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Snowden is known as a whistle blower and is an American <u>computer professional</u>, former <u>Central</u> <u>Intelligence Agency</u> (CIA) employee, and former contractor for the <u>United States government</u> who copied and <u>leaked classified information</u> from the <u>National Security Agency</u>(NSA) in 2013 without authorization.

Edward Joseph Snowden was born on June 21, 1983,^[6] in <u>Elizabeth City, North Carolina</u>.^[7] His maternal grandfather, was a <u>rear admiral</u> in the <u>U.S. Coast Guard</u> who became a senior official with the <u>FBI</u> and was at <u>the Pentagon</u> in 2001 during the <u>September 11 attacks</u>. Edward Snowden said that he had expected to work for the federal government

He studied the Japanese language, and worked for an <u>anime</u> company that had a resident office in the U.S.^{[25][26]} He also said he had a basic understanding of <u>Mandarin Chinese</u> and was deeply interested in <u>martial arts</u>. At age 20, he listed <u>Buddhism</u> as his religion on a military recruitment form, noting that the choice of <u>Agnostic</u> was "strangely absent."^[27]

So early on he was questioning the world and why things were as they were

He was disappointed with President <u>Barack Obama</u>, believing his policies were a continuation of those espoused by <u>George W. Bush.^[28]</u> Snowden was also offended by a possible ban on assault weapons, disliked Obama's economic policies, was against Social Security, and favored <u>Ron Paul</u>'s call for a return to the gold standard. He also supported a <u>basic income</u>.^[32]

Feeling a humanitarian obligation to fight in the <u>Iraq War</u> to help free oppressed people,^[21] Snowden enlisted in the <u>United States Army Reserve</u> on May 7, 2004, as a <u>Special Forces</u> candidate. After breaking both legs in a training accident,^[34] he was discharged on September 28, 2004.^[35]

He was then employed for less than a year in 2005 as a security guard at the <u>University of</u> <u>Maryland's Center for Advanced Study of Language</u>, a research center sponsored by the NSA

Snowden accepted an offer for a position at the CIA

While at CIA he got conflicted stating that the CIA deliberately got a Swiss banker drunk and encouraged him to drive home. Snowden said that when the latter was arrested, a CIA operative offered to help in exchange for the banker becoming an informant. He quit in 2009 to work at dell.

In March 2012, Dell reassigned Snowden to Hawaii as lead technologist for the NSA's informationsharing office.^[17] At the time of his departure from the U.S. in May 2013, he had been employed for 15 months inside the NSA's <u>Hawaii regional operations center</u>, which focuses on the electronic monitoring of China and North Korea, look for new ways to break into Internet and telephone traffic around the world. Of his time as an NSA analyst, directing the work of others, Snowden recalled a moment when he and his colleagues began to have severe ethical doubts. Snowden said 18 to 22-year-old analysts were suddenly "thrust into a position of extraordinary responsibility, where they now have access to all your private records. In the course of their daily work, they stumble across something that is completely unrelated in any sort of necessary sense—for example, an intimate nude photo of someone in a sexually compromising situation.

This is the time where Snowden collected documents. The exact size of Snowden's disclosure is unknown,^[73] but Australian officials have estimated 15,000 or more <u>Australian intelligence</u> files^[74] and British officials estimate at least 58,000 <u>British intelligence</u> files.^[75] Later estimates provided by U.S. officials were on the order of 1.7 million,

On May 20, 2013, Snowden flew to <u>Hong Kong</u>,^[82] where he was staying when the initial articles based on the leaked documents were published,^[101] it began with *The Guardian* on June 5.^[102]Snowden disclosed 10,000 documents. ^{which started a huge debate about spying}

The initial reports included details about <u>NSA call database</u>, <u>Boundless Informant</u>, and of a secret court order requiring <u>Verizon</u> to hand the NSA millions of Americans' phone records daily "I, sitting at my desk [could] wiretap anyone, from you or your accountant, to a federal judge or even the president, if I had a personal email."^[123]

The NSA, the <u>CIA</u> and GCHQ spied on users everywhere. Games like <u>Second Life</u>, <u>Xbox Live</u> and <u>World</u> <u>of Warcraft</u>, Google. even if the information doesn't have anything to do with national security—they'll take that information nevertheless.

He started anonymously, but because of source and to be taken seriously; his identity was made public by *The Guardian* "I do not want to live in a world where everything I do and say is recorded," he explained. "My sole motive is to inform the public as to that which is done in their name and that which is done against them."[[]

When you see everything on a frequent basis its abusis. The awareness of wrongdoing builds up and you want to talk about it, but when you do no one takes you seriously and you are barely heard.

He was gonna go to Cuba, but got stopped in Moscow. US cancelled his passport so they could frame him as a Russian spy. Four countries offered Snowden permanent asylum: Ecuador, Nicaragua, Bolivia, and Venezuela. On July 1, 2013, president <u>Evo Morales</u> of <u>Bolivia</u>, who had been attending a conference in Russia, got stopped by US nations and the plane emergency landed in spain as they thought he might have been on the plane.

"the Espionage Act effectively hinders a person from defending himself before a jury in an open court." She said that the "arcane World War I law" was never meant to prosecute whistleblowers, but rather spies who sold secrets to enemies for profit.^[248]

Recap:

The NSA accessed and collected data through back doors into US internet companies such as Google and Facebook with a program called Prism. — June 7, 2013

An 18-page presidential memo shows Obama ordering intelligence officials to draw up a list of overseas targets for cyberattacks.

With a top-secret court order, the NSA collected the telephone records from millions of Verizon customers.

The NSA was hacking computers in Hong Kong and mainland China, few of which were military systems

The US government bugged the offices of the European Union in New York, Washington, and Brussels

The NSA spies on millions of phone calls, emails, and text messages of ordinary German citizens (XBOX KINECT)

These info should be determined by the public and not the government.

NSA tries to get information anywhere possible. Its in their name. NSA targets the communication of everyone, by storing, collecting and saves it under filters.

He states: "We live unfreely but comfortably and that is something many of us want"

Why should we care? We get recorded every day and their storage gets multiplied every year by multitudes. The system works against you as they can scrutinize everything you've ever said, or connection to other humans youve discueesd anything. They can paint anyone for the wrong doing.