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Authoritarians Use Paris Terror Attack As Excuse For Power Grab

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In the Wake of French Terror, Governments Demand More Mass Surveillance

In the wake of the terror attack on the publication Charlie Hebdo in Paris, governments [from around the world](#) are calling for increased surveillance.

But top security experts agree that mass surveillance is ineffective ... and actually makes us [MORE vulnerable](#) to terrorism.

For example, the former head of the NSA's global intelligence gathering operations – Bill Binney – [says](#) that the mass surveillance INTERFERES with the government's ability to catch bad guys, and that the government failed to stop the Boston Bombing because it was overwhelmed with data from mass surveillance on Americans.

Today, Washington's Blog asked Binney whether this applied to the Paris attack as well. He responded that it did:

A good deal of the failure is, in my opinion, due to bulk data. So, **I am calling all these attacks a result of "Data bulk failure."** Too much data and too many people for the 10-20 thousand analysts to follow. Simple as that. Especially when they make word match pulls (like Google) and get dumps of data selected from close to 4 billion people.

This is the same problem NSA had before 9/11. They had data that could have prevented 9/11 but did not know they had it in their data bases. This back then when the bulk collection was not going on. Now the problem is orders of magnitude greater. Result, it's harder to succeed.

Expect more of the same from our deluded government that thinks more data improves possibilities of success. All this bulk data collection and storage does give law enforcement a

great capability to retroactively analyze anyone they want. But, of course, that data cannot be used in court since it was not acquired with a warrant.

The pro-spying NSA chief and NSA technicians [confirmed](#) Binney's statement 3 months before 9/11:

In an interview, Air Force Lt. Gen. Michael Hayden, the NSA's director ... suggested that access isn't the problem. Rather, he said, **the sheer volume and variety of today's communications means "there's simply too much out there, and it's too hard to understand."**

"What we got was a blast of digital bits, **like a fire hydrant spraying you in the face,**" says one former NSA technician with knowledge of the project. **"It was the classic needle-in-the-haystack pursuit, except here the haystack starts out huge and grows by the second,"** the former technician says. NSA's computers simply weren't equipped to sort through so much data flying at them so fast.

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