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How many of you guys know what the liberty act is? Show of hands?

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Now The USA Patriot Act or the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001 was passed by congress after the September 11th terrorist attacks and signed into lay by George W Bush. Then in 2011 Barrack Obama renewed this act for another 4 years.

The USA Liberty Act is trying to preserve the core purpose of the 702 patriot act which is expiring on December 31st 2017. While some have requested that the USA Liberty act be put into law congress decided not to due to the fact that public official’s conversations with foreign ambassadors may be made public with their names un-redacted. Meaning that the media would have access to these conversations and would have the potential to manipulate the context of these conversations for potential political gain.

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Since this act was created it has been greatly controversial. While it was intended to prevent terrorist attacks many people believe that it infringes on American civil liberties, and even allows law enforcement to bypass a US citizens 4th amendment rights against unreasonable search and seizure.

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The Patriot Act also grants broad surveillance power to government bodies such as the C.I.A or F.B.I, allowing for access to medical records, search histories, cell phone data, basically any and everything law enforcement believes to hold “reasonable suspicion” and gives some semblance of truth to the search for terrorists within the American public.