

FISA Section 702

Protecting National Security



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WHAT IS FISA SECTION 702?

Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) Section 702 allows the US Government to collect the electronic communications of **foreign nationals outside the US** with access to foreign intelligence — such as terrorists, spies, weapons proliferators, and drug traffickers.

Section 702 helps CIA identify and stop foreign threats, and collect intelligence to protect the homeland.

SECTION 702 TARGETS FOREIGNERS OUTSIDE THE US

To be clear, the US Government **cannot use Section 702 to target Americans' electronic communications for collection**—that would require a warrant under a different FISA authority.

Every Section 702 target is carefully reviewed to ensure that they are foreigners, located overseas, who communicate foreign intelligence information. Section 702 is the **most extensively overseen US intelligence collection tool, with built-in protections for Americans' privacy and civil liberties**. Oversight is conducted by Congress, the federal courts, and multiple executive branch agencies.

SECTION 702 PROTECTS THE US FROM FOREIGN THREATS

Section 702 delivers unique intelligence to the CIA that is unattainable through other means, and contributes to nearly every operation we undertake to protect our nation from foreign threats and attacks.

Section 702 enabled CIA to:



Provide US law enforcement with real time information that enabled the seizure of a shipment of chemicals from China intended to produce millions of fentanyl pills



Prevent a mass casualty terror attack at a Taylor Swift concert in Vienna, Austria



Provide actionable intelligence to key partners in support of their raid on drug kingpin El Mencho, decapitating one of the world's worst drug cartels



Provide a flawless intelligence picture in support of Operation Absolute Resolve



Support a key partner's raid of a fentanyl production facility in Mexico, resulting in the seizure of more than 1 metric ton of fentanyl pills



Enable more than 90% of CIA-driven synthetic drug disruptions



Alert the Department of War to the threat of ISIS attack plotters targeting US warfighters in Syria



Provide US law enforcement with information used to warn intended American victims of North Korean ransomware attacks



Adding a new warrant requirement for FISA 702 will prevent the use of **lawfully collected information** to identify and stop threats to the American people.