

Listening (reception)

19 Criminal or hero?

Read the text “The Whistleblower” on pp. 46–47 in your Textbook. Then listen to this discussion on Edward Snowden and whistleblowers between two American friends, Nick and Juliette. As you listen to the discussion, take a few notes, then answer the questions

- 1 Who thinks that Edward Snowden was a criminal?
- 2 What did Edward Snowden do to become a whistleblower?
 - a He monitored people who might be a security risk.
 - b He listened in on phone calls and read people’s text messages.
 - c He released secret documents about NSA activities to the press.
- 3 What does Juliette say?
 - a That Snowden hurt the government’s anti-terrorist program.
 - b That the NSA monitored too many individuals.
 - c That the government is not interested in what innocent people do on their computers and phones.
- 4 Listen again. Do you mostly agree with Nick or with Juliette? Why?