Former Microsoft Chief Privacy Officer on the Cloud Conspiracy

Microsoft former chief privacy adviser Caspar Bowden recently presented “The Cloud Conspiracy 2008 – 2014,” in which he considered how likely is it, legally or technically, that data centers have secret doors for warrantless mass surveillance by government entities.

Network World said in a Jan. 7 report that Bowden explained how the 2008 changes to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act Amendment Act (FISAAA) added the secret surveillance of remote computing services, aka the cloud. That surveillance, he said, doesn’t have to be triggered by potential criminality or national security, but is instead “purely political surveillance” of “ordinary lawful democratic activities.”

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