Freedom of Speech
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For the first day of class (1/21), we will spend some time discussing the format of the class, the course requirements, and going over any questions you may have.

There is a course website on TWEN for which you should all register. The syllabus, class handouts, slides and daily reading assignments such as this one will be posted there.

As for the reading on 1/21, it is primarily background for the questions “Why, when and/or should we protect speech?” Consider a few things as you think about the hypo (especially in light of the reading):

- What dangers to speech do NSLs pose?
  - What does history suggest?
  - What do the values underlying the First Amendment suggest?
  - How is speech implicated at all in this hypo?
  - To what extent is the national security rational important? Capable of being abused?