

There are already a number of salient facts coming into clear focus about the disclosure last week that the NSA has been spying on the entire American public absolutely without limit.

First, if the now confessed leaker is to be believed, the NSA has been lying even to Congress about the true extent of the "horrifying" power they have seized to wiretap anybody at anytime without any further express authorization from any Court.

Second, it is clear that this entire program was put fundamentally in place by the Bush administration, but that after taking office in 2009 President Obama for his part has done nothing to change it except to allow its further expansion. Republicans who have been trying to trump up some kind of scandal for the last 4 years are now in fact declaring themselves some of the strongest supporters of this Big Brother program, an actual monumental scandal.

Third, they are still lying about what's really going on. The internet corporations involved all denied that, or evaded the question of whether, they were providing any such capability. The claims of the NSA that their omnipresent eavesdropping on hundreds of millions of innocent Americans has helped protect us from terrorism are eerily reminiscent of their protestations that torturing people did the same thing.

Fourth, the party truly responsible for these disclosures, assuming they are detrimental to national security at all, is the NSA itself, for their outrageous abuse of power, which HAD to be exposed by somebody. Senators Wyden and Udall warned us two years ago that we would be "stunned" if we knew what was really going on.

For the record, we the people are in fact most certainly stunned.

We are calling on Congress to immediately place reasonable limits on this Big Brother program run amok