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Edward Snowden. Was he right?

When I was a little boy, my sister told me that she was having trouble with Algebra II. So, being the little kid that I was, I told my parents. She got the help that she needed, and passed, but she was very mad at me. Same goes with Snowden. Even though America didn't want him to leak the documents, it was exactly what America needed. He was a hero.

Snowden showed us exactly what we needed to see, and he is a hero because of it. He is not the only one that thinks that what the government is doing wrong. Russ Tice, a security analyst says that, "I have seen some things (In the intelligence community) that are illegal" (Ian McFarlane). This means that other people actually believe that the government is doing wrong. Some people even say that the country is better after what he has released. Anthony Romero says that he thinks "our country is better as a result of the revelations of Mr. Snowden" (Dan Mercia & Elise Labott). This shows that people think that Edward Snowden made our country better. All in all, people think that Edward Snowden is correct and that he did a service to our country to show what the government has been doing.

Edward Snowden was brave and that he showed us methods that the government has been using and how they are wrong. And because of this, Snowden is a hero. People even call him brave. Douglas Rush said to CNN, "[other NSA agents] refuse to come forward and believe that my efforts are futile. 'I don't want to lose my security clearance. Or my freedom.' Snowden

was willing to take the risks and more” (Kathy Wilmore). This means that he is the only one brave enough to even come forward with the information. Most importantly of all, he showed us exactly what the government has been doing wrong. “[Snowden] uncovered questionable activities that those in power would rather have kept secret. That’s the valuable role that whistleblowers play in a free society,” (John Corsin) an article from the New Yorker Magazine states. This means that Edward Snowden showed people exactly what they needed to know: That the government had been rummaging through everything that we did. So, basically Edward Snowden is a hero because he is brave and showed us everything that the government is doing wrong.

Now, Edward Snowden has proven to be a very good person, but some people say that he is not a good person for our interests. Some people even say that he is a traitor to our country. “[Snowden] took an oath of secrecy with the intent to violate it and steal all the data he could before cowering in a foreign country” (Unknown). While he did take that oath, he broke it with good intentions of showing America exactly what they were doing wrong and why it was wrong. He did so by posting documents that the US was trying to keep hidden so that its wrongdoings were kept secret. So, even though he took that oath to keep these things secret, he disobeyed that oath with the intention to show America with cold, hard evidence what exactly the government was seeing of our private life. He did exactly what Daniel Ellsberg did with the Pentagon Papers frame. He did what needed to be done to show us what the government has been looking at.

In conclusion, America is better with Edward Snowden’s revelations. He showed us how the government has been spying on us. He’s brave for doing so. And he isn’t the only one who thinks that the government is doing wrong.

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