

Paris attack prompts debate on new laws

The recent terrorist attack on 1)_____s left France in a state of shock over the brutal murder of so many 2)i_____t people. Most who died were simply enjoying a night out. Now 3)f_____i_s are left wondering how to cope with the terrible loss of loved ones.

When attacks like this occur, many people become angry and 4)f____ht____d. Some want new laws to give the 5)_____c_ and security forces extra powers to monitor the 6)_____ calls and web browsing habits of individuals as this could help prevent attacks.

Others say this would be the wrong thing to do. They claim the terrorists behind the Paris attack hate the idea of 7)fr__ speech which people in 8)de_____ic countries such as France and the UK hold so dear. Extra laws which would allow the authorities to listen to more private conversations and 9)m_____r individuals' web browsing are viewed by many as an attack on free speech.

The argument over more police powers leads to 10)s____g opinions. Therefore, the politicians 11)e_____d by voters face tough decisions. If they do decide to introduce new laws, lawyers will need to interpret them when 12)r_____ting clients who have been affected.

- Suggest words to complete the 12 blanks in the news article above.
- What were many people doing when they were attacked by terrorists in Paris?
- Why do some people support more police powers to monitor phone calls and computers?
- Why are others against extra laws for monitoring more phone calls and web browsing?
- Who will decide on introducing new laws, and what would lawyers do if they are passed?



Answers

- a. 1) Paris 2) injured 3) families 4) frightened 5) police 6) phone 7) free
8) democratic 9) monitor 10) strong 11) elected 12) representing
- b. They were simply enjoying a night out. Many were with friends in a restaurant or watching a concert.
- c. Some people support more powers to monitor phone calls and computers because this could help prevent terrorist attacks. It could provide information on who is planning terrorist attack and allow the police and security forces to stop it in time.
- d. Some people are against more powers to monitor phone calls and computers because they claim this is an attack on the idea of free speech which democracies hold dear. They also claim that getting rid of free speech is something the terrorists would like to see.
- e. Elected politicians will decide on whether or not to introduce new laws to allow more monitoring of phone calls and web browsing.
If such new laws are passed, lawyers will need to interpret them when they are representing clients who have been affected.