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Canadians fight Federal Government bill to spy on private Internet use

As Parliament resumes, the STOP ONLINE SPYING campaign is pulling out all the stops to oppose a “lawful access” Bill that will allow police and other authorities to access anyone’s private online information, at any time, without a warrant.

Through the *Stop Online Spying* coalition, FIPA is working with other groups and individuals concerned about increasing government surveillance to assess and respond to the Canadian government’s proposals. We share concerns that attempts to update “lawful access” capabilities are far from targeted and will have a serious detrimental impact on Canadians’ civil liberties. You can learn more about the proposed legislation [here](#)

The Stop Online Spying Campaign

The Stop Online Spying campaign is spearheaded by [Open Media](#) and supported by a large coalition of public interest and civil liberties organizations, businesses and concerned academics.

We have come together to create public awareness and debate about the bill (which has been announced as ‘coming soon’) and encourage Canadians to oppose it. The government must explain why the invasive, excessive and costly increase of surveillance powers in the bill is justified.

Campaign Website: <http://StopSpying.ca>

Campaign News

Report says Canada moving towards a surveillance society with “Lawful Access” proposals

The BC Civil Liberties Association has released a comprehensive report on the soon-to-be introduced “lawful access” bills to expand police surveillance powers. *Moving Toward a Surveillance Society – Proposals to Expand “Lawful Access” in Canada* is available [HERE](#)

Liberals Join 8 out of 10 Canadians in Standing Against Government's Warrantless Online Spying Bills

November 8, 2011 – The movement against online spying took one giant leap today when Marc Garneau, the Liberal Party of Canada's House Leader, released the party's [position](#) on the pending online spying ("Lawful Access") bills.

The Liberals' statement is in line with concerns expressed by OpenMedia.ca, the Stop Online Spying Coalition, Canada's Privacy Commissioners, and the 75,000+ Canadians who have signed the petition at <http://StopSpying.ca>.

[Stop Online Spying goes viral](#)

Three online videos have been created to let Canadians know about the government's plan.

The government has failed to inform Canadians about the privacy and data security implications of this scheme, but Canadians are stepping up to the plate. Share these important citizen-made videos with everyone you know, then sign the petition at <http://StopSpying.ca> before it's too late—let's stand together and make our voices heard.

The videos and other educational tools can be found at <http://openmedia.ca/educate>

Petition

Over 70,000 Canadians have signed the SOS petition at <http://stopspying.ca>. Please sign on!

Survey indicates vast majority of Canadians oppose warrantless online spying
<http://www.openmedia.ca/blog/survey-indicates-vast-majority-canadians-oppose-warrantless-online-spying>

More Information

The Stop Online Spying Campaign

<http://openmedia.ca/educate>

<http://openmedia.ca/mp>

<http://openmedia.ca/screening>

Background Materials

Ontario Information and Privacy Commissioner Ann Cavoukian has issued a devastating critique of the imminent "Lawful Access" legislation -- the most comprehensive and authoritative analysis to date. [Click here](#).

National Post: Privacy Commissioner Ann Cavoukian: Privacy invasion shouldn't be 'lawful'
<http://fullcomment.nationalpost.com/2011/10/31/privacy-commissioner-ann-cavoukian-privacy-invasion-shouldn%E2%80%99t-be-%E2%80%98lawful%E2%80%99/>

Online surveillance law could erode Canadian freedoms, says Canada's Privacy Commissioner: <http://fipa.bc.ca/home/news/295>

Joint letter to Prime Minister Stephen Harper from academics and public interest organizations [Click Here](#)

More commentary [Click Here](#), [Here](#) or [Here](#)

Proposed privacy bill prompts PSA warnings
http://www.ctvbc.ctv.ca/servlet/an/local/CTVNews/20110915/bc_psa_bill_110915/20110915/?hub=BritishColumbia

Letter to Public Safety Canada from Canada's Privacy Commissioners: Lawful Access
http://www.priv.gc.ca/media/nr-c/2011/let_110309_e.cfm

Legislation: 8 In 10 Oppose Internet Surveillance Without A Warrant
http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2011/08/25/lawful-access-surveillance_n_936875.html#s331165&title=New_Zealand_Parliament

Small ISPs foresee cost burden in 'Lawful Access' bills
<http://www.itbusiness.ca/it/client/en/home/News.asp?id=63069&PageMem=1>

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