

# Philosophical Chairs Deliberation Question

## **"Should Congress renew Section 215 of the USA PATRIOT Act?"**

By renewing Section 215, Congress would restore the power of federal agencies to seek "foreign intelligence information" by making an application to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (FISC) for two kinds of orders:

- 1) Call Detail Records (CDR) program orders—all communications of persons under investigation and of those with whom they are in communication, including US persons
- 2) 'Traditional' business records orders—all records of persons under investigation, including their medical records, firearms sales records, and call detail records.

Such an order shall not disclose that it is issued for purposes of a Section 215 investigation, and no person shall disclose to any other person (other than those persons necessary to produce the information or records) that investigators have sought or obtained these things.