This whole debacle really affected the general public’s view on the NSA. Many people were left wondering if they could trust the NSA. Quotes like, “should we abolish them” and “do I have any privacy” were being said left and right. People were also left wondering if the news was right in saying he was a traitor, or if he was helping the public know things that are a conflict of privacy.

It also affected Snowden in the way that he couldn’t live in the U.S. anymore. The U.S. was obviously hiding other things that they didn’t want the public to know. The NSA then had to scale back data collection and take a slap on the wrist from the national government.