The government shouldn’t have the right to search citizen’s old emails or GPS track them without a warrant. If you don’t have enough reason to get a warrant, it shouldn’t be done at all.

The government doesn’t have the right to search citizens’ personal or business emails that are at least 180 days old without a warrant. According to the 4th Amendment’s protection, the government can’t search old emails without reason. This shows that people have a right to their privacy as long as it isn’t harming others. The Constitution of the United States of America was made to protect citizens and limit the government’s power. A government that is too powerful is very dangerous for the people they govern; therefore we as citizens need to know that the government doesn’t have full control over us. It isn’t right for the government to be able to just look at anyone’s email as they please. They at least have to have a reasonable cause, through evidence, in order to obtain a warrant. If the government suspects that someone is doing something illegal and have good, explicit evidence then they have the right to search by following the proper procedures. Even innocent people fail to delete their old, read emails. Some of the emails sent could be meant to be kept private and only to be shared with a best friend. If this limitation to the government was remoocent people could live in fear for having a big social life since the government could read every single thing sent or received after 180 days.

The government also doesn’t have the right to use GPS to track citizens without a warrant. The 4th Amendment also provides protection through this instance since the government can only search without a warrant if they have explicit evidence of doing something that could possibly harm others. People would feel very uncomfortable if they knew the government knows their every move and location as long as you had your phone. It would cause citizens to either go places without their phone, which is dangerous, or just not go places at all because of fear that government is stalking you. In the Olmstead .vs. United States case, Roy Olmstead was caught bootlegging over a government wire-tapped pay phone. At first the Supreme Court ruled against him, but nearly 40 years later in the Katz .vs. United States case the Olmstead case was overruled. This case justified the search and seizure section in the 4th Amendment and restricted it to a reasonable place of privacy. If the government is chasing a drug dealer though, and has good evidence to show that he has a secret hiding spot in the city, it would be fine. Or if a missing person is trying to be found. Any other instance though, just isn’t that necessary.

So in conclusion, there are just some limitations that the government shouldn’t be able to pass unless it is a serious situation. And even then, there is a need by the 4th Amendment to the affirmation of evidence.