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Edward Snowden's release of Top Secret information about National Security Administration security and surveillance practices

Ethical Quandary	NSA	US Confidential Database	Public	Snowden
National Security	X	X	X	X
Public Interest			X	X
Breach of Privacy			X	X
Breach of Confidentiality	X			X

This assignment seemed a little abstract, but I tried to make something as reasonable as I could. The table can roughly be split into two; on the government side of things, we have the NSA and the database that was breached as systems. Both of these systems are concerned with national security, which has been breached by Snowden from their perspective. The NSA is also concerned with confidentiality; Snowden had an obligation to respect the confidentiality of the data he had access to, as a contractor/employee hired by the government, which he broke by sharing the documents. The database system is less concerned with the confidentiality part, as the database does not care who breached it or why.

On the other hand, we have the public and Snowden himself as systems. Including Snowden as a system is a bit of a stretch; he more fits as a component of the public system than a system of his own. But, given that human lives have many interconnected components, I decided to include it anyway. The public and Snowden are primarily interacting with the problems of public interest and privacy; both of which they believe were breached by the government secretly collecting information on its citizens. Some members of the public, however, are more concerned with the breach in national security, so the public also relates to that. Snowden himself has breached national security and his employer confidentiality, so he also relates to both, making him implicated in all of the ethical quandaries in this graph.