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GOVERNMENT SURVEILLANCE IS GOOD OR/ BAD

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↳ Thesis Statement: Though Government surveillance has sufficient risks like jeopardizing Social Cohesion and Global Relation, increasing safety risks and vulnerabilities ^{spreading} of misinformation and misidentification and enhancing cybersecurity issues, its benefits including national security, public safety, crime prevention and investigation, and Cyber Security vindicates its intention for maintaining national sovereignty.

(ii) Government Surveillance is bad (Anti-thesis),

1. Jeopardizing Social Cohesion and Global Relations

1.1) Attrition of public trust

1.2) Strain International Relation

1.3) Suppression of Freedom of Speech

2. Increasing Safety risks and vulnerabilities;

2.1) Delayed response and increase risk

2.2) Traffic disturbance

2.3) Inequitable distribution of basic requirement.

3. Spreading of Misinformation and misidentification;

3.1) False positive

3.2) Wrongful accusation

3.3) Wasting time and misuse of resources.

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4. Enhancing sea Cyber Security risk;

4.1, Mass data collection

4.2; Unintended cyber target

4.3) Social stigmas And mistrust

iii) § Government Surveillance is Good;

1. National Security

1.1) Protection from foreign invasions;

1.2) Combating illegal immigration

1.3) Combating terrorist threats

2. Public Safety;

2.1, Natural disaster alert

2.2, Smart traffic system

2.3, Instant access of essential requirement to vulnerable community.

3. Crime prevention and investigation

3.1 Crime detection,

3.2 Investigation Collection.

3.3 Suspect identification

4. Cyber Security

4.1. Hacking

4.2 Cyber harassment

4.3 Digital Terrorism

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The Essay

The Aftermath of 9/11 attacks in 2001, pandemic of Covid-19, intensification of globalization, and advancement in modern technologies has pondered ^{nation} for surveillance to maintain its existence in the world. Surveillance is a systematic closed observation, monitoring and analyzing individual or any kind of information. Government surveillance can be led by using advanced technologies: openly or secretly, to prevent any kind of threat. It helps government to respond quickly and effectively against unwanted hazard. Surveillance helps government to make policies and developments for targeted solutions over ~~too~~ complex problems. Though, Government surveillance has significant risks like jeopardizing of social cohesion and global relation, increasing ^{risks} safety and vulnerabilities, spreading misinformation and misidentification and enhancing cyber security issues, its benefits including national security, public safety, crime prevention and investigation, cyber security vindicates its intentions for maintaining its national sovereignty.

First comes where Government surveillance is jeopardizing the social cohesion and global relation. The surveillance attitudes trust between government and public that are worried about their personal privacy, it is used against targeted communities, people, or areas

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etc. for instance the United Kingdom introduced Counter-Terrorism and Security Act in 2015, that was only implemented for targeting Muslim community in the UK. Hence, it created gap of trust in the people over government. Besides, the surveillance ~~beyond~~ the country can hurdle the relationship among the nations. it ^{may} cause conflicts and vacuum for trust, as the Canadian officials arrested Meng Wanzhou, the Chief Financial Officer of Huawei, on December, 2018 on the request of the United States of America. This arrest sparked the diplomatic ~~status~~ relation among these states. lastly, the continuous ~~of~~ surveillance suppresses the freedom of speech. Anti-government narrative could ~~be~~ ^{be} suspected people themselves. The individual or any organization promoting anti-government can lead to obstruction affecting not only themselves but also ordinary citizens as a report published by Committee to protect journalists ~~that~~ highlights that over 250 journalists were imprisoned world wide in 2023 alone. It represents the downside for freedom of speech. Hence, these adverse effects of Government Surveillance has upset the social as well as global coherence.

Secondly, Government Surveillance

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has increased safety risks and vulnerabilities. During the emergency situation caused by natural disasters or any other crisis, surveillance could delay the response at the ^{affected} ~~area~~ ^{areas} simultaneously and cause that cause to amplify risks at that areas. For instance, in 2019-20, the fire burned naturally over 18 hectares in Australia called as Black Summer and resultantly over one million animals along with 34 people were died. Therefore, this failure of surveillance can lead to delay and ineffective response. Similarly, surveillance could cause traffic disturbance, extra consuming of time, frustration among the public transport, emergency vehicles, like ambulance or fire van etc and pedestrians due to surveillance van are situated at congestion. According to American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), "The proliferation of surveillance cameras on road can contribute to a culture of fear, leading to decrease mobility and increased traffic congestions." So that the surveillance at traffic has unintended consequences. Moreover, surveillance has led to unrequitable distribution of basic requirements. These needs are ^{being} stopped or disturbed to block the supply chain of survival as Gaza known as open air prison, city of about 2.1 million people. Due to Hamas - Israel war, Israel has

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an increased its surveillance on the Gaza Strip. It has totally terminated the aid of essential needs for the people in Gaza. According to International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) report highlights that the lack of access of to essential services, including health care, has catastrophic consequences for the population. Therefore, surveillance has hurried the public safety and increased the vulnerabilities.

Thirdly, the surveillance has swelled the misinformation and misidentifications which caused to false positive, wrongful accusation and wastage time and resources. False positive can occur when evidences are incorrect and misleading. Like in 2017, the San Francisco police of USA arrested a Black man who was misidentified by facial recognition technology. Critics argue that facial recognition is racially biased and unreliable. Furthermore, wrongful accusation has also heated up that is false claims or allegation about one who does not commit any wrong. For instance, the Bangladesh authority has arrested a Human activist and cartoon maker, Dr. Ahmed Kabir Hishor under Digital Security Act, criticizing

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government policies during pandemic Covid-19.

Although, no any evidence against him he remain in custody about 10 months.

It is was widely criticized due to lack of concrete evidence. Additionally, Government misuses its resources and wasting time to target individual or community for maintain its supremacy in the country.

Such as a report of Australian Strategic Policy Institution in 2020 found that the Chinese surveillance and detention of Uyghurs - a Muslim Community - in Xinjiang that portray violence against community. Therefore, the realistic approach of monitoring and observation is less than misinformation and misidentification.

Lastly, the Cyber Security risk has also become threat, and led to headache for security. Mass data collection gathers data of all the ^{individual or organization} ~~citizen~~ for identification, and other variety of purpose.

This bulk data remains questionize for its ^{maintenance} ~~maintenance~~. For list in 2020, the data of the USA's Treasury hacked by the Russian hackers through an email they gained access to the Treasury department exploiting in a vulnerabilities. In addition, people as well as organizations and systems mistakenly eventually, they are not primary intended cyber targets. For example in 2020-21, Microsoft Exchange has hacked by Hafnium, a Chinese hacker group. Moreover, the increasing risk

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of cyber security issues has difused to social stigmas and mistrust, people feel feared due to leaking of their private videos, pictures and messages, as in 2022, United Nation^{report} highlighted the usage of pegasus spyware by NSO group technology that targeted "human rights." Such kinds of application bears trepidation to the person, everywhere, for sake of their private life. lives.

Despite of above fact, Government Surveillance is most important for the existance and security risk.