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Has anyone read 1984? Edward Snowden may be considered a traitor and even “terrorist” for acting against the interests of the US, but regardless of what one thinks of him, bills like this only further strengthen his argument that the surveillance apparatus of this country is expanding in frightening and invasive ways that should concern everyone. Over the course of the two and a half decades we have seen the abuse and delegitimization of the classification of the term “terrorist” by parties and politicians not working in the interest of the American people, but by ambitious and aggrieved private entities. Given the brazen disregard for the Constitution and defamation of the office by the current presidential administration and their supporters in Congress and the Courts, it would be foolish and deleterious to the broad citizenry to expand these powers.