Subject: Re: Invasion of Privacy? Nah..... Posted by Nukelt15 on Tue, 05 Aug 2008 19:38:43 GMT

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It isn't the thought of what they might find that pisses me off and scares me, it's knowing that they can look in the first place without either probable cause or a warrant.

I couldn't give two shits whether some suit knows what I've been reading/watching/writing/doing; the means he uses to find out are what's got my knickers in a twist. Nobody, regardless of what color of authority they're operating under, has any right to search me, my notes, or my hard drive unless I'm suspected of a crime. Even then, they have to bloody well inform me what I'm suspected of doing before I have to let them do anything of the kind- even if they have a warrant, they've got to show it to me before they can act on it. If they have probable cause, then it'd better be a damn good cause that'll stand up in court- because I will fight it.

No matter how you try to justify or defend it, the circumvention of search & seizure protection is one of the worst abuses imaginable. We have those protections for a very good reason, and allowing them to be eroded or destroyed will result in very bad things happening.