Writing Assignment 2

Dear Senator,

I feel that the National Security Agency (NSA) is crossing the line of personal privacy according to their recent actions in the media. The NSA is spying on not only foreign countries, but also spying on American citizens. The NSA needs to respect the privacy policy on other countries and civilians. The passing of the Freedom Act was a moral attempt to lower the power of the NSA; moreover, the Freedom Act was the first reform act to help fix the surveillance problems since after September 11, 2001. A tactic that the NSA cut across the line was the fact that they have been listening and spying on their own allies; recently discoveries were found that the NSA was spying in on their long lasted ally, France. However, American citizens have discovered the NSA listening into everyone’s calls and domestic surveillance. Once it was revealed that the NSA have been spying on the French, the French had completely lost their trust and friendship in America. Now, because the NSA have been violating their trust agreements with the French, the other countries may not want to be America’s ally anymore. That proves to the Americans that the NSA may be spying on to everything else going on, for we cannot trust the agency anymore. So what makes other countries want to trust them?

It is obvious that other countries are hesitant to trusting the United States anymore after what the NSA’s violation actions. In my opinion, what they are doing is wrong and harms our privacy rights; however, the only reason the NSA should have a valid reason to spy on calls of American citizens is if it effects them in a governmental way or if it can contribute to the government in a good and positive way. Many citizens of the U.S are losing trust in our own country, which is going against our core democratic value of Truth. Now that the NSA’s employees are releasing facts about how they are spying on the public it is making them very furious. Soon, the public will stop trusting the government all because of the NSA. I don’t think NSA should be prohibited from routine domestic surveillance because of privacy concerns. The reason NSA was made to help secure the country from harm of foreign countries. All in all, the fact that NSA is spying on the French is only causing trouble to themselves; along with spying on our own people that may be doing nothing harmful. It is understandable that the NSA is spying or getting into foreign affairs for obvious reasons, however it is not appropriate or respectful to spy on nations we call an ally.