

Proof that Power, Money and Crushing Dissent Are NSA's Real Motives for Spying

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The NSA not only spied on the leaders of [Germany](#), [Brazil](#) and [Mexico](#), but on at least [35 world leaders](#).

The Guardian [reports](#):

One unnamed US official handed over 200 numbers, including those of the 35 world leaders, none of whom is named. These were immediately “tasked” for monitoring by the NSA.

That’s just one incident we know about. The NSA also spies on the [European Union](#), the [European Parliament](#), the [G20 summit](#) and other allies.

The NSA [asked](#) government agencies to share their Rolodexes, so the NSA would have phone numbers for top foreign political and military leaders.

A confidential government memo [admits](#) that the spying didn’t help prevent terrorism:

The memo acknowledges that eavesdropping on the numbers had produced “little reportable intelligence”.

Because the leaders of allies such as Germany, Brazil, Mexico, the EU and G-20 have no ties to Al Qaeda terrorists, the spying was obviously done for *other* purposes.

The NSA conducts [widespread industrial espionage](#) on our allies. That has nothing to do with terrorism, either.

Indeed, there is [no evidence that mass surveillance has prevented a single terrorist attack](#). On the contrary, top counter-terror experts say that mass spying [actually hurts U.S. counter-terror efforts](#)(more [here](#) and [here](#)).

If NSA spying were really focused on terrorism, our allies and companies [wouldn't be fighting back so hard](#) against it.

And even the argument that 9/11 changed everything holds no water. [Spying](#) started [before 9/11](#) ... and [various excuses have been used to spy on Americans over the years](#). Even NSA’s industrial espionage has been going on for [many decades](#). And the NSA was already spying on American Senators more than [40 years ago](#).

Governments who spy on their own population [always do it to crush dissent](#). (Why do you think that the NSA is doing *exactly* the same thing which [King George did to the American colonists ... which led to the Revolutionary War?](#))

Of course, if even *half* of what a NSA whistleblower Russel Tice says – that [the NSA is spying on – and blackmailing – top American government officials and military officers](#) (and [see this](#)) – then things are *really* out of whack.

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