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**#PatoLaw: Operational control: what it is, what it should be, and how it
relates to the right to privacy**

Synthesis:

- In the Polish legal system, seven different types of services can request permission to conduct an operational control;
- Each of the laws pertaining to these services specifies a closed catalogue of crimes to which operational control may apply;
- The Anti-Terrorism Act has led to legalization of undercover surveillance of foreigners without court consent;
- Courts and Tribunals - both domestic and international - have set minimum standards for balancing the need to conduct operational control with respect for civil rights and freedoms.

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