Pick Your Least Favorite Administrator or Politician. Should They Have Unlimited Access to All Your Emails and Phone Calls?

In today's <u>Washington Post article</u>, "Documents: U.S. mining data from 9 leading internet firms; companies deny knowledge," is a report that should concern all of us, whether Democrat, Republican, Tea Party member, Independent, *etc.*

FISA Amendments Act [Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 Amendments Act of 2008] had what both of them called a "back-door search loophole" for the content of innocent Americans who were swept up in a search for someone else.

"As it is written, there is nothing to prohibit the intelligence community from searching through a pile of communications, which may have been incidentally or accidentally been collected without a warrant, to deliberately search for the phone calls or e-mails of specific Americans."

Pick your least favorite administrator or politician—those who don't like you because you might be critical of their waste of taxpayer/student money — and imagine them with the power to access all your emails, phone calls, *etc.*

For me it would be the likes of Martha Saunders, Steve Jackson, Harold Doty, or Rod Posey with access to, or authority to access, my emails, phone calls, etc. Their abuse of authority has been well documented in the archives of usmnews.net.

Nor am I an isolated instance of abuse of power. Multiple USM faculty were suspended without due process in recent years for allegedly being a danger to the campus community. Reports on these and many other egregious episodes occurring during Saunders' 2007-2012 reign are housed in usmnews.net's Archives.

Which administrators or politicians do you trust to have access to all your emails and phone calls? Ask yourself just what they might do with them.