

*Examine all three sources on pages 2 and 3 and complete the assignment on page 5.*

## **Assignment I – Sources**

### **Source I**

The federal government is expanding its surveillance of public activities to include all known demonstrations across the country, a move that collects information even on the most mundane of protests by Canadians. ...

Wesley Wark, an intelligence specialist at the University of Ottawa, said such an order is illegal. “The very nature of the blanket request and its unlimited scope I think puts it way over the line in terms of lawful activity,” said Wark. “I think it’s a clear breach of our Charter rights.” ...

Liberal M.P. Wayne Easter ... said the order appears to be a continuation of the Conservative government’s efforts to keep track of Canadians who might disagree with government policy. “Demonstrations, as long as they are peaceful, are part of a healthy democracy,” Easter said. “This is the kind of tactics you would see in a dictatorship.”

—Nationalpost.com, 2014

### **Source II**

On November 4, 2014, the Government of Canada defended its proposed counter-terrorism legislation in debate in the House of Commons. Chris Alexander, Minister of Immigration and Citizenship, stated there will be oversight regarding the proposed powers for Canada’s federal spy agency (CSIS) to ensure that the “rights and privacy of Canadians” are protected.

During the debate, Canadian Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney stated that, “There is no liberty without security.”

The legislation, passed in May 2015, gives the spy agency increased surveillance powers. It enshrines in law the ability of the agency to operate domestically and on foreign soil while making it easier to share information with Canada’s allies.

Source III

