Edward Snowden Grid Summary – Zachary Vega

The actions taken by Edward Snowden have made a big impact on my different groups through the past few years. Some might say he did the right thing others may not. There are many ethical quandaries that I thought were important to look at when looking at his story. Some of the quandaries show that what he did was ethically correct and others show what he did was ethically wrong. The ethical quandaries I have listed are public interest, regulations and laws, truth, and management.

The first quandaries is the importance of public interest. There are many ways to look at the ethics of public interest. In the case of Edward Snowden it is important to understand the way he used public interest as a platform for him to justify releasing the information. He thought what he was doing was in the interest of the people, some agree and some disagree. There have been court cases that have shown what the government was doing was illegal with shows there was public interest in mind. The next quandary is regulations and laws. What Snowden did was highly illegal and not ethical in the eyes of the government, who created the laws. The next quandary is truth. Not being truthful is unethical with is what the government was doing. So in the eyes of Snowden it make what he was doing ethically correct. The last quandary is management, in some cases it is good to be ethically in line with those that you work for, if someone is not then they can be problems that occur.