The Fourth Amendment

Over the years, the United States Government has stretched the limitation of the Fourth Amendment. This Amendment states that people have the right to resist searches and seizures without a warrant. Many cases involving the fourth amendment have fallen under controversy over privacy issues and the tampering of private property. Should the fourth amendment protect citizens from unwanted privacy invasions and searches? This question mainly depends on the situation. Overall, we believe that tracking personal data outside of property is okay as long as it doesn’t invade on their property.

The first question that we will discuss is using GPS and Phone data for government uses. Recording phone calls and tracking GPS devices can be used to collect information on suspects and keep our world safer. Tapping a phone line should not need a warrant, as long as the activity is done away from the property of the citizen. The government should not interfere with the data of innocent civilians, but it is necessary to keep threats at bay. As long as you are not a criminal, why should you be indignant over your privacy?

The second question was on the government recording activities from the private property of citizens. I believe the actions using drones and cameras go against the fourth amendment. There are multiple reasons why this is believed because they are recording you on your *private* property and they do not have a warrant; using a drone means they can fly low or high and looking through a window which violates the fourth amendment. Searching your property without a warrant is wrong, and is considered a major privacy violation. In my opinion this is indeed a violation of the fourth amendment.

In conclusion, the fourth amendment should not interfere with cases of data collection retrieved from personal devices. Using the data from these devices save lives and brings criminals to justice. However, using government property to spy on people and record their lives on their property is an invasion of privacy and should not be implemented and allowed by the fourth amendment. Using personal data to bring cases to justice is moral, but invading privacy to record someone’s life is unnecessary.