

Current affairs: Government Surveillance – Answer Key -

Useful vocab to talk about surveillance: answers

Terrorism	The use of violence and threats to frighten and force one's will on another, esp. for political purposes.
Civil liberties	Fundamental rights that every citizen should be entitled to have as a part of society.
Terrorist Surveillance Program	Government program dedicated to supervising all citizen movement and personal information if they are considered possible terrorists.
Hijackers	Terrorists that capture or control a vehicle with people to hold them as hostages or kill them.
Leak	Spreading of secret information by an unnamed source.
NSA (National Security Agency)	USA government surveillance office.
Encryption	To encipher or encode a message or a digital signal.
Surveillance state	The constant condition of being closely watched by the government.
The principle of Proportionality	The legal principle that establishes that there should be balancing between competing values in order to decide the appropriate magnitude of a measure.
Targeted surveillance	Supervision focused on one particular individual who is a suspect of terrorisms or other crimes.

Video comprehension answers:

- a) After 9/11.
- b) 8000 people.
- c) 0 terrorists were found.
- d) 2013.
- e) Microsoft and Google.
- f) One of the Boston Marathon Bombers.
- g) Because it could be used to weaken the privacy of users and open the possibility of governments to possess control over the technology that controls the information from millions of people around the world.



- h) Turn your cell phone's microphone and your laptop's camera on, without you noticing.
- i) France expanded their anti-terrorism laws by giving law enforcement more power to conduct house raids and apply house arrests.
- j) Turkey has undermined their freedom of speech by sending to prison people who criticize the government.

