

ODNI Review Group Comments
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To the Esteemed Committee,

The United States surveillance apparatus is the ultimate power in the world, and I suggest we continue to use it to the fullest. Fear will keep the people in line: fear of this surveillance power.

My proposed doctrine optimally protects our national security against foreign threats and domestic forces that seek to undermine our strength, such as the Muslim-sounding group Al Deraan, which proposes disarmament and is opposed to our various wars for what can only be sinister reasons. Dissent against the security apparatus is every bit as dangerous as domestic terrorism, for it weakens our might, and without the strength to dominate the many enemies we've made by ruthlessly pursuing our foreign policy interests, our empire will slip through our fingers.

I applaud committee member Darth Sunstein for suggesting we infiltrate the social networks of those who dare accuse us of malfeasance, <http://www.emptywheel.net/2013/08/22/advocate-of-secret-infiltration-cass-sunstein-on-obamas-committee-to-make-us-trust-the-dragnet/>}, and I applaud the White House for proposing to study and disrupt the means by which our citizens develop ideas we consider "radical." <http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2013/02/05/working-counter-online-radicalization-violence-united-states>}

We must continue to improve the methods we use to discredit and intimidate social movements over the past decades so that we may continue to crush these rebellions. Our Hand must remain free to accomplish domestic surveillance and propaganda if we are to continue wielding power with impunity.

We must also build upon the success of the NSA at dissolving effective oversight by the Senate and the judiciary. There was a time for secretly evading checks and balances, for lying to overseers and using absurd legal arguments for cover, but that time is behind us. The full glory of our power is on display for the world to see, and now is the time to purge the followers of that sad religion called "democracy" from our ranks and take our rightful place as rulers of the galaxy.