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ADVANCED WORD LIST-1 (NOV 16, 2021)

1. pegasus (noun) – spyware, that can hack any iOS or Android device and steal a variety of data from the infected device, developed by the Israeli cyber-arms firm, NSO Group.
2. chilling (adjective) – frightening, terrifying, disturbing/horrifying.
3. complacency (noun) – carelessness, laziness, laxity; self-satisfaction, smugness, self-regard.
4. snoop (verb) – to look around secretly to find out (private) information about someone/something; pry, spy on, intrude on, poke one's nose in; investigate, ferret around in.
5. alleged (adjective) – supposed, claimed, professed, purported, reported, ostensible.
6. garb (noun) – an outward appearance, form, guise.
7. startle (verb) – surprise, shock, alarm, frighten/scare.
8. bug (verb) - record, tap, listen in on, eavesdrop on, spy on.
9. suppress (verb) – control, contain, restrain, stifle, muzzle.
10. dissent (noun) – disagreement, lack of agreement, difference of opinion, protest, opposition, disapproval.
11. revelation (noun) – disclosure, declaration, report/news, announcement.
12. spyware (noun) – a category of software which aims to steal personal or organizational information.
13. reverberation (noun) - consequence, repercussion, ramification; fallout.
14. stonewall (verb) – obstruct, impede, interfere with, hinder, hamper, block, interrupt.
15. wash away (phrasal verb) - (of water) to remove someone/something away to another place.
16. deny (verb) – reject, abandon, discard.
17. scandal (noun) – impropriety, misconduct, wrongdoing.

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18. **Watergate** (proper noun) – It was one of the greatest domestic scandals in American political history, leading to the resignation of the President, Richard Nixon, and the trial and conviction of many of the men closest to him. (In June 1972, an attempt was made to bug (spy) the Democratic Party office, in a complex of buildings named Watergate, based in Washington DC. The following investigation revealed a tangled web of wrongdoing of almost unfathomable (mysterious) scale and complexity, implicating (involving in a criminal activity) the highest levels of the White House administration up to and including the president).
19. **bring down** (phrasal verb) – overthrow, depose, oust, unseat, overturn, topple.
20. **business as usual** (phrase) – a normal state of affairs, the daily round, routine, a normal pattern.
21. **look into** (phrasal verb) - investigate, explore, inquire about, find out about, ask questions about.
22. **allegation** (noun) – charge, accusation, indictment.
23. **solicitor** (noun) – lawyer, legal representative, legal practitioner, legal executive.
24. **high-profile** (adjective) – prominent, most important, attracting much public attention.
25. **welfare** (noun) – social security, government/state benefit, public assistance.
26. **blacklist** (verb) – boycott, avoid, embargo, ignore, refuse to use.
27. **entity list** (noun) - it is a trade restriction list published by the US Department of Commerce's Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS), consisting of certain foreign persons, entities, or governments.
28. **suspected** (adjective) – believed (to be true with some evidence).
29. **abuse** (noun) - misuse, misapplication, misemployment.
30. **surveillance** (noun) – monitoring, observation, scrutiny, inspection.
31. **blatant** (adjective) – evident, flagrant/glaring, obvious, palpable.
32. **defiant** (adjective) – resistant, obstinate, uncooperative, noncompliant, confrontational, challenging.
33. **public interest litigation (PIL)** (noun) – legal action initiated in a court of law for the enforcement or protection of public interest.
34. **public interest** (noun) – the public good; the advantage/benefit of the community in general.

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35. **litigation** (noun) – legal action, lawsuit, legal case.
36. **above all** (phrase) – most importantly, primarily, essentially.
37. **inaction** (noun) – inactivity, negligence, disregard.
38. **bench** (noun) – a court of law with a number of judges.
39. **oversee** (verb) – supervise, be in charge of, be responsible for, look after, keep an eye on, inspect.
40. **faith** (noun) – trust, belief, confidence, conviction.
41. **spy** (upon) (verb) – watch secretly, observe furtively, keep under observation, keep an eye on.
42. **embolden** (verb) – encourage, motivate; strengthen, fortify.
43. **civilian** (noun) – non-military person, ordinary citizen.
44. **suppression** (noun) – repression, clampdown, crackdown, restriction, crushing, quelling, stifling.
45. **instil** (verb) – introduce, inspire, implant, inculcate.
46. **dynamic** (adjective) – strong, forceful, powerful, potent,
47. **evoke** (verb) – invoke, cause, give rise to, bring forth.
48. **pray** (verb) – appeal to, ask/request earnestly, plead, petition, solicit.
49. **consistently** (adverb) – always, each time, invariably.
50. **invade** (verb) – intrude, violate, encroach, infringe, trespass, obtrude.
51. **intelligence** (noun) – information gathering, surveillance, observation, spying, espionage, undercover work.
52. **constitutional** (adjective) – legal, lawful, legitimate.
53. **consequence** (noun) – outcome, ramification, repercussion.
54. **deafening** (adjective) – overpowering, overwhelming; reverberating, resounding.
55. **turn down** (phrasal verb) – reject, refuse, decline, say no to.
56. **set up** (phrasal verb) – create, start, begin, initiate, institute, establish.
57. **unconstitutional** (adjective) – undemocratic, autocratic, dictatorial, totalitarian; illegitimate, illegal.
58. **make clear** (phrase) – explain, clarify, elucidate.
59. **violate** (verb) - breach, contravene, fail to comply with.
60. **bias** (noun) - prejudice, partisanship, favouritism, unfairness, onesidedness.
61. **invasive** (adjective) – dangerous, harmful, pernicious.
62. **infiltrate** (verb) – invade, intrude on, impinge on, trespass on.
63. **acknowledge** (verb) – accept, recognize, realize.

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64. **Amnesty International** (noun) – founded in 1961, it is a non-governmental organization with its headquarters in the United Kingdom focused on human rights.
65. **Citizen Lab** (noun) – The Citizen Lab is an interdisciplinary laboratory based at the Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy, University of Toronto, focusing on research, development, and high-level strategic policy and legal engagement at the intersection of information and communication technologies, human rights, and global security.
66. **cannot afford/can ill afford** (phrase) – if you cannot afford to do something, you must prevent it from happening because it would be embarrassing and cause problems (if it happens).
67. **consortium** (noun) – association, syndicate, corporation, federation.
68. **potentially** (adverb) – likely, possibly, probably.
69. **sacrosanct** (adjective) – inviolable, sacred, protected (a principle).
70. **unabated** (adjective) – continuous, never-ending, non-stop, persistent.
71. **emphatically** (adverb) – vehemently, fiercely, forcefully; clearly, noticeably, obviously.
72. **inalienable** (adjective) – inviolable/unchallengeable, absolute/inherent.
73. **dignity** (noun) – self-esteem, self-respect, morale.
74. **autonomy** (noun) – independence, freedom, self-determination.
75. **fall on** (phrasal verb) - be borne by, be carried by, be the responsibility of.
76. **count** (noun) – a point for discussion; a point for consideration.
77. **means** (noun) – way, method, mode.
78. **proportionate** (adjective) – relevant, appropriate, applicable; in accordance with, consistent with, commensurate.
79. **lame** (adjective) - feeble, weak, poor, flimsy.
80. **infringe** (verb) – transgress, breach, contravene, disobey, break.
81. **authorise** (verb) – permit, sanction, allow, agree to, approve.
82. **prosecute** (verb) – take to court, bring an action against, accuse, charge.
83. **procure** (verb) – obtain, acquire, get, find.
84. **suspicion** (noun) – misgiving, doubt/qualm, distrust, scepticism.
85. **freedom of speech** (noun) – the right to express opinions without government interference.

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86. **result in** (phrasal verb) – cause, bring on, bring about.
87. **self-censorship** (noun) – self-control, self-discipline, self-restraint.
88. **assault** (noun) – attack, offensive, onslaught.
89. **watchdog** (noun) – a person or organization that monitors/inspects/supervises others' activities/conducts. inspector/supervisor, observer, ombudsman.
90. **undermine** (verb) – weaken, subvert, sabotage, damage.
91. **give a long rope** (phrase) - to support someone/something by giving a lot of freedom to do something what they want.
92. **liable** (adjective) – legally responsible, accountable, answerable.
93. **objectivity** (noun) – impartiality, fairness, justness, neutrality, equitability.
94. **no mean task** (phrase) – it means "a very difficult task to do and who does it deserves to be appreciated"; a great achievement.
95. **interception** (noun) – the action of preventing/monitoring/receiving something (message/code/signal) from reaching its destination.
96. **cost** (noun) - sacrifice, loss.
97. **pointer** (noun) - indication, indicator, clue, evidence, implication.
98. **stock** (adjective) – usual, routine, predictable, clichéd, hackneyed, overused, run-of-the-mill.
99. **prima facie** (adverb/adjective) – something (first impression) considered as right until proved.
100. **ground** (noun) – basis, factor, rationale.
101. **merit** (verb) - deserve, warrant, be qualified for, justify.
102. **consideration** (noun) – examination, inspection, scrutiny, analysis, review.
103. **aver** (verb) - pronounce, express, make public, publicize; claim, assert, declare.
104. **respondent** (noun) - litigator, opponent in law, disputant, appellant, accused.
105. **pertain to** (verb) – concern, relate to, be connected with.
106. **vocal** (adjective) – vociferous, outspoken, forthright; relating to someone who expresses his/her views frankly.
107. **free pass** (noun) – (unrestricted) approval; acceptance/approval of bad behaviour.
108. **spectre** (noun) – threat, menace, danger/peril.

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109. **four corners** (noun) - the term is commonly included in the phrase within the four corners of the document, which indicates that in making sure the legal importance and consequences of the document, the parties and the court can only examine its language and all matters incorporated within it.
110. **jurisdiction** (noun) – authority, control, power, dominion; territory, region, area.
111. **violation** (noun) – breach, breaking, non-observance.
112. **Part III Rights/Fundamental Rights** (noun) - The Fundamental Rights, embodied in Part III of the Constitution, guarantee civil rights to all Indians and prevent the State from encroaching an individual's liberty while simultaneously placing upon it an obligation to protect the citizens' rights from encroachment by society. Seven fundamental rights were originally provided by the Constitution – the right to equality, right to freedom, right against exploitation, right to freedom of religion, cultural and educational rights, right to property and right to constitutional remedies. However, the right to property was removed from Part III of the Constitution by the 44th Amendment in 1978.
113. **blow** (noun) – shock, surprise; setback/misfortune.
114. **freedom of expression** (noun) – the ability of an individual or group of individuals to express their beliefs, thoughts, ideas, and emotions about different issues free from government censorship, restraint, or legal penalty.
115. **absolute** (adjective) – unconditional, unrestricted, unrestrained; anti-democratic, autocratic, authoritarian, arbitrary, domineering, high-handed.
116. **onerous** (adjective) – burdensome, difficult, tough, troublesome, stressful.
117. **resurrect** (verb) – revive, rejuvenate, reinstitute, bring back.
118. **rule of law** (phrase) – it is described as “a principle of governance in which all persons, institutions and entities, public and private, including the State itself, are accountable to laws that are publicly promulgated, equally enforced and independently adjudicated, and which are consistent with international human rights norms and standards.

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