***Snowden* – DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

**On Edward Snowden**

1. **What should happen to Snowden now? Should he be tried *in absentia* by the US for espionage (a law dating back to 1917), or pardoned?**
2. **What would you have done, in a similar position? Would you have risked your life and freedom to reveal these programs to the world?**

**On Our Internet Attitudes**

1. **Does your online behavior reflect a concern for your own cyber-safety? Do you use a VPN, or encryption software? How paranoid are you about being ‘watched’? Do you cover your webcam when it’s not in use?**
2. **Would it change your behavior if you *knew*, at a given moment, that you were being watched? Would this make you less likely to express your true feelings on certain topics?**

**On the Law**

1. **How can intelligence programs hope to achieve their objectives if they’re also bound by law (as some believe should be the case) to remain transparent and subject to official and public scrutiny?**
2. **What kind of surveillance structure would be acceptable to you? Should governments always be required to acquire a court order, as used to be case before wire-tapping could legally begin, or is this now merely an anachronism?**

**On Terrorism**

1. **Do you believe that sophisticated surveillance programs assist in combating terrorism? Is there a danger that Snowden’s revelations helped terrorist groups to change their methods and remain undetected?**
2. **What is the best response to the use of the Internet by extremists who seek to radicalize others?**
3. **Should it be possible to arrest a suspect simply for *talking about* an attack on the Internet? Should such a discussion be a crime, in your view?**

**On Corporate Responsibility**

1. **How much responsibility should Internet Service Providers (ISPs) accept for the behavior of their customers? Should ISPs be obliged to suspend service to people who have discussed terrorist acts, for example? What other behavior might see someone disconnected by their ISP?**
2. **ISPs can suspend an account due to copyright infringement (i.e. illegal file downloading), so should they also target customers who use VPNs or the secure Tor browser to try to hide what they’re doing?**
3. **Should ISPs ever be obliged by law to hand over data? What limits should there be?**