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Is Uncle Sam Watching You?



The Patriot Act threatens our basic civil rights

**Under the Patriot Act American citizens
not suspected of:**

Any illegal or terrorist act.

Any connection to a foreign government or terrorist
organization.

Are subject to intelligence gathering:

Personal records (financial, medical, work and school)
can be seized.

Internet correspondence can be tracked and traced.

Library and bookstore records can be examined.

Telephone conversations can be wire-tapped.

Property can be copied and taken without our
knowledge.

“Sneak and Peek” searches of home or office can be
done without notice.

This is a violation of our privacy rights.

The Fourth Amendment of the Bill of Rights

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.

Under the Patriot Act, a secret federal court can issue a
court order authorizing thousands of search and
surveillance activities without probable cause or any
specific naming of those to be investigated.

Searches frequently have a “gag order” which prohibits
anyone from telling the person being investigated.
This prevents any legal court challenge to investigations to
prevent abuse by law enforcement agencies.

The Department of Justice has restricted access to
information so that the public, media, and even the Congress
does not know how these rules are being applied. This
prevents the House Judiciary Committee from reviewing
actions of the Justice Department or holding them
accountable.