

# Word Generation: Week 5

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Writing Prompt:

Should secret wiretapping be illegal?

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Support your position with clear reasons and specific examples. Try to use relevant words from the Word Generation list in your response.

Focus Words

» wiretapping » source » suspicious » notwithstanding » eliminate

I believe that ~~secret~~ wiretapping should not be legal. The Bush administration decided to use the strategy, notwithstanding the fact that it was warrantless. The source of secret wiretapping in America is Dick Cheney, who held a meeting with his lawyer and decided that this mode of surveillance was "important" enough to make use of, though it was illegal. I believe that secret wiretapping should be eliminated because it's unconstitutional, among other things. The president says that it's a crucial step in the process of fighting terrorism, but have terrorists been found? **Good questions!** Has it worked? I doubt that the powerful terrorist organizations will be deterred by wiretapping. Innocent people could be arrested because of the government's

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Suspicious. People say that those who complain about ~~the~~ privacy being violated are overreacting because the government doesn't care about their conversations.

The thing is, though, that with this tool they could do... well, whatever they wanted. A government that can change its constitution and do whatever it wants is a dangerous one.

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