

# Cryptome

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## 800 US Backbones Allegedly Tapped

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Around 800 backbone fiber connections in the continental US (95+% of the backbone) have been tapped for data collection. Some of the telcos are aware of this, but are silently cooperating by not implementing point-to-point bulk traffic encryption. There is an extensive ghost network that connects these nodes, enabling traffic analysis and tracing in near-real time.

As of recently, the passive taps are being converted to active filtering nodes, enabling traffic disruption and injection.

This means that all the talk about legal instruments, NSLs etc. is immaterial, and that Tor traffic is practically vulnerable.