CS 4873 Computers, Society, and Professionalism

Spring 2021

**Section Discussion Guide**

Week 9

I.  Questions

* Remember each class to bring a question, observation or relevant news item for discussion

II. The USA Patriot Act

* What trade-offs are involved in deciding how much government surveillance to allow?
* Each person: name a section of the USA Patriot Act that you think is a good idea, and discuss as a group
* Each person: name a section of the USA Patriot Act that you think is a bad idea, and discuss as a group
* What do you think about section 215, which allows the government to get organizational records?
* Why are checks and balances between branches of government important, and do you think we should take steps to strengthen them?

III. Brandon Mayfield

* How do you view what happened to him?
* How could this be prevented?

VI.  Introduce the readings for next class