

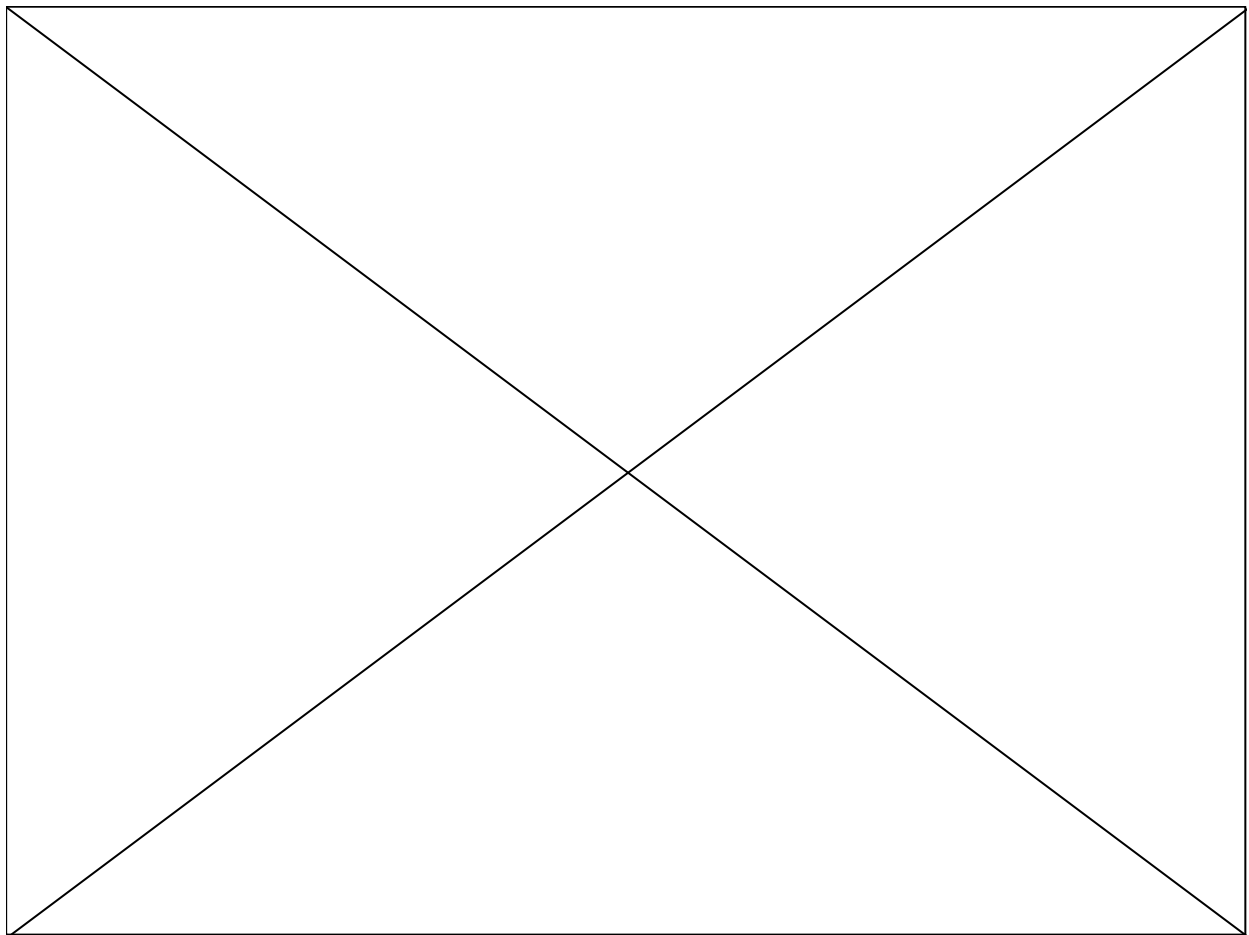
Government Keeps List of 8 Million Names Considered Threats

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[Michael Snyder](#) has provided details on Main Core, a list of some 8 million or more names compiled by the CIA and U.S. intelligence. The individuals on the Main Core list, he writes, will be rounded up after the Constitution is suspended and martial law imposed.



Main Core is not a secret. Snyder points to a [Wikipedia](#) entry describing the database:

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derives from the fact that it contains “copies of the ‘main core’ or essence of each item of intelligence information on Americans produced by the FBI and the other agencies of the U.S. intelligence community.”

Senator Feinstein, Rep. Mike Rogers and the apologists for high-tech tyranny insist the NSA’s Prism and Boundless Informant are about protecting us from terrorists. If you are a student of history, however, you will realize this is nonsense. If you know anything about Continuity of Government measures implemented following September 11, 2001 and earlier programs like [Rex 84](#) and [Operation Garden Plot](#), you already have a sneaking suspicion the NSA’s massive surveillance operation has nothing to do with al-Qaeda. It’s about collecting data on American citizens, specifically the eight or so million compiled in the Main Core database.

Following Edward Snowden’s revelations on the NSA, [Washington’s Blog](#) posted a quote from investigative journalist Christopher Ketcham, who wrote five years ago that our private information

...seems to be fair game for collection without a warrant: the e-mail addresses you send to and receive from, and the subject lines of those messages; the phone numbers you dial, the numbers that dial in to your line, and the durations of the calls; the Internet sites you visit and the keywords in your Web searches; the destinations of the airline tickets you buy; the amounts and locations of your ATM withdrawals; and the goods and services you purchase on credit cards. All of this information is archived on government supercomputers and, according to sources, also fed into the Main Core database.

Ketcham of Radar Magazine arrived at the following conclusion, well before the New York Times and the rest of the corporate media reported the latest revelation about the NSA and peddled the lame excuse that it is all about saving us from stereotypical Muslim terrorists who hate us for our freedom:

There exists a database of Americans, who, often for the slightest and most trivial reason, are considered unfriendly, and who, in a time of panic, might be incarcerated. The database can identify and locate perceived “enemies of the state” almost instantaneously. He and other sources tell Radar that the database is sometimes referred to by the code name Main Core. One knowledgeable source claims that 8 million Americans are now listed in Main Core as potentially suspect. In the event of a national emergency, these people could be subject to everything from heightened surveillance and tracking to direct questioning and possibly even detention.

The NSA’s Prism and Boundless Informant represent only the latest details of a story stretching back decades. The national security state has spent years and expended billions of dollars in a coordinated effort to categorize and monitor enemies of the state.

“Investigations this past winter by groups such as the ACLU and some media outlets have revealed numerous occasions of FBI, Defense Department, and local police infiltration and monitoring of domestic peace groups,” [Andy Dunn](#) wrote in March, 2006. “Further, some of the details surrounding the NSA program and other surveillance operations point to a new paradigm

in intelligence operations, which involve massive ‘datamining’ reminiscent of the government’s supposedly shelved Total Information Awareness program.”

Dunn notes that the state, beginning with the Alien and Sedition Acts of 1798, has consistently spied upon and regularly persecuted a large number of official political enemies, an effort that realized its nadir with the FBI’s [COINTELPRO](#) beginning in the 1960s, a counter intelligence program consisting of illegal, violent and unethical tactics designed to stifle legitimate political activism in the United States. Evidence reveals that COINTELPRO was not dismantled, as the FBI and the government maintained, but was continued.

“Additionally, the now huge ‘national security state’ of dozens of federal and military intelligence agencies conducted similar acts, sometimes coordinated with and sometimes competing against COINTELPRO,” Dunn writes. “The names of these operations sound like something from a 1960s spy show, like ‘The Man From Uncle’: Operation CHAOS, Projects RESISTANCE, MERRIMAC, MINARET, and SHAMROCK.”

Of course, the establishment media fails to draw the correct conclusion when it purports to cover the NSA surveillance program. Instead of national security state bureaucrats gone wild in a zealous drive to ferret out al-Qaeda and other bad guys, the massive NSA surveillance program is about discovering domestic enemies of the state that will be dealt with after martial law is declared under the ruse of a false flag attack or a catastrophic natural emergency.

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New Evidence Reveals Top Secret Government Database Used in Bush Spy Program

Salon.com has published new details about a top secret government database that might be at the heart of the Bush administration's domestic spying operations. The database is known as "Main Core." It reportedly collects and stores vast amounts of personal and financial data about millions of Americans. Some former US officials believe that "Main Core" may have been used by the National Security Agency to determine who to spy on in the immediate aftermath of 9/11. We speak with Tim Shorrock. Tim Shorrock, author of the article on Salon.com, "Exposing Bush's Historic Abuse of Power." He is an investigative reporter and author. His latest book is titled Spies for Hire: The Secret World of Intelligence Outsourcing.

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Main Core, ... the expansion of an old Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) database containing the names of American citizens who would be rounded up and incarcerated in the event of a national emergency declaration.

After 9/11, the Bush White House used FEMA's secret and illegal database of American citizens, code-named Main Core, to target American citizens with electronic and other surveillance. FEMA's database had increased in size with the addition of raw telecommunications intercept data on American citizens obtained from the National Security Agency (NSA).

Main Core has its roots in a smaller database developed by FEMA during the Reagan administration.

FEMA, then run by one of Ronald Reagan's cronies from California, former California National Guard commander Gen. Louis Giuffrida, managed to obtain from the FBI a list of some 12,000 names contained in the FBI's domestic intelligence files. When FBI Director William Webster learned that Giuffrida had used the list as a basis to create a database of 100,000 American citizens

who were considered threats to national security, he demanded that Giuffrida return the list and all copies to the FBI. The list contained the names of individuals opposed to U.S. policies in Central America, tax protesters, and people known as survivalists and more.

However, FEMA did not return all of the copies of its lists to the FBI. In the 1980s, White House official Oliver North, working with FEMA, developed a "continuity of government" contingency plan called REX-84, or "Readiness Exercise 1984," that would have instituted plans to round up and intern hundreds of thousands of American citizens in the event martial law was declared. Then-Attorney General William French Smith formally protested the existence of the North-Giuffrida plan to National Security Adviser Robert McFarlane.

It was this renewed program to round up

Americans that was at the heart of the March 10, 2004 confrontation between White House Counsel Alberto Gonzales and Chief of Staff Andrew Card on one side and Deputy Attorney General James Comey on the other in Attorney General John Ashcroft's hospital room. Ashcroft and Comey refused to sign off on the Bush plans for maintaining a database of

Americans considered subversive.

A Texas Observer article dated May 15, 1987 by Louis Dubose, which provides greater details on the early FEMA database.

Then House Banking Committee Chairman Henry Gonzales discovered that the FBI list turned over to FEMA was the Administrative Index (ADEX), a list of 12,000 of dossiers on American citizens. Gonzales charged the list was to be used by FEMA to detain Americans considered to be a threat to national security. Gonzalez also said the list should have never been turned over to FEMA.

The Texas Observer article also refers to an Austin American-Statesman article from December 1986 that says it obtained internal FBI documents revealing a struggle between Smith's successor as Attorney General, Edwin Meese, and FBI Director Webster over the FBI maintaining control of ADEX.

Meese and National Security Adviser Robert McFarlane demanded the FBI turn over ADEX to FEMA.

FEMA also had plans to round up and detain 400,000 Central Americans in the United States, in addition to a number of Arab-Americans. Ironically, the FEMA plan, called the "Alien Terrorists and Undesirables Contingency Plan.

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The Main Core database is believed to have originated with the [Federal Emergency Management Agency](#) (FEMA) in 1982, following [Ronald Reagan](#)'s [Continuity of Operations](#) plan outlined in

the [National Security Directive](#) (NSD) 69 / National Security Decision Directive (NSDD) 55, entitled "Enduring National Leadership," implemented on September 14, 1982.^{[1][2]}

As of 2008 there were reportedly eight million Americans listed in the database as possible threats, often for trivial reasons, whom the government may choose to track, question, or detain in a time of crisis.^[3]

The existence of the database was first reported on in May 2008 by Christopher Ketcham^[4] and in July 2008 by [Tim Shorrock](#).^[2]

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Main Core: A List Of 8 Million Americans That Will Be Subject To Detention During Martial Law



Are you on the list? Are you one of the millions of Americans that have been designated a threat to national security by the U.S. government? Will you be subject to detention when martial law is imposed during a major national emergency? As you will see below, **there is actually a list that contains the names of at least 8 million Americans known as Main Core that the U.S. intelligence community has been compiling since the 1980s.** A recent article on

[Washington's Blog](#) quoted a couple of old magazine articles that mentioned this program, and I was intrigued because I didn't know what it was. So I decided to look into **Main Core**, and **what I found out was absolutely stunning** – especially in light of what [Edward Snowden](#) has just revealed to the world. **It turns out that the U.S. government is not just gathering information on all of us. The truth is that the U.S. government has used this information to create a list of threats to national security that the government would potentially watch, question or even detain during a national crisis.** If you have ever been publicly critical of the government, there is a very good chance that you are on that list.

From [End of the American Dream](#):

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essence of each item of intelligence information on Americans produced by the FBI and the other agencies of the U.S. intelligence community.”

It was [Christopher Ketchum of Radar Magazine](#) that first reported on the existence of Main Core. At the time, the shocking information that he revealed did not get that much attention. That is quite a shame, because it should have sent shockwaves across the nation...

According to a senior government official who served with high-level security clearances in five administrations, “There exists a database of Americans, who, often for the slightest and most trivial reason, are considered unfriendly, and who, in a time of panic, might be incarcerated. The database can identify and locate perceived ‘enemies of the state’ almost instantaneously.” He and other sources tell Radar that the database is sometimes referred to by the code name Main Core. One knowledgeable source claims that 8 million Americans are now listed in Main Core as potentially suspect. In the event of a national emergency, these people could be subject to everything from heightened surveillance and tracking to direct questioning and possibly even detention.

Of course, federal law is somewhat vague as to what might constitute a “national emergency.” Executive orders issued over the last three decades define it as a “natural disaster, military attack, [or] technological or other emergency,” while Department of Defense documents include eventualities like “riots, acts of violence, insurrections, unlawful obstructions or assemblages, [and] disorder prejudicial to public law and order.” According to one news report, even “national opposition to U.S. military invasion abroad” could be a trigger.

So if that list contained 8 million names all the way back in 2008, how big might it be today?

That is a very frightening thing to think about.

Later on in 2008, [Tim Shorrock of Salon.com](#) also reported on Main Core...

Dating back to the 1980s and known to government insiders as “Main Core,” the database reportedly collects and stores — without warrants or court orders — the names and detailed data of Americans considered to be threats to national security. According to several former U.S. government officials with extensive knowledge of intelligence operations, Main Core in its current incarnation apparently contains a vast amount of personal data on Americans, including NSA intercepts of bank and credit card transactions and the results of surveillance efforts by the FBI, the CIA and other agencies. One former intelligence official described Main Core as “an emergency internal security database system” designed for use by the military in the event of a national catastrophe, a suspension of the Constitution or the imposition of martial law.

So why didn't this information get more attention at the time?

Well, if Obama had lost the 2008 election it might have. But Obama won in 2008 and the liberal media assumed that he would end many of the abuses that were happening under Bush. Of course that has not happened at all. In fact, Obama has steadily moved the police state agenda ahead aggressively. [Edward Snowden](#) has just made that abundantly clear to the entire world.

After 2008, it is unclear exactly what happened to Main Core. Did it expand, change names, merge with other programs or get superseded by a new program? It appears extremely unlikely that it simply faded away. In light of what we have just learned about NSA snooping, someone should ask our politicians

some very hard questions about Main Core. According to [Christopher Ketchum](#), the exact kind of NSA snooping that Edward Snowden has just described was being used to feed data into the Main Core database...

A host of publicly disclosed programs, sources say, now supply data to Main Core. Most notable are the NSA domestic surveillance programs, initiated in the wake of 9/11, typically referred to in press reports as “warrantless wiretapping.” In March, a front-page article in the Wall Street Journal shed further light onto the extraordinarily invasive scope of the NSA efforts: According to the Journal, the government can now electronically monitor “huge volumes of records of domestic e-mails and Internet searches, as well as bank transfers, credit card transactions, travel, and telephone records.” Authorities employ “sophisticated software programs” to sift through the data, searching for “suspicious patterns.” In effect, the program is a mass catalog of the private lives of Americans. And it’s notable that the article hints at the possibility of programs like Main Core. “The [NSA] effort also ties into data from an ad-hoc collection of so-called black programs whose existence is undisclosed,” the Journal reported, quoting unnamed officials. “Many of the programs in various agencies began years before the 9/11 attacks but have since been given greater reach.”

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This stuff is absolutely chilling.

And there have been hints that such a list still exists today.

For example, the testimony of an anonymous government insider that was recently posted on [shftplan.com](#) alluded to such a list...

*“We know all this already,” I stated. He looked at me, giving me a look like I’ve never seen, and actually pushed his finger into my chest. “You don’t know jack,” he said, “this is bigger than you can imagine, bigger than anyone can imagine. **This administration is collecting names of sources, whistle blowers and their families, names of media sources and everybody they talk to and have talked to, and they already have a huge list.** If you’re not working for MSNBC or CNN, you’re probably on that list. **If you are a website owner with a brisk readership and a conservative bent, you’re on that list. It’s a political dissident list, not an enemy threat list,**” he stated.*

What in the world is happening to America?

What in the world are we turning into?

As I mentioned in a previous article, the NSA gathers [2.1 million gigabytes of data](#) on all of us **every single hour**. The NSA is currently constructing a [2 billion dollar data center](#) out in Utah to store all of this data.

If you are disturbed by all of this, now is the time to stand up and say something. If this crisis blows over and people forget about all of this stuff again, the Big Brother surveillance grid that is being constructed all around us will just continue to grow and continue to become even more oppressive.

America is dying right in front of your eyes and time is running out. Please stand up and be counted while you still can.



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