

# *Washington's Spying Programs Can't Be Rolled Back*

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Washington, January 24 (RHC)-- A U.S. political analyst says that no matter how many review panels and boards describe the U.S. National Security Agency's spying as illegal, it is such a gargantuan apparatus that cannot "simply be rolled back."

Eric Draitser's comments in a phone interview with Press TV come as an independent review board working to protect Americans' civil liberties and privacy has concluded that the NSA's phone data collection program is illegal and should be stopped.

In a 238-page report, the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board (PCLOB) has said that a law known as Section 215 of the USA Patriot Act "does not provide an adequate basis to support" the U.S. spy agency's program for collecting billions of Americans' phone records on a daily basis.

Draitser, founder of Stopimperialism.com, told Press TV on Thursday that "regardless of what the results of any internal investigation might be or independent panel or oversight committee or anything such as what President Obama has suggested," Washington's spying activities will not be stopped.

The U.S. analyst said that Obama will not shut down the spying program "because what we do understand is that tens, if not hundreds of billions of dollars, have been poured into the creation of this police state that we have in the United States; a vast intelligence infrastructure that encapsulates everything from telecommunications to visual and audio surveillance to drones, to all kinds of aspects of

this system which cannot simply be rolled back.”

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