IMPACTS OF SEPTEMBER 11TH

INCREASED SECURITY

Governments across the world passed legislation to combat terrorism resulting from the September 11th terrorist attacks. Germany, Canada, the United Kingdom and New Zealand all passed new counter terrorism legislation. In the United States, the Department of Homeland Security was created to coordinate domestic anti-terrorism efforts. The United States enacted the Homeland Security Act of 2002, creating the Department of Homeland Security. The USA Patriot Act was also passed by Congress to help detect and prosecute terrorism and other crimes. Civil liberties groups have criticized the PATRIOT Act, saying it allows law enforcement to invade the privacy of citizens and that it eliminates judicial oversight of law enforcement and domestic intelligence. In an effort to effectively combat future acts of terrorism, the National Security Agency NSA) was given broad powers for surveillance of telecommunications which was sometimes criticized since it permitted the agency "to eavesdrop on telephone and e-mail communications between the United States and people overseas without a warrant.

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