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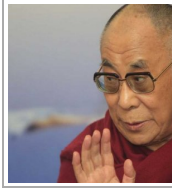
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We've covered how, since 9/11, the National Security Agency has spied on electronic communications of Americans without the court-approved warrants ordinarily required for domestic spying.

The organization has done this by hiring Israeli contractors to bug the U.S. telecommunications network (<http://www.businessinsider.com/companies-with-connections-to-israeli-intelligence-wiretap-the-us-for-the-nsa-2012-4>) and building massive complexes such as their secretive \$2 billion Utah spy center (<http://www.businessinsider.com/top-nsa-general-says-this-new-2->

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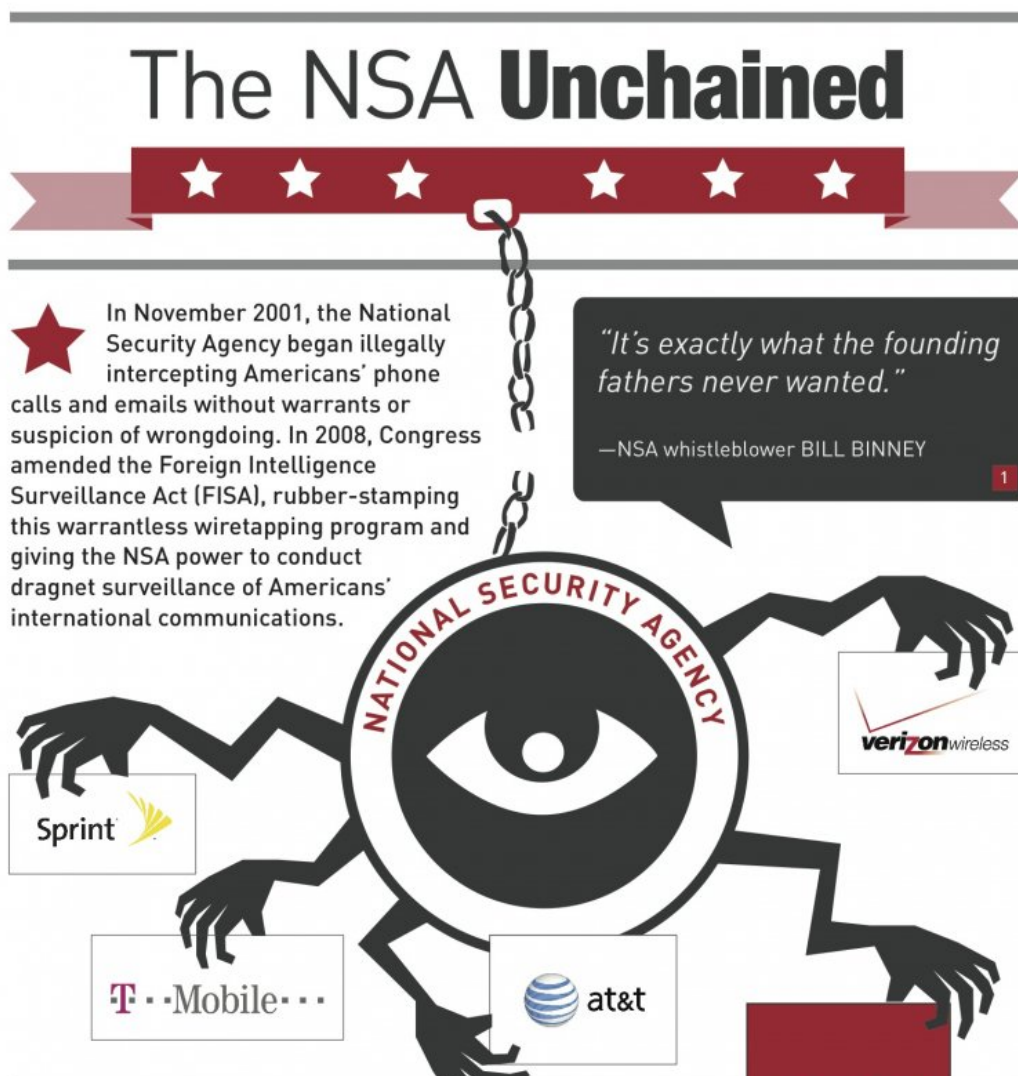
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5) emails, phone calls, and other types of communications" every day.

The American Civil Liberties Union has created this handy

infographic (<http://www.aclu.org/national-security/nsa-unchained-infographic>) that shows how the NSA's domestic spying program thrives with impunity today:



Every day, the NSA intercepts and stores **1.7 billion** emails, phone calls, texts, and other electronic communications.



That's equivalent to **138 million books**, every 24 hours.



The NSA has as many employees as the CIA and the FBI combined.



FBI "officials complained privately that they were forced to chase many hundreds of NSA-generated leads that . . . often seemed to wind up with the pizza delivery man."

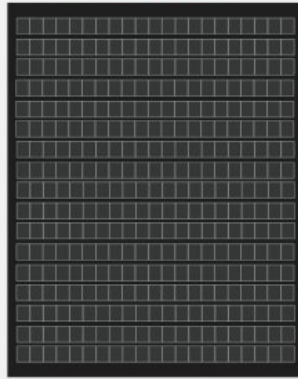
—New York Times reporter ERIC LICHTBLAU

Americans' Private Data



NSA Data Center

U.S. Capitol



The NSA has dozens of facilities around the globe. The new NSA data center in Utah alone is **5.7 times the size of the U.S. Capitol**.



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In addition to legalizing President Bush's warrantless wiretapping program, the 2008 FISA Amendments Act gave telecommunications companies **retroactive immunity** for disclosing Americans' communications.

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When probed by Congressional intelligence committees about surveillance under the amended law, intelligence officials admitted the agency had been engaged in **"significant and systemic" "overcollection"** of Americans' domestic communications.



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Government reports confirm that the NSA has violated FISA, but the NSA **refuses to release information** about these abuses.

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