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Subject: Afraid Yet?

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Actually many of those rights you speak of are temporarily suspended by the Patriot Act. The government can scan any computer, tap any phone, or raid any house as long as they have any suspicion of terrorist activity. They no longer need warrants. You say people like us don't need to worry about this, but American citizens have been arrested using these tactics.

And of course the system wouldn't be used to scan every person who could possibly commit a crime, because every person in the world could do just about anything under the right circumstances, but it could deem that certain people have a particularly high tendency to do something criminal. Very similar to how it determines that certain people are more likely to commit a terrorist act...

But that's really aside the point. Our rights are being stripped away by the government constantly instituting more invasive methods of law enforcement. It comes down to how much freedom you're willing to give up for a false sense of security.

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