**The Fourth Amendment: Our Views and Commentary**

The Fourth Amendment of the Bill of Rights protects persons and their privacy. The Fourth Amendment states that the government will protect property such as their office or house. Basically the Fourth Amendment gives liberty and security to the citizens of United States. If the government interferes in your personal or private matters then what would your response be?

The government can have access to the emails of the people who they think are doing illegal things. That doesn’t violate the Fourth Amendment because most of the time they want to check the email so they can find the information they may need. When checking someone’s email, the government does not need a warrant because it’s not private and email is universal.

The role of the Supreme Court is to understand the law and compare the case to the law and look if it’s related to the case or not. In the case of *Olmstead vs. United States* in 1928, the FBI wiretapped Olmstead’s phone without a warrant. This means they listened to his conversation with someone else because they thought that he was importing and selling liquor. During that time, the government thought that the Fourth Amendment meant protection was persons, not privacy.

In 1967, Katz was caught by FBI because he was gambling in a phone booth. The government had placed a tape recorder outside of the booth. They did not have a warrant or authorization from the court to do so. At that time government decided that the Fourth Amendment includes the protection of person and privacy because he tried to place his bets privately. Katz intended for no one to hear his private business by closing the door. In this case, Katz was using public property which means it was not private, but his intentions of keeping it secretive made the government need court authorization.

There are exceptions to warrant requirements like not needing them for emails after 180 days. Without a warrant they cannot check someone’s post box. The government cannot hack into someone’s computer files or any other electronic devices like phones, and tablets without a warrant because it will be a violation towards the Fourth Amendment. For example, the government cannot tap into someone’s home phone because it is private property.

The Fourth Amendment had different meanings in 1928 and 1967 then now. However, the Fourth Amendment would be referring to the person’s security no matter what time period we live in.