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Link to "Bigger Monster, Weaker Chains"

[http://www.aclu.org/FilesPDFs/aclu\\_report\\_bigger\\_monster\\_weaker\\_chains.pdf](http://www.aclu.org/FilesPDFs/aclu_report_bigger_monster_weaker_chains.pdf)

Excerpt:

The ACLU said that its report, [\*Bigger Monster, Weaker Chains: The Growth of an American Surveillance Society\*](#), is an attempt to step back from the daily march of stories about new surveillance programs and technologies and survey the bigger picture. The report argues that even as surveillance capacity grows like a "monster" in our midst, the legal "chains" needed to restrain that monster are being weakened. The report cites not only new technology but also erosions in protections against government spying, the increasing amount of tracking being carried out by the private sector, and the growing intersection between the two.

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