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Topic: Government Surveillance - Good or Bad?

Outline

A. Introduction

1. Evolution of human society
2. What is Government surveillance?
3. Thesis statement

B. How Government Surveillance is Good

1. System of e-governance
 - a. Used in China; second largest population in the world
2. Tracks malicious activities
 - a. Terrorism can be curtailed
 - b. Intelligence based operations are facilitated
3. Identification of fake accounts and disinformation
 - a. Case study of Indian disinformation network, 2020
4. Helps security agencies
 - a. Internal security is as important as external security
5. Gives focus to institutions
 - a. Powers and finances of Federal Investigation Agency can be increased

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6. Helps Government track political activities

a. Political views of individuals can be seen on social media

7. Camera footage can help maintain law and order

a. Police uses facial recognition to identify people of interest

8. Surveillance of Bank accounts helps monitor revenue

a. Money laundering can be detected

9. Having ~~for~~^{of} skillful resource

a. Labour to maintain offices and facilitate tracking

10. Security monitoring

a. Protests can be detected and law enforcement agencies can prepare on time

11. System of points ensures good behaviour

a. Case study of China

C. How Government Surveillance is Bad

1. Breach of Privacy

a. Data gathered without consent

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2. Infrastructure is expensive

a. Case study of Pakistan's latest firewall

3. Tense political environment

a. Freedom of speech has been compromised

4. Government manipulating public

a. The 2016 Trump Campaign displayed different agendas in different states

5. Data leaks of government systems

a. Hacking can cause data to be compromised

6. Rift between institutions

a. Authorities can challenge each others domains for example Police vs Army

7. Civilians mistrust in Government

a. Civilians feel they are not independent while in a democracy

D. Conclusion

Essay

Humans have evolved from living in villages to forming societies. Cities became states which later became Empires. All of these states required governments to make

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lives of its citizens easy. Government surveillance is the use of technology to monitor the civilians. Activities can use controlling of media, Internet, cameras and many other technological systems. It is debated whether government surveillance is a good or bad idea. Candidates in support of the matter have strong reasons. System of e-governance helps many countries. In addition, malicious activities can be tracked. It helps in the fight against disinformation with in and outside the country. Moreover, security agencies can track the internal security of the country. The government also places emphasis on the departments responsible of managing the surveillance. It makes the government see a broader image of politics on social media. Furthermore, law and order can be maintained. However, there are some negative aspects of government surveillance. Firstly, it is considered as a breach of privacy. The infrastructure is expensive to start and maintenance cost is high. It further adds to the political tension in the country. The nothing can be seen as purely following, ~~discourse~~ will good as all things

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have negative aspects as well. The following discourse will demonstrate how the pros of Government surveillance outweigh the cons.

Firstly, the system of e-governance helps states. In reality, it facilitates public. This system is prevalent in China, where people use it on daily basis for interaction. Furthermore, Pakistan is also using this system. The Citizen Portal application helps state record grievances of the public. This system will improve and facilitate more people. Hence, the governance is made easy.

Secondly, the world is ^{challenged} ~~engaged~~ with malicious activities. Terrorism has evolved from simple ^{suicide} bombings to recruitments over social media. The brainwashing of individuals can be countered. It helps in finding out activities of terror outfits. So, intelligence based operations can take place effectively. Resultantly, terrorism can be curtailed.

Thirdly, with the rise of technology, disinformation is on the rise. Even other states use this tactic to create chaos in

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states they consider as enemies. In 2020, the European Disinfo Lab published its findings. It stated that India used fake accounts to spread disinformation against Pakistan on a massive level. Hence, state agencies can find and stop these threats as they are a factor of war.