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The *University of Richmond Law Review* is pleased to present its 2017 Symposium Issue, *National Security in the Information Age: Are We Heading Toward Big Brother?* Each year, the *Law Review* endeavors to further the debate among scholars, policy-makers, students, and the larger community on critical legal issues facing the world today. The discussion this year centered on the emerging role of data and metadata in national security.

In *Haig v. Agee*, the United States Supreme Court held there is no government interest "more compelling than the Security of the nation."[1] In 2002, the United States acknowledged that the new millennium transformed our country's security landscape in three main ways: technological advancements, weapons of mass destruction, and attacks by non-state actors.[2] The primary question, then, becomes *how* does the government ensure security in an age of unconventional and digital warfare. As continued terrorist attacks in the United States and abroad show, this is no small feat.

George Orwell's novel, *1984*, provided inspiration for this issue. In *1984*, the governing party maintained absolute control of public documents, changed them at will, and kept a watchful eye on citizens through monitors in their homes.[3] While that level of intrusion is unlikely to occur, it is important for citizens to be on the lookout for public encroachment on our rights. The 2017 Symposium Issue addresses the technological advancements that dominate the privacy and security debate.

The *Law Review* hosted a number of leading scholars and practitioners at the University of Richmond School of Law on October 28, 2016. The speakers discussed three issues relating to data in the national security context.

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1. 453 U.S. 280, 307 (1981).
2. THE WHITE HOUSE, THE NATIONAL SECURITY STRATEGY OF THE UNITED STATES, 1, 5, 13–15, 29–31 (2002).
3. *See generally*, GEORGE ORWELL, NINETEEN EIGHTY-FOUR (Kindle ed., Planet eBook 2004) (1949).

The first subject was the collection of data. The speakers sought to answer, or at least shed more light on, how data is collected, how new technology affects government surveillance, and to what extent government collects data from its own citizens.

Second, the symposium discussed the retention and destruction of collected data. Specifically asking where the government keeps our data, how long does the government keep our data, and what restrictions exist for the destruction of collected data.

The third issue was the use of data in the courtroom. This part posed the following questions: Can, or should, citizens enforce cybersecurity through civil suits; what role does the private sector play in reasonable security protections of confidential information; and how does the use of confidential information impact trial and the attorney-client relationship.

Last, we were honored to have Thomas J. Ridge deliver the keynote address of the symposium. Mr. Ridge was the first Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and served under President George Bush from 2003 to 2005. A transcript of his speech begins this issue, providing a stimulating preface. Ridge notes that we, as citizens, abhor government collection of our personal data, but as consumers, freely give the same information to companies like Google, Apple, Facebook, and many others. We thank him for his contribution.

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The *University of Richmond Law Review* has confidence that you will enjoy the Volume 51 Symposium Issue: *National Security in the Information Age: Are We Heading Toward Big Brother?* We hope that this issue encourages you to enter the marketplace of ideas in this important discussion.

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