

Theme Analysis – Privacy and Surveillance

The theme of Privacy and Surveillance plays a central role in depicting a totalitarian regime.

The omnipresent surveillance of Big Brother allows Orwell to explore the effects constant monitoring does to individuality, autonomy, freedom— **the very essence of humanity itself.**

This constant surveillance of Oceania's citizens has an enormous psychological toll, which we can see in Winston's experiences.

He is in constant internal conflict as well as a constant state of paranoia from living in these conditions.

This theme of privacy and surveillance serve as a warning about **unchecked governmental control and how easily we can lose our touch with humanity.**

