

What We Should Do

Nobody asked but ...

In his speech on the NSA, Obama said this, “But America’s capabilities are unique. And the power of new technologies means that there are fewer and fewer technical constraints on what we can do. That places a special obligation on us to ask tough questions about what we should do.” (emphasis from original speech). And what do you think he means by this? I think he means that this is an answer that he will determine on our behalf. I missed this interpretation of the scope of government in my studies of civics. But this is advance notice that our government has now broken completely free of the bonds of prescriptive law and constitutional limitation — and I use the term, “advance,” advisedly; the government has been pretty much at liberty with these things all along. In practical terms, Obama is saying that while there may be some cosmetic precautions, for which he is taking an empty responsibility, that the NSA is, for all intents and purposes, and by default, **autonomous** and **outside the law**. (emphasis added)

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