

As you read this, your government could be thumbing **1)** _____ your contacts, reviewing your text messages and uploading the photos you have stored on your phone **2)** _____ your knowledge. This is the new reality in a post-9/11 age. Most citizens around the globe were first **3)** _____ aware of this troubling phenomenon through the controversial actions of whistle-blower Edward Snowden. In their new documentary titled *State of Surveillance*, VICE travels to Russia, where Snowden currently lives safe from persecution by the United States, to probe the depths of his particular **4)** _____ of expertise.

At a table sitting across from VICE host Shane Smith, Snowden performs a dissection of a common cellular phone - the kind used by many billions of people **5)** _____ over the world. He illustrates **6)** _____ the innards of every phone can act as pathways through which institutions can track your every move.

The intrusion doesn't **7)** _____ with your cell phone or laptop device. Drone surveillance - the spying technology **8)** _____ allows organizations like the CIA to **9)** _____ watch on suspected terrorist activities in countries like Iraq and Afghanistan - are now being employed by the U.S. government on **10)** _____ own home soil. In many cases, these drones are not being used to detect potential terrorist threats, but **11)** _____ citizen-led protests such as the one which recently occurred in Ferguson, Missouri. According to Snowden and **12)** _____ figures interviewed in the film, missions like these are driven by the government's desire to suppress and deter the will and the rights of their people.

Apathy and ignorance will only breed a further deterioration of our rights to privacy. *State of Surveillance* understands that insidious security breaches like these will continue to occur **13)** _____ the public becomes more aware and vocal **14)** _____ their disapproval.