

## DEBATE

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Resolution: The benefits of domestic surveillance by the National Security Agency outweigh the harms.

- Civil liberties vs national security
- How likely is a terrorist to attack you – as likely as being hit with space junk

Dates: Elementary April 29, 2016  
Middle School: April 28, 2016

Resources:

<https://sites.google.com/site/utahdebatecoachesassociation/middle-elem/>

NSA Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8pcWlyU>

Utah Debate Coaches Association (see elementary and middle school tap at top of page)

<http://www.utahdebatecoaches.org/>

Topic Paper on Domestic Surveillance Pro

<http://debate-central.ncpa.org/wpcontent/uploads/2013/10/NSA-Pro-Outline.pdf>

Topic Paper on Domestic Surveillance Con

<http://debate-central.ncpa.org/wpcontent/uploads/2013/10/Con-Outline-Corrected.pdf>

Background on Domestic Surveillance

<http://everydaydebate.blogspot.com/2013/10/pf-november-2013-nsa-introduction-and.html>

Topic Primer

[http://www.pfdebate.com/uploads/PFDbate TopicPrimer Nov2013.pdf](http://www.pfdebate.com/uploads/PFDbate%20TopicPrimer%20Nov2013.pdf)

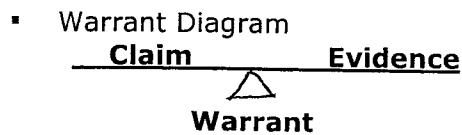
Original Oratory

Elementary: 4 minute memorized speech of original content

### Format of the Debate

**Public Forum: Team Debate about current events, using logic, evidence, and speaking skills to persuade your judge.**

- The topic you are arguing is called a resolution. A resolution is an idea for a change.
- Definitions
  - **NSA** The United States cryptologic organization that coordinates and directs highly specialized activities to protect United States information systems and to produce foreign intelligence information
  - **Cryptology** is the mathematics, such as number theory, and the application of formulas and algorithms
  - **Data Mining** is the practice of using powerful supercomputers and advanced algorithms to analyze vast amounts of information for patterns of behavior.
  - **Domestic Surveillance:** the intelligence community best understands domestic surveillance as the gathering of nonpublic information concerning United States persons.
  - **Public Forum Definitions**
    - **Contention** something that someone argues about
    - **Claim** as assertion of the truth of something
    - **Evidence** is the available body of facts or information indicating whether a belief or proposition is true or valid.
    - **Warrant** interprets the evidence and shows how it supports your claim.



- Pro Only NSA- style surveillance can address the new terrorist threats. In the aftermath of September 11, 2001, the intelligence community was criticized for failing to “connect the dots.” The ability to intercept signals or communications particularly where there is a reason to believe one or more parties is a foreign terrorist is essential in today’s modern world of global networks and interaction. (Chertoff, 2013)
- Format is an argument exchange back and forth – affirmative and negative.
- Each side (affirmative and negative)
  - Claim – small
    - Needs tag line
    - Summary quote, may include a warrant
  - Warrant – multiple evidence presented with logic
    - Think on a warrant level
    - Teeth of the argument
    - Starts small and grows – with logic and strong evidence and statistics
  - Impact Level – “so what”
- Impact Calculations
 

Affirmative

  - Defending civil liberties (research .org civil liberties and debate.org innocent until proven guilty)
 

Note: Freedom of speech, Freedom of assembly, Freedom of religion  
Drones are good if due process is followed; chilling effect if giving away rights and freedoms; The Patriot Act does not follow due process;  
process: “sneak & peek”  
You’re worse than dead if you have no rights.  
The Terrorist Act was a political move  
was to strike fear into people

Negative

  - What do you have to hide?
  - You don’t have rights when you’re dead.