

Research methods:**10 marks**

For two methods of research you have used to collect information during your assignment, you should comment on:

- ◆ why you chose each method for your research
- ◆ strengths and any weaknesses of each research method
- ◆ how you could do things differently

You should refer to the evidence for each research method which you have noted on your research sheet.

My first research method is a website called debate.org. I chose this website because it is popular and trustworthy. ^{one} Strengths of this method ~~are~~ is that ~~you~~ get peoples opinions, this is good because ~~if~~ I can see how people really feel about CCTV. Another strength of this method is that it isn't biased. This was good because ~~it~~ I get information on both sides and my judgement wasn't clouded. However weaknesses of this method are that it isn't dated. This means I don't know how old it is therefore it may be unreliable information. Another weakness is that the opinions are anonymous. This is bad because I can't get information on what type of people are for/against CCTV (age, gender etc).

If I was to use this research method again I would look through more opinions so I had a larger range of views.

The second research method I used was a blog by Security Kart. I chose this because the blog was well laid out, this is also a strength of the research method. ~~This is~~ This is good because I was easily able to quickly find the information I ~~wanted~~ wanted. Another strength of ~~this~~ this method is that it helped me with two of my aims. This is useful because it meant I didn't have to ~~search~~ use lots of other ways of finding information. Weaknesses of this method are that the blog isn't dated. This means all the information may be inaccurate as I don't know how old it is, so I can't really trust the information. Another weakness is that I didn't know if this website was ~~very~~ reliable because I had never

heard of it before, ~~but I don't~~
~~know~~ This is bad because I don't know
if I can trust that the information
is correct. If I was to do this
differently I would use more statistics
~~because~~ because I didn't use any
and they could of been helpful.

If I was to investigate this topic
again I would do a police interview.
This is good because I can ask any
questions I want which is relevant
to my topic. This would of been useful
because I could of compared the
police's views to the public's views.

Research findings:

6 marks

Describe and explain the main findings of your research. You should refer to the research evidence on your research sheet.

My first aim was to find out the main arguments for CCTV. One argument for CCTV is that it keeps an eye on you. Source 2 says "security systems for office and other public places keep a record of each and everything ~~that happens~~ taking place in your presence as well as ~~years~~ in absence" This means that ~~the~~ the security cameras will look out for you. This is good because if someone was to commit a crime against you then the CCTV will catch them and be able to see who the criminal is.

Another argument for CCTV is that ~~it~~ it can be used in court "High quality video clips can be presented as powerful evidence in the court and judgement can be swiftly made in favour of victim" (source 2). If a jury is ~~unsure~~ unsure about a case

then the CCTV evidence will be able to prove what really happened which is good because the offender can get rightfully punished for their actions

Another argument for CCTV is that it creates a fear of getting caught. "With CCTVs getting installed the rate of prohibited activities can be reduced to a significant level with the fear of getting recorded and caught" (source 2). This means that even by just installing the CCTV cameras it helps reduce crime because people are too scared of being caught. If there were no CCTV cameras people ~~to~~ would be more likely to take part in a criminal activity because there would be nobody to see them do it, but having them be on video can be enough to deter them from committing a crime

My second aim was to find out arguments against CCTV. My first argument against CCTV is that

it takes away your privacy." The installation of CCTVs at public places does keep a check on the unwanted activities but it also hampers the privacy of people. Everyone has ~~the~~ ^{the} right to protect their privacy and solitude but this technological asset has played a negative role in this sector." (source?). This is bad because it means that even people who aren't doing anything wrong may become paranoid and feel like they have no freedom which can make people ~~become~~ become unhappy.

Another argument against CCTV is that ~~the~~ the evidence can be tampered. "Few cameras are without any loopholes but the CCTVs can be easily tampered by ^{the} law breakers as criminals these days are well aware of the measures through which it can be destroyed or how the video clips can be wiped out" (source?). This ~~is~~ shows that although CCTV can be good evidence in court, ~~criminals~~ many

criminals have found ways of destroying or changing the evidence so that it is unusable. This is bad because we may not always be able to trust the CCTV.

Another argument against CCTV is that it doesn't completely stop crime with the fear of getting caught. "Yes the security systems do create a terror but not completely. Various robbers wear the mask or use other tactics to hide their identity. Plus it does not exactly stop the crime but it helps in catching the criminal". (source 2) This shows that CCTV ~~isn't~~ ^{isn't always} ~~isn't~~ good for identifying criminals. People can change their appearance to make themselves unrecognisable. Therefore CCTV isn't always useful.

My third aim was to find out people's opinions against CCTV. Source 1 shows that 58% of people say that security cameras are ~~at~~ not an invasion of privacy. This means that

most people do not have a problem with CCTV cameras and that it is a minority of people who would feel uncomfortable by them. So therefore most people are for CCTV.

Research conclusions:

4 marks

What conclusions have you reached about your research topic or issue?


In conclusion, I have found that there are ~~lot~~ lots of arguments for ~~for~~ CCTV ~~for~~ and also lots of arguments against CCTV. Overall I think that the arguments for CCTV outweighs the arguments against CCTV, and most people are fine with CCTV. So therefore, I have proven my ~~my~~ hypothesis that CCTV is an effective way to stop crime from happening

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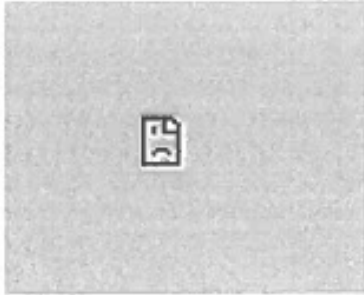
Source 1

Are Security Cameras an Invasion of Privacy? Security Kart



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Are security cameras an invasion of privacy?



👍 **42% Say Yes**
👎 **58% Say No**

They Don't Work Security cameras don't work. They don't stop crime. Yes, sometimes they can find the criminals with them, but there are so many ways to make cameras ineffective. Security cams did not stop Bush from doing 9/11. That must mean that Bush controls them along with Obama. Since Osama Bin Laden never was killed I know he's working with them. The three are trying to imprison us. They are watching our every move and experimenting with us like some kind of science experiment.

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They Don't Work When was the last time a security camera stopped you from committing crime. That's right, never. They don't stop criminals. Yes they sometimes can help catch criminals, but there are so many ways to avoid them. They have not stopped the Jackasses known as ISIS. They did not stop Bush from doing 9/11. They did not kill Osama Ashraf Bin Laden since he's alive and well plotting to take the world over with Obama and Bush. Security cams have not yet caught the New World Order because they are controlled by the New World Order. STOP BUSH, OBAMA, ISIS, BINLADEN, AND NWO.

Posted by: AdultBush Report Post

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No It helps with investigations With security cameras I know that it helped with the Boston bombing to help find out what the bomb was in and who was involved in it. The police got both of the people that did this and it would've been nearly impossible without cameras to help track them down.

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It's for our own protection Security cameras are not an invasion of privacy. Security cameras are not an invasion of privacy. These cameras would be an invasion of privacy if they were put in places that are not private, but these cameras are put in private owned locations. It is the owner's right to put these cameras in place to secure the premises.

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Security Cameras Help! Security cameras do not invade privacy. They are used for so many purposes, for example, protection of anybody and everybody. Also, it is illegal to have security cameras in a public, so they can't invade that way. To sum it all up, security cameras do not invade privacy in any way, shape, or form.

Reference: <https://www.debate.org/opinions/are-security-cameras-an-invasion-of-privacy>

Source 2**Pros and Cons of CCTV**
Security Kart**Why CCTVs are boon?**

First, let us observe the various perks which the surveillance cameras shower on us and why a section of society considers it as a blessing.

- **Watches your back:** Security systems for office and other public places keep a record of each and everything taking places in your presence as well as in absence.
- **Potential evidence:** High quality video clips can be presented as powerful evidence in the court and judgement can be swiftly made in the favour of victim.
- **Inculcate the terror:** With CCTVs getting installed the rate of prohibited activities can be reduced to a significant level with the fear of getting recorded and caught.
- **Enforces law and peace:** From the data it can be easily inferred that the presence of security cameras has lowered down the rate of crime and has restored peace in the society upto some extent.

Why CCTVs are bane?

Although they ponder us with so many benefits but as there is two sides of every coin there are also few disadvantages of CCTVs. Some of the demerits are:

- **Intervention in Privacy:** The first and foremost discussed issue is the threat to privacy of the people. The installation of CCTVs at public places does keep a check on the unwanted activities but it also hampers the privacy of people. Everyone has the right to protect their privacy and solitude but this technological asset has played a negative role in this sector.
- **Squandering of the recording:** Various cases of exploitation and blackmailing have been in the limelight for past few years with the emergence of CCTV. Several public places install best security systems for office to hinder any misconduct but it is often seen that information collected for law are used for blackmailing or the cameras are used for spying on women.
- **Prone to tampering:** Few cameras are without any loopholes but the CCTVs can be easily tampered by the law breakers as criminals these days are well aware of the measures through which it can be destroyed or how the video clips can be wiped out.
- **Cannot obstruct the crime:** Yes the Security systems to create a terror but not completely. Various robbers wear the mask or use other tactics to hide their identity. Plus it does not exactly stop the crime but it helps in catching the criminal.

Reference: <https://www.securitykart.co.in/blog/263-pros-and-cons-of-cctv>