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Thread: [Thoughts on this quote from Edward Snowden?](#)

pkdarn - November 23, 2020, 11:05 am

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Omniscient - November 23, 2020, 11:54 am

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Zeus - November 23, 2020, 11:57 am

I like snowden he is a good guy watched a few documentaries.
Good work he is done but now he is under the eye.

TheGoobr - November 23, 2020, 11:59 am

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account_ - November 23, 2020, 12:01 pm

We should have privacy, even if you have nothing to hide, even if you have something to hide, you should be still entitled to have privacy. big brother is watching you, well wants too.

Forensic - November 23, 2020, 12:08 pm

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pkdarn - November 23, 2020, 12:39 pm

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Thinking further down this same line of thought, how else might our governments keep us safe without surveillance? Where do you draw the line between keeping citizens safe, and invasion of privacy?

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Just looked up 1984 - are you referring to the book? I'll have to check it out.

I definitely agree with that analogy.

MarvinMalware - November 23, 2020, 12:43 pm

I firmly agree with this statement, in fact, it's quite important to feel this way in my opinion.

pkdarn - November 23, 2020, 12:46 pm

(Nov 23, 2020 01:08 PM)Forensiccc Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Just a quote to emphasize privacy is important. Nothing special about it.

Do you agree with this quote? Again, from Edward Snowden. "When you say, 'I have nothing to hide,' you're saying, 'I don't care about this right.'"

Forensic - November 23, 2020, 12:47 pm

(Nov 23, 2020 01:46 PM)pkdarn Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Do you agree with this quote? Again, from Edward Snowden. "When you say, 'I have nothing to hide,' you're saying, 'I don't care about this right.'"

Yeah, I broadly agree. Some people care about privacy some don't. Those that don't do not get to dictate the terms to those that do.

account_ - November 23, 2020, 12:49 pm

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pkdarn - November 23, 2020, 1:17 pm

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pkdarn - November 23, 2020, 1:26 pm

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It's hard to have power without having money. Something a lot of people underestimate is the power of bribery. \$100k can change someones life, yet is chump change to the rich and wealthy.

account_ - November 23, 2020, 2:20 pm

thats were the quotes Who watches the watchers and the snowdon one come in, presidents, politicians etc the list is very big, around the world with no privacy being watched by the watchers, who then have the power because of what the a privileged to, can control them etc.

Cooligan - November 23, 2020, 2:22 pm

I think it's a fantastic quote for numerous reasons. One being the fact that the US allows you the right to both free speech and the right to privacy, two things not a single soul should ever take for granted.

jecoylec - November 23, 2020, 9:58 pm

This is my first time reading this thought, and I like the quote.

Psilocybinaut - November 23, 2020, 10:29 pm

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Yup! There's a pretty good movie called Snowden about his life. Pretty good, not sure how true to life it is though.

2xTheTap115 - November 24, 2020, 2:23 pm

I think that it is actually an accurate comparison of both freedoms and at the same time clearly shows how privacy is perceived by authorities around the world. Our "privacy" has been marketed as "great merch at an affordable price" for many years and people like Snowden have given us the opportunity to see the scale of this incident. The guy has really big balls and you have to admit it??

Gigabyte - November 24, 2020, 2:36 pm

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Omni, just out of interest where are you on the "privacy freak" scale? What desktop/mobile OS' do you use? Do you think Android distros such as GrapheneOS/CalyxOS are worth it?

flyingduck - November 24, 2020, 5:47 pm

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nothing_to_hide_argument

goebbels invented "who has nothing to hide...- argument. makes you wonder...

Rezon ® - November 25, 2020, 2:09 am

Love the guy and only speaks the truth, he should be granted a fair trial in the US and be cleared of the charges!