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Subject: Invasion of Privacy? Nah.....

Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Sun, 03 Aug 2008 15:26:08 GMT

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[http://www.pcworld.com/businesscenter/article/149256/your\\_laptop\\_is\\_subject\\_to\\_seizure\\_at\\_airports.html](http://www.pcworld.com/businesscenter/article/149256/your_laptop_is_subject_to_seizure_at_airports.html)

Quote:Under recently disclosed Department of Homeland Security policies, such seizures may be carried out without suspicion of wrongdoing, the newspaper said, quoting policies issued on July 16 by two DHS agencies.

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Subject: Re: Invasion of Privacy? Nah.....

Posted by [Ryu](#) on Sun, 03 Aug 2008 15:33:33 GMT

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Posted by [Starbuzz](#) on Sun, 03 Aug 2008 15:37:29 GMT

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Posted by [Ryu](#) on Sun, 03 Aug 2008 15:44:31 GMT

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No, They will never get a pass to actually seize your property, It's yours, not theirs, What gives them the right?

If this actually comes into play, and your okay with it.. something is wrong with you.

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Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Sun, 03 Aug 2008 15:50:25 GMT

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Subject: Re: Invasion of Privacy? Nah.....  
Posted by [Herr Surth](#) on Sun, 03 Aug 2008 16:05:37 GMT  
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WTF is all I can say.

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Posted by [Ryu](#) on Sun, 03 Aug 2008 16:43:40 GMT  
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Oh.. THAT Seizure.. ROFLCAKES.

my gosh.

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Subject: Re: Invasion of Privacy? Nah.....  
Posted by [w0dka](#) on Sun, 03 Aug 2008 17:49:01 GMT  
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Subject: Re: Invasion of Privacy? Nah.....  
Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Sun, 03 Aug 2008 17:57:34 GMT  
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w0dka wrote on Sun, 03 August 2008 13:49Can i refuse to hand over my laptop, hardrives etc... and travel back?  
Don't believe so. That's the wonders of Homeland Security.

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Subject: Re: Invasion of Privacy? Nah.....  
Posted by [Nukelt15](#) on Sun, 03 Aug 2008 19:53:22 GMT  
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Posted by [BlueThen](#) on Sun, 03 Aug 2008 19:57:28 GMT  
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It's like how six flags decided to take away our \$3 drinks we brought there when we tried getting on a coaster. D:

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Subject: Re: Invasion of Privacy? Nah.....  
Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Sun, 03 Aug 2008 20:52:56 GMT  
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Posted by [BlueThen](#) on Sun, 03 Aug 2008 21:01:04 GMT  
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They threw out bottles of drinks away. D:

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Subject: Re: Invasion of Privacy? Nah.....  
Posted by [RMCool13](#) on Sun, 03 Aug 2008 21:28:46 GMT  
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Americans....

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Posted by [BlueThen](#) on Sun, 03 Aug 2008 21:30:37 GMT  
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RMCool13 wrote on Sun, 03 August 2008 16:28Americans....  
I don't get how every small negative things that happens to us, you blame it on the fact that we're Americans.

Canadians...

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Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Sun, 03 Aug 2008 21:32:38 GMT  
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Posted by [Starbuzz](#) on Mon, 04 Aug 2008 00:08:08 GMT  
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Posted by [Muad Dib15](#) on Mon, 04 Aug 2008 02:39:04 GMT

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Nice avatar effect Star.

On a side thought, that is just retarded. This kind of thing is exactly why I want to go into politics. I think that Congress should have a designated teenager to say what is stupid and what isn't. A 5 year old would tell you this is stupid.

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Subject: Re: Invasion of Privacy? Nah.....

Posted by [CarrierII](#) on Mon, 04 Aug 2008 09:37:02 GMT

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I imagine my tooth fitting contains more metal than an SD card and my tooth doesn't set metal detectors off, so SD cards probably work.

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Subject: Re: Invasion of Privacy? Nah.....

Posted by [bisen11](#) on Tue, 05 Aug 2008 16:31:06 GMT

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Don't forget about transferring stuff into binary =D

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Subject: Re: Invasion of Privacy? Nah.....

Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Tue, 05 Aug 2008 16:36:10 GMT

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I'm sure anything a normal person can do to deter their information from being read will be defeated easily by government agencies.

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Subject: Re: Invasion of Privacy? Nah.....

Posted by [Doitle](#) on Tue, 05 Aug 2008 16:55:43 GMT

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It's already stored in binary on the SD card... If you want that kind of security then you want an Ironkey. Simple as that.

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Subject: Re: Invasion of Privacy? Nah.....

Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Tue, 05 Aug 2008 17:46:05 GMT

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I heard about this a while ago, and was surprised that this was taking place in the United States.

To be honest, the only thing I'm worried they'll find on my laptop is a Fiona Flanagan album.

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Subject: Re: Invasion of Privacy? Nah.....

Posted by [Nukelt15](#) on Tue, 05 Aug 2008 19:38:43 GMT

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It isn't the thought of what they might find that pisses me off and scares me, it's knowing that they can look in the first place without either probable cause or a warrant.

I couldn't give two shits whether some suit knows what I've been reading/watching/writing/doing; the means he uses to find out are what's got my knickers in a twist. Nobody, regardless of what color of authority they're operating under, has any right to search me, my notes, or my hard drive unless I'm suspected of a crime. Even then, they have to bloody well inform me what I'm suspected of doing before I have to let them do anything of the kind- even if they have a warrant, they've got to show it to me before they can act on it. If they have probable cause, then it'd better be a damn good cause that'll stand up in court- because I will fight it.

No matter how you try to justify or defend it, the circumvention of search & seizure protection is one of the worst abuses imaginable. We have those protections for a very good reason, and allowing them to be eroded or destroyed will result in very bad things happening.

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Subject: Re: Invasion of Privacy? Nah.....

Posted by [Doitle](#) on Fri, 08 Aug 2008 08:01:22 GMT

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Who would have guessed laptops are so susceptible to seizures. Better not let them watch Electric Soldier Porygon.

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Posted by [Starbuzz](#) on Fri, 08 Aug 2008 19:58:59 GMT  
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I would not be surprised in the least if in the future, cars are susceptible to searches like these.

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