

Should the U.S be Spying on Its Friends?
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Should friends spy on friends? The U.S was spying on the Germans a couple weeks ago in Germany. Germany found out and was offended that America didn't trust them. They trusted them and they were astonished they would do this. But I think the U.S should be spying on its allies because we need to know what is going on in the world, to make sure we are safe and to know if our allies are in trouble.

Since Europe and the Middle East are far away, we don't know if any other countries are plotting against us. A lot of people don't like America, so we are starting to lose our allies. China is starting to become quiet on us for some reason. President Obama doesn't know completely why, but it might have to do with them making too many things for us. China is one of our allies and if we start to lose them, we will not be able to receive some of the important things that they build for us. Terrorist attacks are popping up more frequently for some reason, which gives America the right to see if they are plotting against us. Plus we are really unsure about North Korea. They have been doing something over there that we cannot find out. North Korea were test firing their missiles close to California. Those bombs are super dangerous. Although U.S.A. told them to stop and they did. Then there was the Sony hacking, and most people think it was from North Korea too. We aren't hundred percent sure it was them but they had a lot of reasons to do it.

People around the world exaggerate when we spied on Germany, but it isn't the first time. A lot of countries have been spying on other countries for centuries. It's not like we are the first ones. Russia was actually been doing the same thing to Germany as well. In fact, it wasn't us who spied on Germany. It was Russia the whole time, but they gave us the information. Nevertheless, we were basically spying on them. England has been spying on South Africa too. South Africa is really mad. On the other hand, they are not super mad at them, because they know they mean well. Either way, England did spy on them. U.S.A was just spying on Germany to make sure nothing was wrong.

America doesn't just think of themselves when they do it. We need to know if our allies are in trouble. Some of our allies might need our help, fighting each others, maybe fighting themselves. Others do plot against our allies. The Middle East is difficult, always fighting, one problem after another. It seems like it never stops down there. Some of our soldiers are down there, helping others. They may need supplies down there or in trouble, because since they are far away we might not know. Also, terrorist attacks are coming frequently. In Paris, terrorists were attacking a school. It is scary that we couldn't stop that, or France could not. Sometimes it goes too far. If no one is going to stop this, it might as well be us. In the Middle East, Isis is going out of control, and they are super dangerous. They're growing bolder, attacking lots of places there. A lot of people, though, understand why Isis is able to attack there. It is strange that they would attack France of all places. America just doesn't want another 9/11.

Why would the U.S.A not trust Germany and start spying on them? Aren't they their allies? Some people think that. They believe the U.S shouldn't be spying on their friends because Obama should trust his allies. But other people think Germany had nothing to do with this. People believe it is just him making sure nothing is wrong in Europe over there. He is just think about others. Germany hasn't been doing anything suspicious, so I don't know why he would spy over there. I guess he thought something was really wrong and they needed help in France because of the terrorist.

I feel the U.S should be spying on its allies because we need to know what is going on in the world to make sure everyone is safe. Everyone needs help sometimes and other times we just want to know what is going on. And it is not like we are bad people in America, other countries do the same thing. So I believe that we need to help others and not think about all the negatives.

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