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"I myself spent hours in the Columbia library as intimidated and embarrassed as a famished gourmet invited to a dream restaurant where every dish from all of the world's cuisines, past and present, was available on request."

~Luigi Barzini

(Retrieved from http://www.useful-information.info/quotations/library_quotes.html#reading, accessed on 08/02/13)

New in the Library

The library collection can grow more quickly when our instructors make recommendations for resources that they will use in their lesson planning and training.

Help the process along by contacting me if there are books or DVDs that would support the work you are doing here. More resources that reflect what is being taught in the classroom will strengthen the collection and be available to other instructors and to the students who are training.

Thanks as always for your input.

Calling for Donations

The **Fun Reading** section of the library is in serious need of an infusion of new books. If you have any books you would like to donate to that part of our collection, I'd love to know what you have to offer. Fiction titles, especially mysteries and thrillers, are most popular.

The only caveat is that these donations be either **HARDBACK** or **large** paperback volumes.

Beach season isn't over yet and weekends come every week; these are the times when a good read is just what the doctor ordered! So if you've got some books you've already read, don't just give them away...donate them to our library so that others may enjoy some new selections.

Thanks in advance for your generosity.

This is interesting...

Americans more concerned about privacy than terrorism - Pew study

For the first time in almost a decade, the majority of Americans are more concerned about the government infringing on their civil liberties than about a potential terrorist attack, according to a new poll by Pew Research.

US citizens have traditionally responded to similar polls by saying the government has not

yet gone far enough to protect the country from threats. But new results from Pew Research Center reveal that public opinion has drastically shifted - especially in the wake of NSA spying programs leaked by Edward Snowden nearly two months ago.

Pew **reported** that *“a majority of Americans – 56 per cent – say that federal courts fail to provide adequate limits on telephone and internet data [which] the government is collecting as part of its anti-terrorism efforts.”* An even larger percentage – 70 per cent – believes the government uses the data for “purposes other than investigating terrorism.” Another 63 per cent believe *“the government is also gathering information about the content of communications.”*

“Overall, 47 per cent say their greater concern about government anti-terrorism policies is that they have gone too far in restricting the average person’s civil liberties, while 35 per cent say they are more concerned that the policies have not gone far enough to protect the country,” the authors of the poll wrote. *“This is the first time in Pew research polling that more have expressed concern over civil liberties than protection from terrorism since the question was first asked in 2004.”*

Prior to Snowden’s disclosures, a 2010 Pew poll found that 58 per cent of Americans felt the government had *“not gone far enough to protect the country,”* although the NSA surveillance was already underway at that time without the public’s knowledge.

The sea change was reflected in Congress last week when a bill to cut funding to the NSA surveillance program failed to pass by a mere seven votes. Both Democrats and Republicans skirted US President Barack Obama and top leaders of both parties, in an attempt to use legislation as an oversight to the burgeoning intelligence gathering.

Representative Jim Sensenbrenner, a Wisconsin Republican and an author of the original Patriot Act of 2001 which authorized the spying, has publicly advocated repealing the law. He was among those in Congress who voted for an amendment to defund NSA programs.

“The time has come to stop it, and the way we stop it is to approve this amendment,” he said, adding days later that he had not planned on speaking. *“I was able to say what needed to be said in a minute.”*

While even lawmakers who are in favor of the NSA’s indiscriminate and warrantless surveillance might recognize that more oversight is inevitable, Glenn Greenwald of the Guardian has suggested that top Democrats and Republicans benefit financially from the unpopular laws.

“But with a few rare and noble exceptions, the Intelligence Committees in both house of Congress are filled with precisely those members who are most slavishly beholden to, completely captured by, the intelligence community over which they supposedly serve as watchdogs,” Greenwald wrote in a column on Monday.

“Many receive large sums of money from the defense and intelligence industries...in particular, the two chairs of those committees – Democrat Dianne Feinstein in the Senate and Republican Mike Rogers in the House – are such absolute loyalists to the NSA and the national security state generally that it is usually impossible to distinguish their behavior, mindset and comments from those of NSA officials.”

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(link to full article appeared after article synopsis)

The Daily Record

There are back issues of The Daily Record available in the library. Those that are currently on the shelf include: **7/3/13, 7/10/13-7/12/13, 7/19/13, 7/23/13-7/25/13, 7/29/13, 8/2/13, 8/6/13-8/9/13, and 8/13/13.** These will be kept for several weeks before being discarded and will be available at the circulation desk. Stop by if you’d like to peruse an issue of this paper.

I hope they will be useful for many of you.

Enjoy the rest of the

summer!!!

