**ITP 125 - Lab 7**

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**Questions**

1. I used the first option which used Mailvelope to encrypt my emails. Mailvelope is very straightforward and all I had to do was enter multiple emails into the To field to send my encrypted email to multiple people.
2. After reading this article, I definitely do not feel as though my information is safe from the eyes of the NSA. The article writes about the various ways the NSA has access to our information and it sounds like the NSA has access to a majority of the information that I put on the internet. Since the NSA is a government agency I feel as though I do not have any power over them to stop them from tapping into my information. A single human cannot make a whole government agency stop what they are doing.
3. Air gap seems like a very solid and secure way to prevent my information from being exposed to unwanted guests. However, I feel that even with using air gap there will still be ways for others to access my information. For example, in order for me to use Google search I will have to send that search query through a server and anyone can intercept that query. Attackers can learn a great deal of information from information requests such as this.
4. I am surprised to read about how thorough the NSA is in obtaining information from people. I never really thought about what the NSA was doing because I just told myself that I did not have anything that I was hiding and so it was ok if the NSA saw my information. But now, I realize that even all this little information that I have can expose so much information about myself and about what I do. Privacy is something that we all should have and I do not believe the government should have the right to invade our privacy.
5. My perception of the NSA did not change much but I definitely learned more. It’s interesting to me because I feel so far removed from our government system and this was a good reminder that even if I am not a politician, this still concerns me because my information is in that pile that they are sorting and looking through. I did not realize how the NSA’s spying has affected certain political relations and this article did a great job showing examples of how the NSA has affected the US's relationship with other countries.