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## Judge Halts Warrantless Wiretapping Program

As reported by the [AP](#), "A federal judge ruled Thursday that the government's warrantless wiretapping program is unconstitutional and ordered an immediate halt to it." The [ACLU](#) brought this lawsuit after [the spying program](#) was first disclosed.

Read the judge's [decision](#) and [injunction order](#).

This is a huge victory in the fight to stop the government's massive and illegal surveillance. This ruling deals with the so-called "[Terrorist Surveillance Program](#)."

EFF has [sued AT&T](#) for its role in the NSA's illegal spying, which we allege goes beyond what the President has directly admitted. Last month, Judge Walker [rejected](#) the government's motion to dismiss based on state secrets, along with AT&T's motion to dismiss, and allowed the case to go forward.

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We've posted some quotes from the decision beneath the fold.

- "[T]he court finds Defendants' argument that they cannot defend this case without the use of classified information to be disingenuous and without merit."
- "It was never the intent of the Framers to give the President such unfettered control, particularly where his actions blatantly disregard the parameters clearly enumerated in the Bill of Rights."
- "Our constitution was drafted by founders and ratified by a people who still held in vivid memory the image of King George III and his General Warrants.... These secret authorization orders must ... fall."

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