“Liberty may be endangered by the abuse of liberty, but also by the abuse of power,” this quote by James Madison is a perfect example of when you risk losing your freedom by allowing too much freedom to generate chaos. Our country was set up with its people in mind, giving certain rights to secure life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, all of which are put in jeopardy when the government infringes on our private domain, abuses its power, and gives the people a false sense of security.

The fourth amendment states people have the right to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, including tax records, banking, social security, and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures. Even though the amendment states we have the rights that the Constitution says we have, the government puts a box around them to control our rights to their liking of how far we the people take them. Of course we should have our privacy, but at the same time the government is telling us one thing and doing another. This is unfair to the American people because we have the right to privacy, also to know what powers the government performs and to what extent. In The Federalist Papers there is an argument that says in framing the government, power is to be administered by men over men. I feel that “men over men” implies all people are equal, they just have different jobs and responsibilities and the government is taking the power away from the people and making them less important.

A bowl of ice cream sitting next to a typical American is tempting and no doubt will be eaten. The temptation of the power of security sitting right beside the government is most likely going to be abused and they sometimes have to sacrifice freedom and liberty for security. With technology everyone’s information can be easily accessed with a click of a mouse which gives the government absolute control over its people. When using the computers, cell phones, or any other digital devices the government, by using their infinite technology, they find an endless amount of information and they can use it without us knowing a single bit of it. Including identity theft, laundering money, finding out where we are at any time and any other kind of inconsequential information that we put on our computers. So why does the government want to hack into our everyday lives? Is it to look for threats upon our nation? Is it to control our economy? Or is it to use us as pawns to gain more power?

By having control of personal information, corrupt use of power, and our belief of having substantial, security our government has obtained the main rights that our country was founded on. The ice cream itself is not our weakness, but simply put, our lack of self control is. Meaning the government has all the power in the nation, but do they have self control?