



# Leaked Documents Reveal Plans For Increased Internet Surveillance

Like the U.S. government, the U.K. government is also seeking a back door into Internet programs to spy on people in real-time. Do you understand 'real-time'? That means continuously, 24x7. This would spell the absolute end of privacy and the beginning of Scientific Dictatorship, or Technocracy. If Governments have ubiquitous powers of surveillance over citizens, does anyone really think they will be benevolent with that data? □ TN Editor

The U.K. government plans to ask for powers allowing intelligence agencies to spy on people in real-time by introducing encryption 'back doors' to communications firms, according to leaked documents.

Privacy advocacy organization Open Rights Group obtained a leaked copy of the government's draft technical capability notices (TCNs) regulation, which it has [published in full on its website](#). The document forms part of a "targeted consultation" into the [Investigatory Powers](#)

[Act](#), which was brought into law last year, meaning it has not been publicized to the tech industry or the public.

Under the proposals, all communications companies—including internet providers, messaging apps and phone networks—would be forced to provide police with real-time access to a person’s web browsing with one day’s notice.

“These powers could be directed at companies like WhatsApp to limit their encryption... but if the powers are exercised, this will be done in secret,” Jim Killock, executive director of Open Rights Group, said in an emailed statement to *Newsweek* .

“The public has a right to know about government powers that could put their privacy and security at risk. There needs to be transparency about how such measures are judged to be reasonable, the risks that are imposed on users and companies, and how companies can challenge government demands that are unreasonable.”

Killock previously described the Investigatory Powers Act—referred to widely as the ‘Snooper’s Charter’—as the “most extreme surveillance law ever passed in a democracy. Writing [an opinion piece](#) for *Newsweek* last year, Killock said: “[The Investigatory Powers Act] mostly permits and codifies all the illegal practices revealed through whistleblowing and court action.”

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