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Public Policy The Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism (PATRIOT) Act of 2001 was enacted to promote national security by mitigating terrorism, but it infringed on the privacy of the American people since it entailed monitoring private information. The Act meant that the government will increase surveillance on the citizen's financial records and creation of DNA banks used to identify potential terrorists (edo.org n. d). Besides, the CIA and the FBI were granted the privilege to obtain information from grand jury proceedings. In the face of intensified security efforts, the government was probably violating the people's right to privacy. The

paper provides a conceptual framework of all potential stakeholders, long-term, and short-term impacts of the Act. Also, it gives insight into the challenges faced when formulating the policy.

The potential stakeholders in the public policy included the general public that was impacted negatively while the beneficiaries were the President, the Executive Branch, and some of the citizens. The Presidents and his close allies used the Act to propagate their political agendas on the terrorism menace. Executive agencies accrued benefits such as more authority and larger budgetary allocations. The Department of Justice, Transport and Security Administration, and Homeland Security benefited from the policy since they were granted increased power to grant that came with additional human resources and financial (Free Content Web, n. d). However, the biggest losers are the biggest losers since the government subjected them to tyranny when dealing with their personal information. The policy does not uphold democratic principles that the United States (US) has thrived. The Congress also played an integral part in the policymaking process since it passed the policy into law making it binding to all stakeholders.

The short-term impacts of the law included increase in information sharing activities among government agencies to bridge gaps within security surveillance framework. Widespread surveillance was carried out on citizens' information while surfing the web and other peer-to-peer systems. Also, penalties were imposed on persons that were involved in terrorist activities (Law Teacher, 2018). Notably, the policy increased civil tensions since persons had perceptions that it was unconstitutional. Besides, immigrants were subjected to intensified scrutiny while seeking for education through grants as well as those looking for permanent residency. Acquisition of US's citizenship and work permits became extremely hard. In the long-term, the Act impacted on civil liberties. The government can freely monitor public data to identify individuals that are directly or indirectly linked to terrorism (Open Society Foundations, 2003). In this regard, the FBI could obtain business records on court order, but it is intriguing that the government is still obtaining information of persons that are not linked to terrorism or espionage.

The Act experienced challenges of constitutionality since it failed to balance between human rights and national security. The policy also faced controversies of trying to intimidate the public by forcefully infringing on their privacy. The Constitution requires that individuals should have the right to secure papers, houses, and effects against unauthorized seizures and searches (Constitutional Rights Foundation, n. d). The policy also sparked resentment among the public that

felt uncomfortable that the government was monitoring their conversations, emails, and texts. Therefore, the Act was not based on the pillars of democracy since it did not take into account the voice of masses. The exceptions made in the Act also raised eyebrows on the transparency of the judicial system.

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