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Debating America's Surveillance State

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Earlier this month, The Cato Institute's *Unbound* published **my essay on America's Surveillance State**, and then invited several commentators to reply and participate in a debate of these issues. Two of those replies were particularly critical: **this one** from John Eastman, the Dean of the Chapman University School of Law (**current home to John Yoo**), recently defeated GOP candidate for California Attorney General, and former clerk to right-wing judges Clarence Thomas and Michael Luttig; and **this one** from Paul Rosenzweig, a Fellow at the Heritage Foundation and a former Homeland Security official in the Bush administration.

My reply to them is now posted. As I noted, those two responses "perfectly illustrate the continuous stream of manipulative fear-mongering over the last decade which has reduced much of the American citizenry into a meek and submissive faction for whom no asserted government power is too extreme, provided the scary menace of 'Terrorism' is uttered to justify it." For that reason, I think the discussion is quite instructive.

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I linked to my reply both from Twitter and here, and the traffic seems to have overloaded the Cato site for the moment. **To read my reply**, wait a bit and try clicking on the link again (it now apperas to be loading, but slowly).

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