
Subject: Re: Patriot Act Renewal rejected by the Senate
Posted by [Nodbugger](#) on Sun, 01 Jan 2006 00:09:16 GMT
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SuperFlyingEngi wrote on Sat, 31 December 2005 17:59j_ball430 wrote on Sat, 31 December 2005 11:20SuperFlyingEngi wrote on Sat, 31 December 2005 10:14One last thing: Who knows how many terrorists have been succesfully prosecuted and brought to justice by President Bush? Who cares?

Think reaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaal hard about this one, and the answer might come to you.

NodbuggerThey aren't illegal, I had already proven that.

What you proved is that you don't know very much about how the government works.

NodbuggerAdditionally the FISC may be unconstitutional, because it may be a attempt by congress to impose restrictions on the executive Branch of the governement outside of the constitutional admendment process.

This just makes no sense. Congress can impose restrictions on the Executive without amending the Constitution. Ever heard of the War Powers Act?

NodbuggerBased on this ruling, the President may have the authority to use warentless wiretaps on Foreign National even if it involves US citizens, regardless of the FISC act.

This, of course, is not what the ruling says at all. And isn't the issue at hand either, oddly enough.

President Bush is illegally authorizing the NSA to spy on American citizens inside America without warrants. Skipping warrants, the NSA isn't even supposed to spy inside the U.S.

Nodbugger
<http://www.rasmussenreports.com/2005/NSA.htm>

Quote:December 28, 2005--Sixty-four percent (64%) of Americans believe the National Security Agency (NSA) should be allowed to intercept telephone conversations between terrorism suspects in other countries and people living in the United States. A Rasmussen Reports survey found that just 23% disagree.

Oddly enough, that's not even the situation at hand. Nice try at using a meaningless statistic to bolster your argument, though.

Grasping at straws now?

I don't even think you live in the US and it is quite obvious you have never taken a class or read a

book about the US government.

This is a court case that says the president can do this. It isn't very hard to understand.

And no, Congress cannot impose restrictions on the executive Branch, ever hear of Separation of powers? The War Powers act doesn't limit what the president can do, it isn't a presidential power to wage war. The war powers act gives them that ability.

The NSA, lets break that Acronym down. National Security Agency. Not international, but national. While they are specializing in foreign activity, they can spy domestically when it involves foreign citizens.

I think you might also like to take a look at this.

<http://www.cia.gov/cia/information/eo12333.html>

Quote:2.5 Attorney General Approval. The Attorney General hereby is delegated the power to approve the use for intelligence purposes, within the United States or against a United States person abroad, of any technique for which a warrant would be required if undertaken for law enforcement purposes, provided that such techniques shall not be undertaken unless the Attorney General has determined in each case that there is probable cause to believe that the technique is directed against a foreign power or an agent of a foreign power. Electronic surveillance, as defined in the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, shall be conducted in accordance with that Act, as well as this Order.

Like I said, the attorney General can authorize a warrant less wiretap.
