There are no true good acts to support the privacy in Electronic Surveillance. Each Act either has a caveat or complete hole in the logic where all users can be monitored.

This document shall give 4 different Acts where our privacy is not being supported or is inherently being harmed. The first Act I shall address is *The Communications Act of 1934*. This specific Act is simply about making communications available “so far as possible” to all Americans. This act has been overridden by the *Homeland Security Act* which was enacted in 2002.  The law's language makes clear that investigation and prosecution of [terrorism](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Terrorism) remains with the FBI and assigns DHS only an analytical and advisory role in intelligence activities. This act allows all networks to be monitored. There is no security for your systems there.

The FISA (*The Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act*) is a huge invasion of the public’s privacy. It allows the Government to monitor the public for any possible terrorists. But this allows them monitor people without a warrant. The “suspect” doesn’t even have to be notified that they are being watched. This is a huge invasion of privacy, and there is no way around it.

The *Electronic Communication Privacy Act* “protects” users from being tapped or listened to over any form of electronic communication. It is probably one of best acts currently supported by the American Government. However the ECPA is also overridden by FISA and by the *Patriot Act* which I will write about below. The ECPA does not give employees the right to privacy when at work, employers are allowed to monitor *every* signal sent in an out of their offices. One sad thing missing, is that Governments can actually track cell phones in real time without a search warrant under ECPA by analyzing information as to antennae being contacted by cell phones, as long as the cell phone is used in public where visual surveillance is available. This means that without a warrant, everyone with a cell phone (not even one with a GPS) can be legally tracked. This specifically is a huge hole in the ECPA’s security.

The *Patriot Act* was signed in October of 2001. It is the largest violation of privacy in American History. The Surveillance Procedures Title of the Patriot act allows government agencies to gather "foreign intelligence information" from both U.S. and non-U.S. citizens, and changed FISA to make gaining foreign intelligence information the significant purpose of FISA-based surveillance, where previously it had been the primary purpose. This means that they are *always* monitoring all communications. This takes the ECPA to a whole new level of invasion of privacy. There is nothing you can hide that the *USA Patriot Act* does not break.

There is no longer any basic human right to privacy in the US.