Privacy vs. security and the FISA court

Safety and privacy are both ideas that are important and need to be balanced. Many people in today’s society feel as though safety is more important because of terrorist attacks and the war we are fighting in two countries. But there are people who believe that privacy is more important because they believe it is our natural right and in danger because technology is making it easier for people to have their privacy invaded. An example of the use of security is the FISA Court (Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court). The FISA court is a private court within the government that handles top secret cases. This court has allowed the FBI to invade the privacy of the general U.S public by requesting phone records. If the government passes the law that makes the FISA a public court, then people will feel as if they have more privacy, however, security will not be assured, and there will be no real protection for the country.

If the law is passed American citizens will feel as if they are well informed and protected by receiving updates on terrorist activities and investigations. They may also receive information on what is going on in the current war we are in with two countries and/or what other countries are doing. Everything the president commands, voids, and accepts for the new laws can be read by the general public. These updates make the general public a lot happier and make them feel a lot safer.

These updates and notifications may be something the public wants but they can also harm the U.S in many ways. One example is terrorist attacks. If the government updates the general public about terrorist investigations and man-hunts then terrorists may find out and change their location or possibly leave the country. This would not help the general public or the government in any way because they would not know they were and where they were planning to strike. An actual terrorist example could be the Boston bombing. If the government( FBI) had told the general public exactly what methods and where they were searching for the suspects then the two men would have had a major advantage in escaping and possibly planning another bombing.

The general public may be happy to have more information on what’s going on within the government from the FISA court but it will cause a weakness in security. The American public needs to take action to make sure to protect their privacy and their safety at all times.