Can We Trust the Government? Can they Trust Us?

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**Introduction**
Have people lost trust in their government?

- Is the federal government losing its trust in its own people and other foreign nations?
- Are we beginning to lose trust in our federal government?
- Can the government truly ensure safety for the American public?
- Will there be another catastrophic terrorist attack?
- Can the U.S. Government protect us from cyber crime?

"The only thing we have to fear... is fear itself."
– Franklin D. Roosevelt

**Research Questions**
- Are people aware of the Government Wiretapping internet accounts to catch terrorists and criminals?
- Is it constitutional?

**Methodology**
Surveyed 690 internet users

- In-depth interviews
- Literature review

**Snowden Leaks**
Edward Snowden was a former CIA employee and former NSA contractor who leaked classified documents on NSA's surveillance and wiretapping antics.

Do Citizens have a right to know what their government is doing?

"If the government is keeping secrets from us, that's another good reason for me not to trust them."

**Conclusion**

The police and federal government are afraid that there may be a terrorist or a criminal around every corner.

People's accounts are being hacked.

In order for relations to be maintained, trust must be built.

Gone are the days of the “trust in our government.”

**Findings**

Survey of 690 internet users

- In-depth interview with internet users
- Observation of internet use behaviors
- Literature review on government internet spying

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**Research Questions**

- Are people aware of the Government Wiretapping tactics?
- Is it constitutional?

**Findings**

- Believes the government is doing the right thing
- Doesn’t think we need an explanation about what they’re doing
- Doesn’t have anything to hide, and people shouldn’t have to worry.

**Conclusions**
Younger people did not really like the idea of being spied on, while some older people said that it’s not really an issue at all. Young people with phones are easy to track. The government finds a way to allow it to happen regardless of controversy.

**Digital Life Vs. Personal Life**
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**Introduction**

Our digital selves are beginning to overshadow our physical selves. This poster examines the degree to which our digital presence has come to dominate our lives.

**Survey Findings**

- Users 10+ times/day & 4-10 times/day:
  - Facebook: 25% / 21%
  - Instagram: 49%/20%
  - Twitter: 39%/15%
  - Tumblr: 26%/11%

**Methods**

- Survey (690 people)
- In-depth Interviews
- Observations
- Literary reviews

**Conclusion**

The evolution of our digital footprint has begun to surpass our physical presence for some people. We do not yet know much people can replace one with the other.

**References**