

Is Alexa working for the CIA? Video shows owner asking Amazon's smart assistant if it is connected to the intelligence agency - causing it to shut down repeatedly

- Video shows anonymous woman asking Amazon's Alexa a series of questions
- Started with 'would you lie to me' and then asked what is the CIA
- Then asked if Alexa was connect to the CIA and the virtual assistant shutdown
- Amazon said it was a glitch and now Alexa says 'no I work for Amazon'

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With the CIA's ability to 'breach almost anything connected to the internet' made public, many citizens have begun questioning their devices.

A clip has surfaced showing an anonymous woman asking **Amazon's** Alexa a series of questions - starting with 'would you lie to me' and finishing with 'Alexa, are you connected to the CIA?'

The virtual assistant swiftly responded to the first question, but shutdown after it was interrogated about its connections with the US government agency.

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The video was spotted on [Reddit](#) Thursday and has since been sweeping the web.

DailyMail.com contacted Amazon to discuss the issue, which noted that it was a glitch.

'This was a technical glitch which we have fixed,' an Amazon spokesperson told DailyMail.com

'Alexa's response to this question is: Are you connected to the CIA?'

'No, I work for Amazon.

In the clip, a woman is standing over an Echo Dot and asks 'Alexa, would you lie to me?'

The virtual assistant responds, 'I always try to tell the

ALEXA AND THE CIA

A video appeared on Reddit that has people questioning their virtual assistants.

A woman is seen asking Amazon's Alexa a series of questions.

'Alexa, would you lie to me,' she asked.

'I am not always right, but I would never intentionally lie to you or anyone else,' responded Alexa.

'What is the CIA,' asked the user.

Alexa answered, 'The Unites States Central Intelligence Agency, CIA'.

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The woman asks it a second question – 'what is the CIA?'

Alexa swiftly responds with 'the United States Central Intelligence Agency, CIA'.

However, this is when the video takes a dark turn.

The woman asks if Alexa is connected to the CIA, Alexa appears to shutdown, but then turns its lights back on when it hears 'Alexa' – but again, shuts down when the woman repeats the questions.

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'Aelxa, are you connected to the CIA,' the woman asked.

In seconds the smart speaker's activation lights go dark and Alexa shuts down without answering the questions.



A video shows a woman asking Alexa a series of questions, which it answers in a swift manner. However, the final question is if Alexa is connected to the CIA. The virtual assistant shuts its lights off and does not answer the question



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Amazon has yet to comment on the occurrence or explain if it was a technical error or something else.

The bizarre video comes a few days after thousands of confidential CIA documents were published on WikiLeaks.

The pages reveal hacking tools which the CIA uses to break into devices such as phones, computers and smart TVs - and now, some may even question smart speakers.

It is the latest in an embarrassing series of revelations, and WikiLeaks has promised more to come.



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The EDG is responsible for the development, testing and operational support of all backdoors, exploits, malicious payloads, trojans, viruses and any other kind of malware used by the CIA in its covert operations world-wide.

The increasing sophistication of surveillance techniques has drawn comparisons with George Orwell's 1984, but "Weeping Angel", developed by the CIA's [Embedded Devices Branch \(EDB\)](#), which infests smart TVs, transforming them into covert microphones, is surely its most emblematic realization.

The attack against [Samsung smart TVs](#) was developed in cooperation with the United Kingdom's MI5/BTSS. After infestation, Weeping Angel places the target TV in a "Fake-Off" mode, so that the owner falsely believes the TV is off when it is on. In "Fake-Off" mode the TV operates as a bug, recording conversations in the room and sending them over the Internet to a covert CIA server.

As of October 2014 the CIA was also looking at [infecting the vehicle control systems used by modern cars and trucks](#). The purpose of such control is not specified, but it would permit the CIA to engage in nearly undetectable assassinations.

The CIA's Mobile Devices Branch (MDB) developed [numerous attacks to remotely hack and control popular smart phones](#). Infected phones can be instructed to send the CIA the user's geolocation, audio and text communications as well as covertly activate the phone's camera and microphone.

Despite iPhone's minority share (14.5%) of the global smart phone market in 2016, a specialized unit in the CIA's Mobile Development Branch produces malware to infest, control and exfiltrate data from [iPhones and other Apple products running iOS, such as iPads](#). CIA's arsenal includes [numerous local and remote "zero days"](#) developed by CIA or obtained from GCHQ, NSA, FBI or purchased from cyber arms contractors such as Baitshop. The disproportionate focus on iOS may be explained by the popularity of the iPhone among social, political, diplomatic and business elites.

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On Tuesday in a press release, WikiLeaks itself said the CIA had 'lost control' of an archive of hacking methods and it appeared to have been circulated 'among former US government hackers and contractors in an unauthorized manner, one of whom has provided WikiLeaks with portions of the archive.'

It said this constituted an even bigger and more significant breach of US intelligence than the National Security Agency files leaked by analyst Edward Snowden.

Snowden, who fled to Russia in 2013 after the Justice Department announced two charges of breaching the Espionage Act of 1917, tweeted on Tuesday that the latest trove of files is a 'genuinely a big deal'.