

2.1 - Systems Theory

Many systems were affected because of the Edward Snowden leaks, particularly the public, the US Government, the US Government Security, and the US Government Surveillance. In this case, Edward Snowden breached confidentiality of the government and how they perform security through his leaks. As a government employee, you are expected to keep Top Secret information private, which Snowden did not do. Snowden also violated intellectual property rights of the government by leaking systems like Prism, which were used to collect data. Snowden misused government computers by putting sensitive data on a flash drive.

The US Government also must be ethically scrutinized in this event. Government surveillance was affected as it was found as unethical and illegal and has since been changed. The public as a system has become more aware of the government's interests after discovering these privacy breaches from the CIA and NSA. Government security has also most likely increased to prevent another leak from happening. The government has also been misusing computers and technologies by illegally collecting data on US citizens.

Wikileaks is also somewhat responsible as they were the ones that actually leaked the data. Other systems that are affected are companies such as Facebook, Google, and Twitter. These companies have definitely considered privacy protection of their users because of the Snowden leaks. Other companies like Duck Duck Go have been founded on the principles of protecting the privacy of their users.