

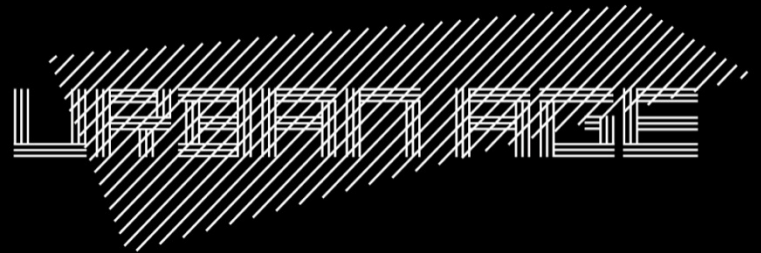
URBAN AGE ELECTRIC CITY CONFERENCE

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Security regimes

- 1,271 government organizations and 1,931 private companies work on programs related to counterterrorism, homeland security and intelligence in about 10,000 locations across the US
- An estimated 854,000 people – nearly 1.5 times as many people as live in Washington, D.C. – hold top-secret security clearances

- Of the estimated 265,000 private companies doing intelligence work, 1,931 do work at the top-secret level.
- Out of 854,000 people with top-secret clearance, the Post estimates that 265,000 are private contractors.

Map of government and private surveillance agencies in the US



Source: Washington Post. 2010. "Top Secret America," Interactive Maps. *Washington Post*, July 2010. <http://projects.washingtonpost.com/top-secret-america/map/>

- In Washington and the surrounding area, 33 building complexes for top-secret intelligence work are under construction or have been built since September 2001.
- Together they occupy about 17 million square feet – the equivalent of almost three Pentagons or 22 US Capitol buildings.

- The government regulates everything about these infrastructures: for example, the gauge of steel in fences, the grade of paper bag for hauling away top-secret documents, the thickness of walls, and the height of soundproofed floors.

- In Washington there are 4,000 corporate office buildings that handle classified information – 25% more than last year and all are subject to government inspection.
- All existing buildings have to be checked and new buildings have to be gone over from top to bottom before the NSA will allow even a telephone connection to be set up.