Camera Surveillance



1. Are you male or female?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Male	84.4%	38
Female	15.6%	7
	answered question	45
	skipped question	1

2. What is your age?

	Response Percent	Response Count
18 to 24	6.7%	3
25 to 34	20.0%	9
35 to 44	22.2%	10
45 to 54	22.2%	10
55 to 64	8.9%	4
65 to 74	15.6%	7
75 or older	4.4%	2
	answered question	45
	skipped question	1

3. About how long have you lived in in Jersey?

Response
Count

45

answered question	45
skipped question	1

4. Do you have a particular knowledge of CCTV?

	Response Percent	Response Count
as an operator	8.9%	4
as an employee	8.9%	4
as an employer	4.4%	2
user for home security	8.9%	4
community safety	22.2%	10
human rights	11.1%	5
general interest	44.4%	20
none	31.1%	14
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Other (please specify)

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answered question 45
skipped question 1

5. St Helier Town Centre has a number of cameras operated by the Police monitoring the streets. In your estimation how many cameras are there?

	Response Percent	Response Count
0 - 9	2.3%	1
10 - 19	22.7%	10
20 - 29	20.5%	9
30 - 39	9.1%	4
40 - 49	11.4%	5
50+	18.2%	8
don't know	15.9%	7
	answered question	44
	skipped question	2

6. Are you aware of CCTV cameras operating in any other locations in Jersey? (Tick all that apply)

	Response Percent	Response Count
Airport	93.2%	41
Harbour	90.9%	40
Banks	95.5%	42
Buses	61.4%	27
Shops	86.4%	38
Night clubs	75.0%	33
Bars	72.7%	32
Schools	38.6%	17
Car parks	86.4%	38
My workplace	40.9%	18
Near my home	18.2%	8
None, I am not aware of CCTV cameras elsewhere in Jersey	2.3%	1
	Other locations (please specify)	
	answered question	44
	skipped question	2

7. Would you like to see additional CCTV cameras in any of the following public areas? (Tick all that apply)

	Response Percent	Response Count
Airport	16.7%	6
Harbour	13.9%	5
Banks	11.1%	4
Buses	16.7%	6
Shops	11.1%	4
Night Clubs	22.2%	8
Bars	22.2%	8
Schools	22.2%	8
Car Parks	19.4%	7
My workplace	8.3%	3
Near my home	22.2%	8
No I don't want to see any additional CCTV	47.2%	17
Other (please specify)	13.9%	5
	answered question	36
	skipped question	10

8. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement? "The extent of CCTV surveillance in public areas in our Island today is excessive."

	Response Percent	Response Count
stongly agree	22.7%	10
agree	6.8%	3
disagree	34.1%	15
strongly disagree	29.5%	13
don't know	6.8%	3
	answered question	44
	skipped question	2

9. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement? "Public expenditure on CCTV cameras should be reduced."

	Response Percent	Response Count
strongly agree	20.5%	9
agree	6.8%	3
disagree	27.3%	12
strongly disagree	31.8%	14
don't know	13.6%	6
	answered question	44
	skipped question	2

10. Add your comments here

Response	
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19

19	answered question	
27	skipped question	

11. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? "The presence of CCTV cameras in public areas makes me feel safer."

	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly agree	29.5%	13
Agree	31.8%	14
Disagree	13.6%	6
Strongly disagree	13.6%	6
Don't know	11.4%	5
	answered question	44
	skipped question	2

12. "The low levels of crime in Jersey mean that CCTV in public places is unwarranted".

	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly agree	13.6%	6
Agree	20.5%	9
Disagree	36.4%	16
Strongly disagree	27.3%	12
Don't know	2.3%	1
	answered question	44
	skipped question	2

13. "CCTV cameras in public areas help to reduce crime and disorder."

	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly agree	23.8%	10
Agree	40.5%	17
Disagree	16.7%	7
Strongly disagree	9.5%	4
Don't know	9.5%	4
	answered question	42
	skipped question	4

14. "CCTV provides vital evidence in the prosecution of suspects/offenders."

	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly agree	42.9%	18
Agree	35.7%	15
Disagree	9.5%	4
Strongly disagree	7.1%	3
Don't know	4.8%	2
	answered question	42
	skipped question	4

15. "CCTV cameras in public places help to deter anti-social behaviour and vandalism."

	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly agree	26.8%	11
Agree	43.9%	18
Disagree	17.1%	7
Strongly disagree	7.3%	3
Don't know	4.9%	2
	answered question	41
	skipped question	5

16. "CCTV cameras in public areas help the police to deal with incidents quickly."

	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly agree	34.9%	15
Agree	27.9%	12
Disagree	20.9%	9
Strongly disagree	2.3%	1
Don't know	14.0%	6
	answered question	43
	skipped question	3

17. "CCTV cameras in shops are effective as a means of deterring crime."

	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly agree	23.3%	10
Agree	53.5%	23
Disagree	4.7%	2
Strongly disagree	7.0%	3
Don't know	11.6%	5
	answered question	43
	skipped question	3

18. "CCTV cameras on buses protect both staff and customers."

	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly agree	24.4%	10
Agree	46.3%	19
Disagree	7.3%	3
Strongly disagree	12.2%	5
Don't know	9.8%	4
	answered question	41
	skipped question	5

19. "CCTV cameras in school classrooms and corridors help to ensure pupil safety when they are not supervised in lessons."

	Respons Percen	-
Strongly agree	11.6	% 5
Agree	44.2	% 19
Disagree	20.9	% 9
Strongly disagree	11.6	% 5
Don't know	11.6	% 5
	answered question	on 43
	skipped questio	on 3

20. "CCTV cameras are a useful tool for homeowners to protect their property."

	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly agree	26.2%	11
Agree	57.1%	24
Disagree	4.8%	2
Strongly disagree	9.5%	4
Don't know	2.4%	1
	answered question	42
	skipped question	4

21. "CCTV cameras are a useful tool for employers to monitor their staff."

	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly agree	4.7%	2
Agree	32.6%	14
Disagree	30.2%	13
Strongly disagree	23.3%	10
Don't know	9.3%	4
	answered question	43
	skipped question	3

22. Add your comments here

Response	
Count	

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answered question	14
skipped question	32

23. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? "CCTV cameras in public areas infringe my personal right to privacy."

	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly agree	18.6%	8
Agree	18.6%	8
Disagree	41.9%	18
Strongly disagree	16.3%	7
Don't know	4.7%	2
	answered question	43
	skipped question	3

24. "CCTV cameras in public areas pose no risk if you have nothing to hide."

	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly agree	41.9%	18
Agree	18.6%	8
Disagree	16.3%	7
Strongly disagree	16.3%	7
Don't know	7.0%	3
	answered question	43
	skipped question	3

25. "The presence of CCTV cameras near my home infringes my personal right to privacy."

	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly agree	23.3%	10
Agree	23.3%	10
Disagree	18.6%	8
Strongly disagree	14.0%	6
Don't know	4.7%	2
Not applicable to me.	16.3%	7
	answered question	43
	skipped question	3

26. "The presence of CCTV cameras in the workplace infringes my personal right to privacy."

	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly agree	26.2%	11
Agree	28.6%	12
Disagree	28.6%	12
Strongly disagree	2.4%	1
Don't know	4.8%	2
Not applicable to me	9.5%	4
	answered question	42
	skipped question	4

27. "I should be informed when I am under surveillance."

	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly agree	55.8%	24
Agree	23.3%	10
Disagree	14.0%	6
Strongly disagree	4.7%	2
Don't know	2.3%	1
	answered question	43
	skipped question	3

28. "I should be allowed to have access to data collected about me."

	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly agree	66.7%	28
Agree	26.2%	11
Disagree	4.8%	2
Strongly disagree	2.4%	1
Don't know	0.0%	0
	answered question	42
	skipped question	4

29. Add you comments here

Response Count

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answered question	10
skipped question	36

30. What do you know about the "Code of Practice and Guidance" on the use of CCTV issued by the Data Protection Commissioner?

	Response Percent	Response Count
I am very familiar with the Code	14.3%	6
I am aware that it exists, but don't know the details	47.6%	20
I didn't know about it	38.1%	16
	answered question	42
	skipped question	4

31. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements: "Stronger regulation is needed to govern the use of CCTV on domestic property to guard against overlooking neighbouring properties."

	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly agree	31.7%	13
Agree	29.3%	12
Disagree	12.2%	5
Strongly disagree	2.4%	1
Don't know	24.4%	10
	answered question	41
	skipped question	5

32. "Stronger regulation is needed to govern the use of CCTV in the workplace to safeguard the rights of staff."

	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly agree	27.5%	11
Agree	37.5%	15
Disagree	15.0%	6
Strongly disagree	2.5%	1
Don't know	17.5%	7
	answered question	40
	skipped question	6

33. "Stronger regulation is needed to govern the use of CCTV in public areas."

	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly agree	22.0%	9
Agree	24.4%	10
Disagree	31.7%	13
Strongly disagree	12.2%	5
Don't know	9.8%	4
	answered question	41
	skipped question	5

34. Do you think that the rules on the following need to be strengthened? (Tick those which apply)

Restrictions on who can access CCTV images The public's right to request access to images of themselves Restrictions on the amount of time CCTV images can be kept for Ensuring that signs are in place when CCTV is in use Don't know Other (please specify)			
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When CCTV is in use Don't know Other (please specify)	Restrictions on the amount of time CCTV images can be kept for	54.1%	20
Other (please specify)	Ensuring that signs are in place when CCTV is in use	83.8%	31
Other (please specify)	Don't know	5.4%	2
		Other (please specify)	3

answered question	37
skipped question	9

35. Do you think more information should be available to the public for any of the following? (Tick all that apply):

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	Response Percent	Response Count
Locations of public space CCTV cameras	65.9%	27
The purpose of public space CCTV cameras	48.8%	20
The benefits of public space CCTV cameras	53.7%	22
The cost of cameras of public space CCTV cameras	63.4%	26
No, sufficient information is already available	19.5%	8
	Other (please specify)	1
	answered question	41
	skipped question	5
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		Response Count

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answered question

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Page 2	, Q3. About how long have you lived in in Jersey?	
1	25 years	Sep 8, 2013 12:43 AM
2	More than 10 years	Aug 13, 2013 6:23 AM
3	34yrs	Aug 9, 2013 5:59 AM
4	Born here	Jul 18, 2013 5:45 AM
5	50 years	Jul 18, 2013 12:25 AM
6	30+ years	Jul 3, 2013 3:42 AM
7	3 years	Jul 1, 2013 6:29 AM
8	life	Jun 30, 2013 2:47 PN
9	Life	Jun 30, 2013 12:12 PI
10	All my lfe	Jun 30, 2013 11:05 Al
11	Since Birth (what odes this have to do with anything?)	Jun 30, 2013 9:02 AM
12	75 years	Jun 30, 2013 2:06 AM
13	13	Jun 29, 2013 9:12 AM
14	61 years	Jun 29, 2013 1:59 AM
15	35years	Jun 28, 2013 10:55 P
16	40 years	Jun 28, 2013 2:45 PM
17	25 years	Jun 28, 2013 2:11 PN
18	36	Jun 28, 2013 5:42 AM
19	Entire life (27 years)	Jun 27, 2013 12:36 P
20	57	Jun 27, 2013 8:42 AM
21	5 Years	Jun 27, 2013 7:26 AM
22	Since birth	Jun 27, 2013 3:47 AM
23	life	Jun 27, 2013 3:24 AM
24	Lifetime	Jun 27, 2013 3:02 AM
25	20years	Jun 27, 2013 2:34 AM
26	Since birth	Jun 27, 2013 1:53 AM
27	24years	Jun 27, 2013 1:39 AM
28	all my life	Jun 27, 2013 12:00 A
29	30years	Jun 26, 2013 11:02 P
30	43	Jun 26, 2013 10:38 P

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31	born here	Jun 26, 2013 5:57 PM
32	30 years	Jun 26, 2013 5:09 PM
33	36 years	Jun 26, 2013 10:26 AM
34	53 years	Jun 26, 2013 9:00 AM
35	58 years	Jun 26, 2013 5:28 AM
36	6 years	Jun 26, 2013 3:28 AM
37	decades	Jun 26, 2013 3:23 AM
38	28 years	Jun 26, 2013 3:07 AM
39	60 years	Jun 26, 2013 2:40 AM
40	37	Jun 26, 2013 2:39 AM
41	Since birth	Jun 26, 2013 2:05 AM
42	30 years	Jun 24, 2013 2:21 PM
43	all life	Jun 24, 2013 1:56 PM
44	Entire life 25 years	Jun 24, 2013 1:55 PM
45	25 Years	Jun 24, 2013 1:51 PM

Page 2	, Q4. Do you have a particular knowledge of CCTV?	
1	technical	Jun 26, 2013 3:23 AM

Page 3, Q6. Are you aware of CCTV cameras operating in any other locations in Jersey? (Tick all that apply)		
1	Town Park	Aug 13, 2013 6:25 AM
2	banks	Jun 27, 2013 2:36 AM

Page 3, Q7. Would you like to see additional CCTV cameras in any of the following public areas? (Tick all that apply)		
1	Road junctions, Waterfront Skate Park	Aug 13, 2013 6:25 AM
2	Where police consider advisable	Jun 30, 2013 2:09 AM
3	St Helier Streets	Jun 26, 2013 5:11 PM
4	Not sure. I'd like to understand the pros and cons better	Jun 26, 2013 10:30 AM
5	Ecrehous & Minquiers	Jun 26, 2013 9:04 AM

Page 3,	Q10. Add your comments here	
1	I would wish to know who decides, who has access and how long data is retained and whether deletion really means irrecoverable deletion or merely deleting indexes leaving the original data behind.	Sep 8, 2013 12:45 AM
2	necessary to modern living,safe if you have nothing to hide	Aug 9, 2013 6:01 AM
3	All CCTV operators should be required to justify the use of such installations	Jul 18, 2013 12:27 AM
4	The presence of a camera is often a deterrent for wrongdoing. Where the deterrent does not work, it is a source of evidence of the wrongdoing.	Jul 3, 2013 3:44 AM
5	The privacy of our population is being eroded by excessive police surveillance	Jun 30, 2013 11:07 AN
6	I believe there are sufficient CCTV cameras in public places, enough to secure our safety but any more would impinge on our privacy. Private householders should not be allowed to monitor neighbouring properties - they should only be used to protect their property and should be visible and a sign erected to that effect.	Jun 28, 2013 11:00 PM
7	The trouble is that there are too many people employed by the States with too little work to do. The intrusiveness is down to the government having too much money, too much time and too little common sense that they have nothing better to do than rip off the people of Jersey and waste their time.	Jun 28, 2013 2:47 PM
8	Great deterrent	Jun 28, 2013 5:44 AM
9	If you have nothing to hide you have nothing to fear from better security in both public and private places. I do not mind how many CCTV cameras are used as I feel they are there for my protection and security, not to spy on me or to intervene in my freedom of movement.	Jun 27, 2013 8:47 AM
10	Im not aware of exact figures, so i can not comment if CCTV surveillance is excessive in the island. I think its correct to have them in the correct places, ie airport, harbour, clubs, banks, a couple main cameras on busy nightlife spots in town.	Jun 27, 2013 3:29 AN
11	CTV is intrusive to our daily lives when used by police is only used to suit them !!!	Jun 27, 2013 1:56 AM
12	I would like to see moveable, flexible solutions to CCTV as well as being able to monitor key areas. For instance we had a problem with our neighbours and with cars driving through our (Housing Trust) estate and for our own safety, The housing trust have not responded to the request fro signs encouring safe, slow driving or signs that alert dirvers to children playing. They have also not been able to mention anything about antisocial and sometimes agressive behaviour of my neighbours leaving the only option open to us as the police. IN aprticular the police cannot do anythign about traffic offences within our estate as it is a private area apparantly (a poor excuse from all I think). CCTV on even a temporary measure would help deter innapropriate behaviour and driving before a child or other person gets seriously hurt. It would also deter other anti social activities and ultimately could provide evidence if need be on how a neighbourhood 'community' dynamic could be improved. doing this as a neighbour won't send out the best cohesive message, but a third party ability would.	Jun 27, 2013 12:07 Al
13	The few academic studies that I have had a look at all seemed to throw doubt on the cost-effectiveness of police use of CCTV. What evidence do	Jun 26, 2013 10:30 AM

Page 3,	Page 3, Q10. Add your comments here			
	we have?			
14	The amount of crime and theft in the island is a continuing issue coupled with bad behaviour, and the cutting back of people monitoring areas such as community police and harbours.	Jun 26, 2013 9:04 AM		
15	In addition to CCTV you might want to re-consider the use of 'Mosquito' devices on the island. Aside from being an affront to equality by targeting young people, the devices are not targeted at offenders but rather all young people. The are used to encourage young people to 'move along' when there is no legal basis for this command. "the moral test of government is how that government treats those who are in the dawn of life, the children; those who are in the twilight of life, the elderly; those who are in the shadows of life; the sick, the needy and the handicapped." - Hubert H. Humphrey Jersey is failing that test!!	Jun 26, 2013 3:33 AM		
16	The best surveillance is people, including police officers on the beat.	Jun 26, 2013 3:24 AM		
17	The footage from cameras should only be viewed if an incident or an offence has been reported, ie hand bag snatch, fight, lost child etc, not to be used to look for trouble ie why are they arguing in the street, is that guy looking at that girl or child funny, what was that package passed to another etc etcno speculation but i'm sure there are a lot of grey areas! I would feel uncomfortable about people judging my movements but am ok with it being used as a deterrent!	Jun 26, 2013 2:50 AM		
18	People who aren't committing crimes have nothing to fear from CCTV	Jun 26, 2013 2:07 AM		
19	Would have preferred a 'neutral' option here. Jersey has not gone overboard like the UK has, but the CCTV cameras absolutely must be subject to continuous assessment of cost-effectiveness.	Jun 24, 2013 2:26 PM		

1	Focussing on CCTC cameras is not focussing on why troubles oocur in first place - resources should be directed to that so the issue goes away	Sep 8, 2013 12:47 A
2	I believe cameras do help to deter crime to some extent, but crimes are still commited and caught on CCTV. It is this footage which results in quicker identification, investigation and conclusion; allowing officers to get back on the street a lot sooner. In addition the footage is of benefit in court as it is possible to see the actual crime being committed which assists the judge in deciding a suitable sentance. An englishman's home is his castle; and homeowners should be able to use CCTV to monitor and protect their property.	Jul 18, 2013 5:54 Al
3	We need statistical evidence based decision making re CCTV - not emotion based wishing	Jul 18, 2013 12:30 A
4	There is no good reason why employers should be allowed to monitor their staff on CCTV	Jun 30, 2013 11:32 A
5	Ref q.21 - employers should have already vetted their staff and there should be a certain level of trust established. I would consider a CCTV to be a method of spying on the staff and unnecessary, implying they are untrustworthy. The majority of workers should not be monitored for the sake of a very small minority.	Jun 28, 2013 11:05 F
6	When I ask you the question what is your business the correct answer is 'not yours'. The Police should only respond to the concerns of citizens and should not be proactive in trying to make crime, which in itself creates crime. The government makes perfectly reasonable behaviour illegal and then prosecutes people.	Jun 28, 2013 2:49 P
7	CCTV cameras in the workplace are useful for security, ie covering stock in a warehouse, or covering main doors, but defiantly not for monitoring staff - that is too excessive	Jun 27, 2013 3:34 A
8	Q21: only suitable where the employment deals with valuables, senstivie information, materials/ goods or nis in the public frontline.	Jun 27, 2013 12:09 A
9	Even where I have not answered "Don't Know", the fact is that I don't know; I am making assumptions without any evidence.	Jun 26, 2013 10:32 A
10	Not sure if CCTV is necessary for everybody in their workplace.	Jun 26, 2013 9:07 A
11	CCTV does not prevent anything, otherwise we would not see videos of crime in commission. They do record what happened, from a particular view. People have an inalienable right to privacy; taking that away from the many because of actions committed by a few is morally repugnant.	Jun 26, 2013 3:36 A
12	Employers should trust their staff! If something has gone missing they can check on camera but monitoring is unecessary pressure for staff!	Jun 26, 2013 2:53 A
13	CCTV has not proven ineffective in the UK in preventing crime, and it is very easy to conceal your identity from CCTV cameras. Their usefulness is limited to those situations (such as in workplaces) where identities are already known and the subject of surveillance (e.g. a safe or cash register) is easily covered.	Jun 24, 2013 2:31 P
14	CCTV is useful as it can assist for deterring criminals or using for evidence	Jun 24, 2013 1:57 P

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classroom, with the visible presence there is the only way to truly help as they can hear someone shout for help or step in before they have legged it with items that may be taken and not retrieved even if it is seen being taken away on CCTV.

Do we even know exactly what data is collected about us, for what purpose and how to access this? Having said that I always video all encounters with government employees because they are dirty double dealing underhanded incompetents who then try to pass the blame to others. Jun 28, 2013 2:50 PM because they are dirty double dealing underhanded incompetents who then			
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1	Not sure if they need to be strengthened but they need to exist if they don't already	Jun 29, 2013 2:08 AM			
2	Ban CCTV in all public places at all times	Jun 28, 2013 2:52 PM			
3	Not required	Jun 26, 2013 5:16 PM			

Page 6, Q35. Do you think more information should be available to the public for any of the following? (Tick all that apply):				
1	No brainwashing and spin please CCTV is not a useful tool.	Jun 28, 2013 2:52 PM		

Page 6, Q35. Do you think more information should be available to the public for any of the following? (Tick all that apply):

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1	Can the above info be made available on line or does it already exist	Jun 29, 2013 2:08 AM					
2	The above questions and answers cover all my concerns. the whole Law needs to be updated as the technology has increased massively.	Jun 28, 2013 11:14 PM					
3	CCTV: Big Brother or Good Mother. The metaphor most used in respect of CCTV cameras is that of "Big Brother", calling to mind the endless surveillance of George Orwell's 1984. But I want to suggest that an alternative metaphor might be "Good Mother", as a good mother is someone who keeps a watchful eye on her children to ensure that don't get into danger, while at the same time letting them run free. Models of CCTV In a study of different approaches to CCTV, Aileen Xenakis outlines the basic ways in which CCTV works. "CCTV programs are becoming the next stage in law enforcement technology. Police departments have, with increasing frequency, placed agency-owned cameras in public areas and streamed the cameras' video feeds to an observation room, where police department employees can view multiple screens and see multiple areas of the city at the same time."(1) She outlines two different strategies, one exemplified in Baltimore and one in London. Baltimore had a CCTV programme with a small number of cameras concentrated in the city's downtown economic and tourism hub. It was well publicised, with large signs in monitored areas, and achieved its goal to discourage crime in those areas, so that tourists would feel safe to shop and dine there. In this respect, it acted as a deterrent, but some critics argued that what it did was to "displace crime", which moved to those areas where there was no CCTV. Of course that depends on the nature of the crime. As far as robbery, violence, mugging were concerned, any reduction in the main tourist hub would be an advantage. But other activities like drug dealing or burglary and theft would simply be displaced away from the CCTV area to other parts of the city. In this respect CCTV acted rather like a special case of a well-lit street; the crime gravitated to the darker shadows around. London opted for a different strategy, that of saturation coverage, and has the largest CCTV system in the world, with over 500,000 cameras. As Xenakis notes: "As a capital city, London employs ma	Jun 27, 2013 3:07 AM					

place cameras throughout the area with pan-tilt-zoom capabilities, but a properly regulated CCTV program takes into consideration that any information gathered by viewing areas that are not in plain view or in public space would not be able to be used in any sort of a criminal investigation, and would ensure that cameras are not placed in questionable areas." There's a further aspect of transparency: "To be even more transparent, the current trend in implementing CCTV program policy is to post publicly that an area is subject to video surveillance. In certain areas of Baltimore, signs are posted in monitored areas, while in Washington, D.C. HSEMA posts all locations of CCTV cameras on its website. HSEMA's program thus allows people to research exactly where cameras are before they leave the house and to be aware of when and where they are monitored." The Surveillance Society Once of the concerns is that the civil liberties groups have is that if the technology is good enough, then it may invade privacy by allowing intelligence to be gathered on assemblies of people in peaceful protests, or the distribution of political literature, or carrying pamphlets relating to a cause or issue. I think this is a serious concern. The fact that Jersey, for instance, had "Operation Blast" which effectively was a kind of surveillance - filing of information and recording of new information relating to States members. It shows that culture in which a potential misuse of CCTV cameras could well be possible. "Critics' other constitutional concerns stem from the First Amendment, but CCTV programs should not infringe on these rights either. Certain interest groups have expressed concern that CCTV technology may allow government employees to focus cameras on groups assembling in public places, or zoom in on pamphlets or other literature that people carry, effectively hindering people's willingness to exercise their right to assemble or carry and distribute literature." New York Civil Liberties Union The New York Civil Liberties Union came up with some good suggestions to ensure that CCTV would not be abused. 1) That there are clear goals and purposes for CCTV programs, such as prevention of crime and that these are subject to periodic audits to ensure that recordings are not being misused 2) Public notification of location of cameras so that the community can comment 3) A training program so that those monitoring video feeds are properly trained and supervised 4) An explicit statement of the recording, storing, and disposal policies for the videos, including the exact length of time permissible to keep a recording 5) Regulations to address the circumstances under which recordings will be accessible and disseminated. The NYCLU report also devotes much attention to what activity would constitute a misuse of CCTV technology, such as zooming in observe only public areas where people enjoy no reasonable expectation of privacy, and recommends that cameras must not have any audio capabilities. The lack of audio capabilities is very important to agencies designing CCTV programs and for interest groups alike, and must be stated in the regulations, as well as emphasized in town hall meetings and media releases." It is also noted that regulations should address the sensitive subject of who views the footage and how they do so. The regulations require the certification of all program operators and provide that all operators of the CCTV systems shall sign a certification that they have read and understand the CCTV regulations and acknowledge the potential criminal and/or administrative sanctions for unauthorized use or misuse of the CCTV systems. CCTV can be a good weapon in the police arsenal against crime, but for the public to have confidence that it is not a case of "Big Brother", it is important that safeguards are put in place. Given proper safeguards. CCTV can be effective as a deterrent and in catching criminals. A few examples will suffice to demonstrate that: In 2011 alone, the Met said that 288 robbers, 158 burglars, 57 suspects for serious assaults and 19

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people involved in sexual assaults have been identified using CCTV images, and many persistent offenders wanted for theft and anti-social behaviour were also captured (2) In Bournmouth, in 2012, more than 100 lawbreakers were caught on film in Bournemouth over a year by mobile CCTV cameras, which could easily be relocated. Offences detected included assault, kerb-crawling, public order offences, burglary and theft, leading to 124 arrests. They have fixed CCTV cameras, but the mobile cameras can be positioned in any public space and are linked to the town's central CCTV control room at Bournemouth police station (3) What I think we don't want is the "Internet Eyes" scheme. This is a website which pays the public to monitor live commercial CCTV footage online. It was launched in Devon in 2010, and is still in operation. Nevertheless, it was cautioned in 2012, after an individual found CCTV images of themselves posted on YouTube, which came from the Internet Eves stream. It was found that their monitoring website did not keep a complete record of its viewers' activities which made it impossible to trace the viewer who posted the clip onto YouTube in the first place. (5) (6) As the BigBrotherWatch Website points out: "This sort of website is a deviant's dream, giving armchair snoopers the ability to sit and watch CCTV footage from across the country at their leisure. The people watching these cameras have no training, no legal oversight and have to pay to use the service. We should be asking ourselves what kind of person volunteers to spend their time watching CCTV cameras in shops they have no connection with in the vague hope of winning a prize?" (7) In conclusion, with the proper safeguards, I would recommend CCTV as a valuable tool in the fight against crime, but only with the right safeguards in place, as outlined above, and monitored by trained staff. I do not think that a privatised CCTV system (such as "Internet Eyes") can ensure that such safeguards are in place, and the voyeuristic nature of that practice could result in crimes. If private CCTV is in place as in shops, parking etc, there needs to be a clear code of practice restricting its use, storage and dissemination. Links 1) Washington and CCTV: It's 2010, Not Nineteen Eighty-Four, Aileen Xenakis, Case Western Reserve Journal of International Law. Volume: 42. Issue: 3, 2010 2)

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Make public areas like harbours and scenic beauty spots available for public viewing, it could then add to peoples interest and protection in these areas. There are a number of private cams online some have restricted access.

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It should be an open society, not a secret one where people are spying on you! If you've taken my picture I should have a right to see it! Thanks!

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