

Edward Snowden is responsible for exposing the widespread and rampant misuse of FISA court to monitor Civilian Telecommunication data which indirectly affected many other systems due to their interconnectedness. The NSA was harvesting Internet Data through the cell phone system. The breach of this system then led to a cascading effect on other systems because initially, they had entered on ethically shaky grounds. The intelligence community did this in the United States by abusing the FISA court to get warrants for data by claiming reasons of National Security that were ultimately used for unconstitutional spying on their own population and other friendly ones. The leak led to many media agencies reporting on the implications of such actions leading to widespread feelings of civilian distrust towards these intelligence agencies.

Edward Snowden also stole classified documents that exposed similar programs in other countries or belonging to other countries' agencies causing a strain on International relationships due to some placing blame on the US for not catching Snowden. There was also strain when the documents revealed that they had spied on foreign Allies including their leaders. Another aspect of Internet Data Privacy that was undermined by the NSA was encryption which led to a higher demand along with new problems in the Cybersecurity field. The documents revealed that the NSA did not differentiate between Civilian Data and Hostile Actors Data leading to a ripple effect of multiple systems becoming affected negatively because the intelligence community breached the system on an ethical ground that was not firm.