the Director of National Intelligence responded by saying that "it's not reasonably possible to identify the number of people located in the United States whose communications may have been reviewed under the authority of the [FISA Amendments Act]."

Before the FISA Amendments Act is renewed, it needs to be fixed. The best way to ensure this happens is to build support in the Senate for Sen. Merkley's Protect America's Privacy Act.

Tell Sens. Pryor and Boozman: Co-sponsor Sen. Merkley's Protect America's Privacy Act to end warrantless spying on Americans. Click here to automatically sign the petition. We need to back up Sen. Merkley, who is courageously standing up for our constitutional rights — something few politicians have been willing to do in the decade since September 11.

While the bill does not repeal telecom immunity for illegal spying, restore privacy protection to library and bookstore records, end National Security Letter abuse, or roll back the worst abuses of the PATRIOT Act (all issues CREDO will continue to fight for, in addition to the full repeal of the PATRIOT Act), it does make three major changes to the warrantless wiretapping program that help us end some of the abuses of the Bush era.

First, it would put stronger protections in place to ensure that spy agencies are not using this program
as an indirect way to target someone in the U.S.

Second, current law allows the government to collect information in anticipation of having its request to do so approved by a special type of top-secret court. Sen. Merkley's bill would ensure that if this court decides the procedures the government is using to collect information are improper, any information collected from Americans cannot be used in a legal proceeding.

Third, the bill would establish a new process for ensuring that if security agencies determine that information is being collected on Americans, that information cannot be accessed or searched until a proper warrant is obtained.

As ACLU Legislative Counsel Michelle Richardson said:

"This bill will give the FISA Amendments Act the overhaul it so desperately needs, restraining the government from unconstitutionally collecting and using vast amounts of data about innocent Americans. These amendments would allow collection against foreigners to continue while better protecting Americans and should be considered a win-win for both the intelligence community and the Constitution."

We need to stand up for our constitutional rights and end warrantless government spying on Americans. Sen. Merkley's bill represents the best chance of us making progress on this front this year.

Click the link below to automatically sign our petition telling Sens. Pryor and Boozman to co-sponsor Sen. Merkley's Protect America's Privacy Act to end warrantless spying on Americans:

http://act.credoaction.com/r/?r=6923533&p=merkley_spying&id=44554-600974-aaADCtx&t=10

Thank you for standing up for our constitutional rights.

Matt Lockshin, Campaign Manager CREDO Action

Dear Dick,

With Senators about to pack up and head home for the holidays, we have one last chance to contact Senators and tell them not to extend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) for another 5 years without providing Congress and the public long sought after answers about this dragnet, secret, and unchecked, surveillance program.

Senator Wyden (D-OR) has previously called for a deeper look into warrantless wiretapping authorized by the 2008 FISA Amendments, saying that “the government refuses to say how often the spy powers are being used."

The National Security Agency (NSA) has refused, despite these demands, to reveal how many Americans it has spied on through effectively unlimited powers granted in the 2008 FISA amendments.

Congress has failed to protect the privacy of email and phone conversations, and is slated to vote on the re-authorization of FISA any day, leaving a limited window to call on Congress to allow for the necessary debate on the NSA's implementation of FISA. We still have many questions, but what little we do know is alarming:

• the NSA intercepts 1.7 billion emails, phone calls and other communications every single day (Washington Post, 7/19/2010)
• the NSA says it cannot even give a rough estimate of the number of Americans
whose communications have been swept up (Wired.com, 6/18/2012)

- the NSA has reportedly overstepped the bounds of this very lax law, intercepting private emails and phone calls of Americans illegally (New York Times, 4/16/2009)
- all those communications are stored on a searchable database, allowing the government to get information on specific Americans without any suspicion that they have committed a crime (Huffington Post, 9/6/2012)

The JUSTICE Act, which would amend FISA to prevent the government from collecting phone calls and emails originating within or directed to the United States, will likely not be reintroduced in the Senate this session, let stand the decision in Holder v. Humanitarian Law Project, eroding first Amendment rights. Holder authorized guilt by association, allowing prosecutors to secure terror convictions without establishing—or even alleging—a defendant’s intent to support violence.

With no Senators willing to stand by the JUSTICE Act, and the NSA refusing to answer Senator Wyden’s tough questions, we must act now.

Take a moment and contact your Senators and demand they vote against the proposed extension of FISA until the NSA finally answers congressional questions about how many Americans have been impacted by the agency’s admitted violations.

Take action today!

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Timeline of NSA Domestic Spying

All of the evidence found in this timeline can also be found in the Summary of Evidence we submitted to the court in Jewel v. NSA. It is intended to recall all the credible accounts and information of the NSA’s domestic spying program found in the media, congressional testimony, books, and court actions. For a short description of the people involved in the spying you can look at our Profiles page, which includes many of the key characters from the NSA Domestic Spying program. MORE

https://www.eff.org/nsa-spying/timeline

MASSIVE SURVEILLANCE STATE: DOMESTIC SPYING | 'Beyond Orwellian'/NSA Whistleblowers: "All US Citizens" Targeted by Surveillance Program, Not Just Verizon Customers

To: Sue Skidmore [suesactivism@mchsi.com]

Saturday, June 08, 2013 2:57 AM

This email message is a composite dedicated to the revealed targeted surveillance program, secret wars, drone attacks, & Trance Formation of America via the New World Order. It is eye-opening and hopeful that this is all being revealed. . . . Sue

Mind Control Out Of Control - MKULTRA - Cathy O'Brien
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KF0qw-CXL2o
Trance: Formation of America by Mark Phillips and Cathy O'Brien

The Secrets of Mind Control: http://www.WantToKnow.info/mindcontrol

This mind control summary is based on astonishing excerpts from three landmark books: Bluebird by Colin Ross, MD; Mind Controllers by Armen Victorian; and A Nation Betrayed by Carol Rutz. The authors provide hundreds of footnotes to support their thorough research. Their revealing information is derived largely from 18,000 pages of declassified CIA mind control documents. To order these key
documents from the U.S. government, click here. Join in powerfully building a better world for all by spreading the word

I added in some other info to the Common Dreams Thursday news below.

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The National Security Agency: Surveillance Giant with Eyes on America
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'Reprehensible, Reckless, Illegal': Washington Officials Slam Heroic NSA Surveillance Leaker
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Anonymous Releases NSA Docs Related to Global Spy Network
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NSA PRISM Program: Is Big Data Turning Government Into 'Big Brother'?
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“The NSA Is Lying”: U.S. Government has Copies of Most of Your Emails Says NSA Whistleblower

Amy Goodman and Juan Gonzalez, Video, NationofChange, April 21, 2012. Interview: “National Security Agency whistleblower William Binney reveals he believes domestic surveillance has become more expansive under President Obama than President George W. Bush. He estimates the NSA has assembled 20 trillion ‘transactions’ — phone calls, emails and other forms of data — from Americans. This likely includes copies of almost all of the emails sent and received from most people living in the United States.” READ | DISCUSS | SHARE  http://www.nationofchange.org/nsa-lying-us-government-has-copies-most-your-emails-says-nsa-whistleblower-1335019162

David Bromwich | Total Protection Government

David Bromwich, Reader Supported News, June 8, 2013
Bromwich writes: "The security policy of the U.S. government ... has passed from secret surveillance of communications abroad to secret surveillance of all communications at home. In what stages did it happen? Some day the history will be written; for now, it is instructive to rehearse the facts." READ MORE  http://readersupportednews.org/opinion2/424-national-security/17829-total-protection-government

CISPA Critics: Cybersecurity Act Will Increase Domestic Surveillance, Violate Privacy Rights,

Amy Goodman and Juan Gonzalez, Video Report, Democracy Now, NationofChange, April 30, 2012: Backers say the measure is needed to help private firms crackdown on foreign entities — including the Chinese and Russian governments — committing online economic espionage. The bill has faced widespread opposition from online privacy advocates and even the Obama administration, which has threatened a veto. We speak with Michelle Richardson, legislative counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union. READ | DISCUSS | SHARE  http://www.nationofchange.org/cispa-critics-cybersecurity-act-will-increase-domestic-surveillance-violate-privacy-rights-133570784

How to Protect Your Communications From the NSA

Roberto Baldwin, Wired
Baldwin writes: "So how do you communicate without the whole world finding out that you've
For years civil libertarians have been blowing the whistle on the massive new NSA spy center in Utah. Now that we all know what the NSA has been up to, it's time for Congress to defund the data collection center.

Please share this with your friends Click here to tell Congress to put the brakes on that project.

For years now, civil libertarians have been blowing the whistle on the NSA's operations -- and the massive new spy center they're building in Utah to facilitate their work. Add your name at right to tell Congress to put the brakes on that project.

We now know that the NSA is spying on billions of our online communications -- in real
Here's how Wired described the spy center where they want to manage that work:

Under construction by contractors with top-secret clearances, the blandly named Utah Data Center is being built for the National Security Agency. A project of immense secrecy, it is the final piece in a complex puzzle assembled over the past decade.

Its purpose: to intercept, decipher, analyze, and store vast swaths of the world's communications as they zap down from satellites and zip through the underground and undersea cables of international, foreign, and domestic networks.

Just how much data is the NSA preparing to store at the center? On the order of yottabytes. The English language literally does not have a prefix for numbers bigger than the yotta order of magnitude. The NSA and its lackeys in government have lost all credibility. The agency is vacuuming up all of our communications, and this spy center is going to be the hub of those efforts. Tell Congress to kill the project.

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Please add your name at right to demand that Congress defund the spy center.

SECRET WEAPONS, WHISTLEBLOWING, AND SURVEILLANCE

1. THE TRUTH ABOUT SECRET WEAPONS AND THE ...
As American troops became bogged down first in Iraq and then Afghanistan, a key component of U.S. strategy was to build up local police and security forces in an attempt to establish law and order. This approach, Jeremy Kuzmarov shows, is consistent with practices honed over more than a century in developing nations within the expanding orbit of the American empire. As American troops became bogged down first in Iraq and then Afghanistan, a key component of U.S. strategy was to build up local police and security forces in an attempt to establish law and order. This approach, Jeremy Kuzmarov shows, is consistent with practices honed over more than a century in developing nations within the expanding orbit of the American empire. From the
conquest of the Philippines and Haiti at the turn of the twentieth century through Cold War interventions and the War on Terror, police training has been valued as a cost-effective means of suppressing radical and nationalist movements, precluding the need for direct U.S. military intervention and thereby avoiding the public opposition it often arouses.

Unlike the spectacular but ephemeral pyrotechnics of the battlefield, police training programs have had lasting consequences for countries under the American imperial umbrella, fostering new elites, creating powerful tools of social control, and stifling political reform. These programs have also backfired, breeding widespread resistance, violence, and instability—telltale signs of “blowback” that has done more to undermine than advance U.S. strategic interests abroad.

"A timely and important work, impressive for the breadth of its research, the clarity of its organization, the depth of its insight, and the acuity of its focus on a problem that has remained, for over a century, central to U.S. foreign policy."—Alfred W. McCoy, author of *Policing America’s Empire: The United States, the Philippines, and the Rise of the Surveillance State*

"A splendid contribution to the existing literatures that will be highly valued and much quoted by scholars and practitioners alike."—Martha D. Huggins, author of *Political Policing: The United States and Latin America*

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*Policing America’s Empire: The United States, the Philippines, and the Rise of the Surveillance State* by Alfred W. McCoy

New Perspectives in Southeast Asian Studies

"In this stunning book, McCoy reveals how empire shapes the intertwined destinies of all involved in its creation. Written with deft strokes, this is an instant classic of historical writing."
At the dawn of the twentieth century, the U.S. Army swiftly occupied Manila and then plunged into a decade-long pacification campaign with striking parallels to today’s war in Iraq. Armed with cutting-edge technology from America’s first information revolution, the U.S. colonial regime created the most modern police and intelligence units anywhere under the American flag. In *Policing America’s Empire* Alfred W. McCoy shows how this imperial panopticon slowly crushed the Filipino revolutionary movement with a lethal mix of firepower, surveillance, and incriminating information. Even after Washington freed its colony and won global power in 1945, it would intervene in the Philippines periodically for the next half-century—using the country as a laboratory for counterinsurgency and rearming local security forces for repression. In trying to create a democracy in the Philippines, the United States unleashed profoundly undemocratic forces that persist to the present day.

But security techniques bred in the tropical hothouse of colonial rule were not contained, McCoy shows, at this remote periphery of American power. Migrating homeward through both personnel and policies, these innovations helped shape a new federal security apparatus during World War I. Once established under the pressures of wartime mobilization, this distinctively American system of public-private surveillance persisted in various forms for the next fifty years, as an omnipresent, *sub rosa* matrix that honeycombed U.S. society with active informers, secretive civilian organizations, and government counterintelligence agencies. In each succeeding global crisis, this covert nexus expanded its domestic operations, producing new contraventions of civil liberties—from the harassment of labor activists and ethnic communities during World War I, to the mass incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II, all the way to the secret blacklisting of suspected communists during the Cold War.

"This remarkable study provides a meticulous analysis of the novel colonial system developed by the U.S. in the Philippines after the murderous conquest, with startling implications for the shape of the modern world. As McCoy demonstrates, the U.S. occupation developed a major innovation in imperial practice, relying on the ‘information revolution’ of the day to establish intense surveillance and control of the occupied population, along with violence when needed and privileges to obedient elites. This ‘protracted social experiment in the use of police as an instrument of state power’ left a devastating legacy for the Philippines, while also contributing substantially to the modes of suppression of independence and social change elsewhere, and returning home to lay the foundations for a national security and surveillance state."
—Noam Chomsky, MIT

"A stunning, exemplary, and hair-raising fusion of colonial and metropolitan histories. McCoy shows how the Philippines served as a laboratory subject for experiments in policing, intelligence, and ‘black-operations’ that were then repatriated to shape the American domestic surveillance state from World War I forward. This is history at its most powerful and most subversive of imperial self-hypnosis."
—James C. Scott, Yale University

"With a breathtaking sweep of archival research, McCoy shows how repressive techniques
developed in the colonial Philippines migrated back to the United States for use against people of color, aliens, and really any heterodox challenge to American power. This book proves Mark Twain’s adage that you cannot have an empire abroad and a republic at home.” —Bruce Cumings, University of Chicago

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