

## Protect yourself on the Internet!

Gosh!... so, our internet usage is being monitored in the name of freedom!

No surprises... but still very disturbing.

The good news is that we can protect ourselves, to some extent, from the snoopers!

## DOING INTERNET SEARCHES

Don't use Google, Bing or Yahoo or any of the other standard search engines.

The only safe one to use is StartPage. It saves no data about the seacher (IP address, etc.). It's as powerful as Google because it actually uses Google to do the search... but Google only knows that StartPage.com is doing the searching... not you!

### STEP ONE

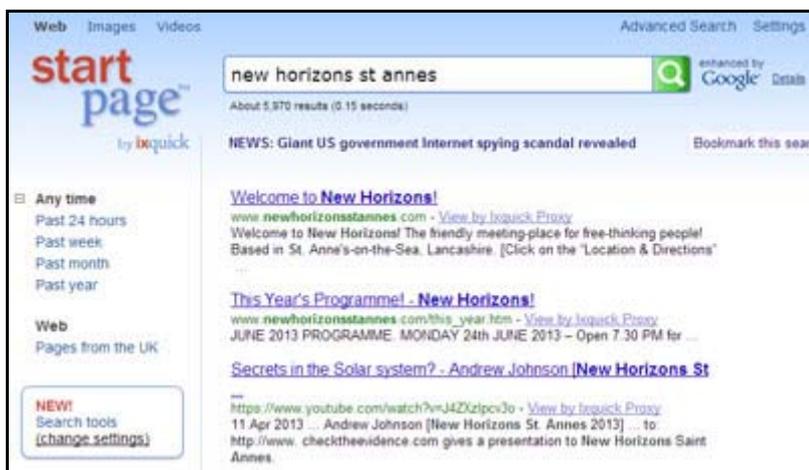
Click on this link... then bookmark it or make it your homepage for future searches.

<https://startpage.com/eng/>

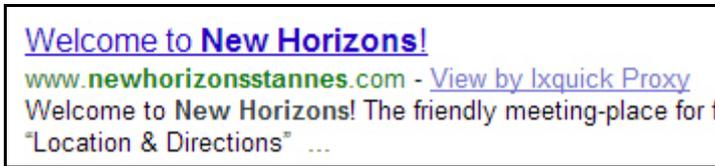
### STEP TWO

Type your request into the search box, and press enter.

*[In this example, we're searching for New Horizons.]*



## VISITING WEBSITES



When you've done your search, instead of clicking on the main result (*i.e.* "Welcome to New Horizons!" in the example, above), you might wish to click on the link beneath, "View by Ixquick Proxy".

This will allow you visit the site without any of your visit information being noted by that website.

However, there is a down-side. For unavoidable technical reasons, not all websites will show up properly using this process. If that's the case, then you'll have to visit as normal by clicking on the main result (*i.e.* "Welcome to New Horizons!" in the example, above).

### **BUT**

Regardless of what you may have heard, there is no way of obscuring email or telephone data: content and metadata (*i.e.* who's calling/sending; who's receiving; or posting comments on websites, including social media).

Encryption doesn't work... they've got supercomputers and military grade de-encryption software. So, please – unless you want to chance a stasi-esque knock on the door – be careful about what you write or say using modern telecommunications! Sad, eh?

This is not about using the Internet secretly for bad purposes; it's about the right of good, decent people to live their lives in freedom. And the old nonsense – "If you're not doing anything wrong, then you have nothing to fear" – has been blasted for the lie it is: try telling that to Stephen Lawrence's family and friends, or to David Miranda, or to the female activists who have been "institutionally raped" by undercover officers who have brought shame to our otherwise excellent police service!

Let's enjoy the freedom that our forebears fought for!

Best wishes,  
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