

# Reflections on Citizen Four

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**Prompt:** *Make an entry in your blog describing your reaction to the information presented in the documentary *Citizenfour*. Did the documentary have an effect on your opinion of Edward Snowden or the US government?*

No, my opinion of oUr GrEAt nAtIOn was already quite poor. The documentary did remind me of many things I read in Permanent Record, which you can download as a [PDF](#) or an [EPUB](#). The CIA and NSA grossly overstepped, they tried to hide their operations, Snowden brought them to light, and has been branded a traitor, a spy, and an enemy of the state, while he should really be considered a hero. It's unfortunate that little has happened to curb the state's penchant for mass surveillance since then, but I do still believe his actions were incredibly brave and at the very least *helped* bring the issue a bit further out of the recesses of the public's mind.