

Federal judge rules NSA phone surveillance legal

In a surprise ruling, a New York judge has ruled that the NSA's surveillance program is legal, because [it proves Al-Qaeda a 'counterpunch'](#). The name [Al-Qaeda](#) was a name created by the CIA that means 'database' – in this case, database of radicals. Is much of the conspiracy theory purported by the US government (The Muslims are coming) largely caused by a growing American incompetence to deal with foreign cultures?

NEW YORK (AP) – Citing the Sept. 11 attacks, a federal judge ruled Friday that the National Security Agency's bulk collection of millions of Americans' telephone records is legal, a valuable tool in the nation's arsenal to fight terrorism that "only works because it collects everything."

U.S. District Judge William Pauley said in a written opinion that the program lets the government connect fragmented and fleeting communications and "represents the government's counter-punch" to the al-Qaida's terror network's use of technology to operate decentralized and plot international terrorist attacks remotely.

"This blunt tool only works because it collects everything," Pauley said. "The collection is broad, but the scope of counterterrorism investigations is unprecedented."