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War and the Suspension of Civil Liberties

America is at war with terrorism.

In an effort to find terrorists and defeat terrorist acts in this country, the government has recently proposed changes to civil liberties that allow law enforcement agencies easier access to the private records and communications of all people in America.

Ask at least three Americans:

- Should we accept reduced privacy and individual liberties in exchange for increased security, or in order to uncover terrorist activities in time of war? For example,

what about :

- personal email being accessed?
- searches of your home without telling you?
- tapping of your phone?
- detaining of “suspicious” people without legal grounds?
- accessing of financial, employment or medical records?
- monitoring or outlawing of certain political activities?

Which of these, if any, do you believe it is in your best interests for the government of the United States of America to do in times of war?

Should civil liberties ever be suspended? Why or why not?