



No one wants to feel like they are always being watched. However, there are times when an eye in the sky can be a life saver. Surveillance cameras are a good idea and the Francisco chief of police makes a good argument. First, there was a bombing in Boston Marathon last April. Sifting through video surveillance footage identified two suspects and captured them before they could carry out any more attacks. Second, crimes declined 30% in areas where cameras were installed. Next, Surveillance is used as an investigative tool. This helps law enforcement with crimes. Also, in Denver authorities use public surveillance cameras during storms to determine where emergency help is needed. Authorities are not allowed to monitor cameras in real time. Finally, surveillance are turned off during protests and other events involving freedom of speech.



Smile! You're on candid camera, well maybe not candid camera, but you may be on someones camera. In a discussion of technology and privacy one controversial issue has been surveillance cameras. People who favor surveillance cameras claim them to be an effective crime fighting tool. On the other hand people who oppose them say that they are not effective and invade our privacy. I think those in favor make the strongest argument.

First, cameras improve the chances of catching bad guys in the act of committing crimes. Facial recognition software can pick someones face out of a mountain of data. Cameras are a fast way to find criminals, after the Boston bombing it took only 3 days for the FBI to release shots of two suspects. Surveillance cameras can detect dangerous things such as unidentified packages and radiation.

Although opponents claim that surveillance cameras generate too much data, surveillance cameras have come a long way. For instance, the Seven 11 by my house house high crime rate the surveillance cameras they have makes people feel safer.

Even though we have to give up some of our privacy to feel safer without surveillance cameras the crime rate would be really high so therefore I am willing to give up a certain amount of privacy to feel safe.

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