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Abstract

Over the years our society's need for privacy has increased tremendously. George Orwell's *1984* provides an in-depth look at a totalitarian society where there is no privacy and where citizens are under constant surveillance. Our society is slowly devolving into a totalitarian state. This research investigates the ways our world has changed and how it now resembles the society found in George Orwell's *1984*.

Key Points

- Discussion will occur as to whether or not our society is dystopian or utopian.
- We will focus upon the definitions of dystopia and utopia. Dystopia: No privacy and constant surveillance. Utopia: Freedom and the attainment of perfection.
- Our society has changed since 2001 due to the attacks on our country (such as 9/11) and the resulting wars. Our privacy and security were affected by these factors.
- The technology we use today has impacted the way we are treated. For example, with social networks, we are connected to the personal lives of countless individuals around the world.
- Our freedom is changing and it will continue to change.



Conclusion & Discussion

Our society has slowly changed as the years have passed. We place great value on privacy in a world that ironically makes information more accessible each day. The Government now possesses great latitude in its ability to obtain and monitor information, and this draws many parallels to the society in Orwell's work. For the most part, we are still allowed to do as we please, but the question is: Will it always be that way? Will our freedoms decrease further even five or ten years from now?

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