

Essay: "Government Surveillance - Good or Bad?"

OUTLINE:-

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- ① Introduction
- ② Government surveillance is a norm in autocratic regimes
- ③ How government surveillance is bad?
 - 3a) It is against democratic norms that restricts personal freedom
 - 3b) State uses it as a tool to suppress dissent
 - 3c) Forceful suppression of grievances of minorities
 - 3d) Government surveillance influences legislation by aligning it with its interest - ignoring the interest of ~~judicial~~ masses
 - 3e) ~~(It politicizes bureaucracy)~~
Politicization of bureaucracy
 - 3f) Interventions in govt recruitments are observed - favouritism over meritocracy
 - 3g) Encourages controlled media by keeping gates closed to accountability

3h) Government surveillance - discourages independence of civil society - either banned or curtailed

3i) Compromised judiciary - absence of the rule of law

3j) Malignant foreign image - fat scares away the investors

3k) Excessive control and regulation policies of the economic sector

4) Government surveillance is, sometimes, considered good too:

4a) when state feels threat to its sovereignty

4b) Regulation of market to ensure fair and healthy competition in market

4c) checks on media to protect maligning of sensitive institutions and propaganda

4d) To ensure peace and stability in pluralistic and polarized societies

5) Measures to strike a perfect balance between surveillance and regulation:

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- Sa) Ensuring government oversight **without** compromising personal freedom
 - Sb) Promoting deregulation of market economy
 - Sc) Encouraging and facilitating citizens to actively participate in decision-making
 - Sd) Promoting environment of constructive criticism on the policies of government - Parliament, civil society and private sector
 - Se) Fostering the culture of meritocracy in job sector
- b) conclusion

Thesis Statement:-

Government surveillance is a threat to the democratic norms of a country as it restricts the personal freedom of individuals. However, it is also of pertinence in ensuring internal stability and security of a country. Therefore, striking a perfect balance between surveillance and non-surveillance would ensure path to 'peace, security, ^{prosperity} and stability' of a country.

Essay: Progress is impossible without change

1) Introduction

2) Progress and change are inextricably linked to each other

3) How progress is impossible without change:

3a) Primitive societies had evolved due to the progress in their way of living

3b) Agricultural revolution had transformed societies from being hunter-gatherers to permanently settlers

3c) Industrial revolution and steam engine had marked the commencement of revolutionary era of development

3d) Technological revolution had marked tremendous improvement in standards of living

3e) Digital revolution has made ~~the~~ world a global village and a click-away

3f) From isolation to globalization, the world has witnessed rapid progress

3g) The change in the form of governments and

evolution from monarchy to democracy marks progress and change ✓

3f) The abolition of slavery and provision of equal fundamental rights outline progress and change

3g) The evolution of feminism movements and its ~~accept~~ recognition marks progress ✓

3h) Increased urbanization and infrastructural developments in cities are often translated into progress and change ✓

3j) Sophisticated means of communication like aeroplanes, railway and ships have made transportation a source of convenience ✓

4) Conclusion

Thesis statement:- Progress and change are inextricably linked to each other. They are the two facets of the same coin. There are ample evidences from the past and present that manifests the fact how change has always been the outcome of progress. Thus, it necessitates the dependance of the one over the other.