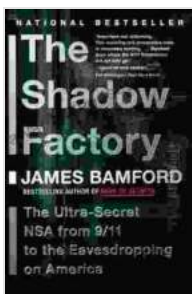


# NSA: The Ultra Secret Agency From 11 to Eavesdropping on America

The National Security Agency (NSA) is one of the most secretive and powerful organizations in the United States. It is responsible for collecting and analyzing intelligence information from around the world. The NSA has been involved in numerous controversies over the years, including the warrantless wiretapping of American citizens and the collection of metadata from phone calls and emails.

## History of the NSA

The NSA was founded in 1952 by President Harry S. Truman. The agency was originally known as the Armed Forces Security Agency (AFSA). The AFSA was responsible for providing communications security for the US military. In 1952, the AFSA was renamed the NSA and its mission was expanded to include the collection and analysis of foreign intelligence.



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The NSA played a major role in the Cold War. The agency was responsible for collecting intelligence on the Soviet Union and its allies. The NSA also played a role in the Vietnam War and the War on Terror.

## **The NSA's Role in American Society**

The NSA's mission is to collect and analyze intelligence information from around the world. The agency uses a variety of methods to collect intelligence, including satellites, wiretaps, and computer hacking. The NSA also collects metadata from phone calls and emails.

The NSA's intelligence is used by the US government to make decisions about foreign policy and national security. The NSA's intelligence has also been used to prevent terrorist attacks and to track down criminals.

## **Controversies Involving the NSA**

The NSA has been involved in numerous controversies over the years. One of the most controversial programs was the warrantless wiretapping program that was revealed by Edward Snowden in 2013. The program allowed the NSA to collect phone records of millions of Americans without a warrant.

Another controversial program is the collection of metadata from phone calls and emails. The NSA collects this data in order to track the movements of people and to identify potential threats. However, some people believe that this program is an invasion of privacy.

## **The Future of the NSA**

The NSA is likely to remain a controversial agency for years to come. The agency's mission is essential to national security, but its methods are often seen as intrusive. The NSA will need to find a way to balance its national security mission with the privacy rights of Americans.

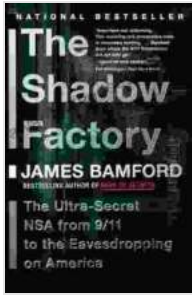
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## **Additional Resources**

- NSA website
- New York Times article on the NSA warrantless wiretapping program
- Washington Post article on the NSA collection of metadata from phone calls

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