

All eyes on us

The government intrusion into our privacy is worse than we thought, which is what we thought

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It has recently come to light in the public sphere that the National Security Agency is essentially scooping up the phone calls and emails of, well, basically all the world's citizens. It's for our security, they say.

Often, people are reluctant to take action against a creeping erosion of civil liberties until it hits home. Well, it hit home for Street Roots recently, when we learned that the heretofore unknown SSNSA, or Super-Secret National Security Agency, an even higher player in this increasingly labyrinthine state security apparatus, has been gathering copies of Street Roots in its information trawl-nets as well.

The SSNSA has installed a computer terminal in a corner of the Street Roots office, under the aegis of "national security." A certain Agent Smithjones of that agency purchases a copy of each edition – and asks for a receipt – before proceeding to type that issue verbatim into his SSNSA computer terminal. To what end, Street Roots does not know.

However, we were able to uncover a few answers when Agent Smithjones acquiesced to an interview (he's not allowed to leave his post, so we basically told him we'd bring him back a bacon maple bar from Voodoo Doughnut and he said we could have 10 minutes – Ed.).

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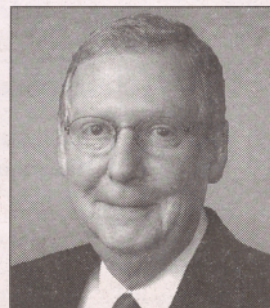
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