

# The Growth of Government Surveillance and the Threat to Privacy

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## Ways to Take Action

- Understand how loss of privacy from government surveillance results in loss of liberty.
- The ACLU of Virginia asks people to:
  - Support state legislation (Virginia Electronic Communications Privacy Act) that enhances protections against warrantless searches of personal digital data maintained by private companies or mass surveillance of individuals who are not reasonably suspected of committing a crime.
  - In your own locality, advocate for limits on law enforcement purchase and deployment of high tech surveillance equipment without specific authority from elected officials and public notice and discussion.
- *From Hugh Handeyside, National ACLU*
  - Join the ACLU's fight for personal privacy: "#TakeCTRL of Your Data"  
[https://action.aclu.org/secure/takectrl?ms=web\\_160120\\_privacytechnology\\_takectrl](https://action.aclu.org/secure/takectrl?ms=web_160120_privacytechnology_takectrl)
- *From Kade Crockford, ACLU of Massachusetts*
  - File public records requests with local police to know what technology is being used in your localities, and what policies or limits exist on their use.
- Join the Richmond Peace Education Center's program and advocacy efforts for a more peaceful & just community and world. Sign up at the RPEC table or email [rpec@rpec.org](mailto:rpec@rpec.org).
- Join the ACLU of Virginia's email list at <https://acluva.org> to stay up to date about actions you can take in your community and during the General Assembly session to support efforts to protect our privacy.

This list of actions is a compilation of ideas suggested by our speakers and organizations. Thank you for taking action!