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From the Editor

Born into this world we are poked with needles then assigned a 9-digit number. From the moment your unknowing parents hand you over, you cease being a free individual. You are now a piece of inventory that is assigned a value. Welcome to involuntary servitude.

Even prior to the inception of the Social Security Number, instruments have been introduced to aid in the tracking of that inventory. Drivers' Licenses, Credit Cards, License Plates, and Employee ID numbers are only a short list of identifiers that code you into their control system. Today, with the advent of modern technology that utilizes radio frequencies and global positioning systems, the coded system has been perfected to the point where you can be physically tracked almost to the place where you stand. These technologies should never be applied to people, as it is an infringement of our freedom and privacy. If applied to individual lives, these technologies will not stop where they begin, and will form invisible shackles around us that can never be removed. Is this real freedom? Johann Goethe made a statement during his life that will forever hold true: "None are more hopelessly enslaved than those who falsely believe they are free."

Technologies like the VeriChip, smart cards, pay pass credit cards, secure Social Security cards and Real ID are no different than having a house arrest locator strapped to your ankle. Yet this house has no walls, windows, or doors — its borders extend as far as the radio frequencies can travel, the satellites can trace, and the databases can hold.

In this issue we will explore the dark side of the technologies that are being sold to us as a means to make our lives easier and safer. As you read these pages, allow the words of Benjamin Franklin to linger: "He who sacrifices freedom for security deserves neither." May the words of our sixth issue of *Republic Magazine* aid you in the choice you make: Will it be freedom or slavery?

Gary S. Franchi Jr., Managing Editor

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"God forbid we should ever be twenty years without such a rebellion. The people cannot be all, and always, well informed. The part which is wrong will be discontented, in proportion to the importance of the facts they misconceive. If they remain quiet under such misconceptions, it is lethargy, the forerunner of death to the public liberty. ... And what country can preserve its liberties, if its rulers are not warned from time to time, that this people preserve the spirit of resistance? Let them take arms. The remedy is to set them right as to the facts, pardon and pacify them. What signify a few lives lost in a century or two? The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time, with the blood of patriots and tyrants. It is its natural manure." - Thomas Jefferson

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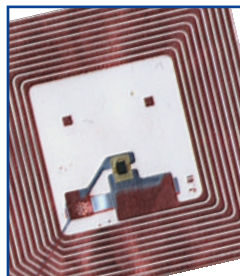
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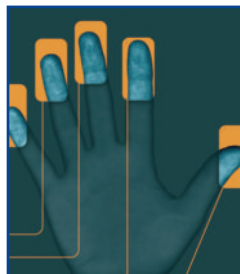
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Constitutional Discipline

The Real ID Act is already law — a legislative time bomb scheduled to explode upon the political landscape in May of this year, killing any semblance of privacy in this country. In order to defuse this horribly destructive ideology, we have to start with the basics.

It has long been my mantra that all of our political problems exist because Americans do not know the difference between RIGHTS and PRIVILEGES. A “right” is something you can do without asking permission such as think, look around, or walk back and forth across your own property. A “privilege” is something you may only do after being granted permission such as using someone else’s music in a commercial, reprinting copyrighted material, or walking back and forth across someone else’s property. (See www.constitutionpreservation.org/assets/chapter2.pdf for a more detailed explanation.)

WE THE PEOPLE have rights, a fact so often quoted and so well documented in the Declaration of Independence that it has become THE political axiom of every free country in the world. “We hold these truths to be **self-evident**, that all men... are endowed **by their creator**, with certain **un-a-lien-able** rights.” [Emphasis mine] Self-evident suggests that these truths are SO OBVIOUS that it would be pointless continuing a discussion with anyone who attempts to refute the idea. Such a person would not have sufficient understanding of the world around us to be credited with basic consciousness. To use street slang, they are “brain dead.”

“Endowed by their creator” is a phrase that places the source of our rights so far outside the purview of all levels of government that any argument to the contrary is frivolous and indefensible. The only way government officials can justify an abrogation of our “divine rights” is to openly declare that God does not exist. Unfortunately, I wouldn’t put it past them to try.

When someone places a lien on your property it is still your property, but you cannot sell your property before you satisfy the lien. A lien is a condition or limitation that is placed against your property. Our rights are “un-a-LIEN-able,” which means they cannot have conditions or limitations placed on them. Freedom of religion is not limited to those who are Jewish, Catholic, or Protestant. “Congress shall make NO law respecting the establishment of religion, or abridging the free exercise thereof...” [Emphasis added]

Hopefully this will nullify any arguments suggesting that our rights are “granted” by the government or conferred upon

us by the Bill of Rights. Only privileges are granted - which brings us to the first five words of the Constitution (Art 1, Sec 1, clause 1). The supreme law of the land begins, “All legislative Powers herein granted...” Let me emphasize that ALL legislative powers are privileges, which means that ALL legislative powers can be rescinded. This is what is meant by having the power “to alter or abolish” our form of government.

The Bill of Rights is not a comprehensive document. Our rights are so numerous that it would be physically impossible to list them all. That is why the Founding Fathers included the Ninth Amendment, which effectively conveys this very idea. However the right to privacy is one of the many rights that IS explicitly protected - in this case, by the Fourth Amendment.

“The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, from unreasonable searches and seizures shall not be violated...” Under British rule, government agents were authorized to write “general warrants” or “Writs of Assistance” which gave them the presumed power to search anywhere for anything. Soldiers could literally write these warrants while standing outside your door, to be exercised as valid authority a moment later. The Fourth Amendment explicitly forbids this type of search as “unreasonable.”

This “leaves the door open” (pun intended) for defining what a reasonable search would consist of. The Fourth Amendment declares: *“... and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.”* Probable cause is the first requirement of any reasonable search. Authorities must have evidence in their possession that clearly implies the existence of additional evidence of a crime.

A reasonable warrant must also be “supported by [the] Oath or affirmation” of the agent requesting the search. The purpose of the oath is to make the government agent personally liable should the search subsequently violate the rights of the person being searched. Most of us have heard stories where police have kicked down the door of a home, holding the occupants at gunpoint while rummaging through their belongings... only to discover, somewhat belatedly, that they have searched the wrong address. In cases like this it must be argued that the innocent person’s rights were violated and civil damages should be sought from the agent whose personal oath justified the warrant in the first place.

We can validate this concept by observing what typically happens in such situations today. Not only has the victim’s right to privacy been violated, their property has often been physically damaged or destroyed during the search,



and the “perps” (as the police enjoy calling *us* whenever *we* commit a crime) are not even reprimanded by their superiors. Making government agents responsible for the actions they take while on duty is a necessary deterrent if we are to reduce the likelihood of them making similar mistakes in the future. Without this deterrent, officers are free to allege any “improbable cause” to give them the appearance of authority to search anywhere on a whim.

Starting on May 11, 2008, federal agencies cannot accept driver’s licenses or ID cards issued by states that are not in compliance with the REAL ID Act. Being in compliance means that they must have an embedded RFID (radio frequency ID) chip that can be scanned to provide instantaneous information to authorities. Recalcitrant individuals (like me) will no longer be ABLE to refuse to identify themselves to authorities. People can (and will) be scanned without their knowledge, and then action can be taken against them without due process of law. This turns the intrusive phrase, “Papers, please” into a hellish, Orwellian nightmare. Government agents will be able to perform an undetectable search so they can generate the “probable cause” necessary for a search warrant - assuming they feel the need to continue the charade of respecting our rights.

The Fourth Amendment was originally used to disqualify evidence that has been seized during unlawful SEARCHES; however, the courts are beginning to rule in favor of police authority and against the right to privacy. In 2005, the Supreme Court ruled in *Hudson v Michigan* that “suppression of evidence is not required...” “... where its deterrence benefits outweigh its substantial societal costs.” Unfortunately, the court is overlooking the purpose of the Fourth Amendment - its most important benefit - a population that feels secure in their privacy. On the other hand, when we feel anxiety knowing the government can search us or our property at any time, our rights have already been violated, even before a physical search has been performed.

If we value our rights and our privacy, we must actively and aggressively resist this encroachment made all too easy by the use of RFID technology. There may come a time in your life when resisting a search is literally impossible. I know, because it has already happened to me.

In October of 1997 I was leaving California because of their draconian (and unconstitutional) gun laws, headed for my new job in Austin, Texas. As I crossed the Arizona border I stopped my car and extracted my pistol from the rear storage area, simply because it was legal to do so. Two nights later as I crossed the border into New Mexico, I was forced to stop at a rest area where a “multi-jurisdictional task force” (i.e., state and federal agents working together) had established a drug interdiction checkpoint. When the officer spotted the pistol in my console, I was ordered out of the car and my automobile was searched without my permission.

I was certainly capable of reciting the Fourth and Fifth Amendments to the officers word for word, however that didn’t seem to be a prudent course of action when surrounded by humorless federal agents holding automatic rifles at the ready. Fortunately, we all remained calm and all of my property was returned to me after being detained for more than 90 minutes. The outrage I felt once I returned to the freeway came too late to prevent this unconstitutional search.

We must not wait until highway checkpoints become a common, daily occurrence. If we value our privacy at all, we must refuse to accept any technology that will monitor our lives, and we must eliminate the Department of Homeland Security, which already operates like a modern version of the KGB — if not for ourselves, then for the bona fide security of future generations.



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Bill Cattorini, a retired Chicago fireman, is without a driver's license. He was refused a license renewal because the birth date on his expiring license does not match that of his Social Security records. The Illinois state Department of Motor Vehicles is unable to resolve the problem.

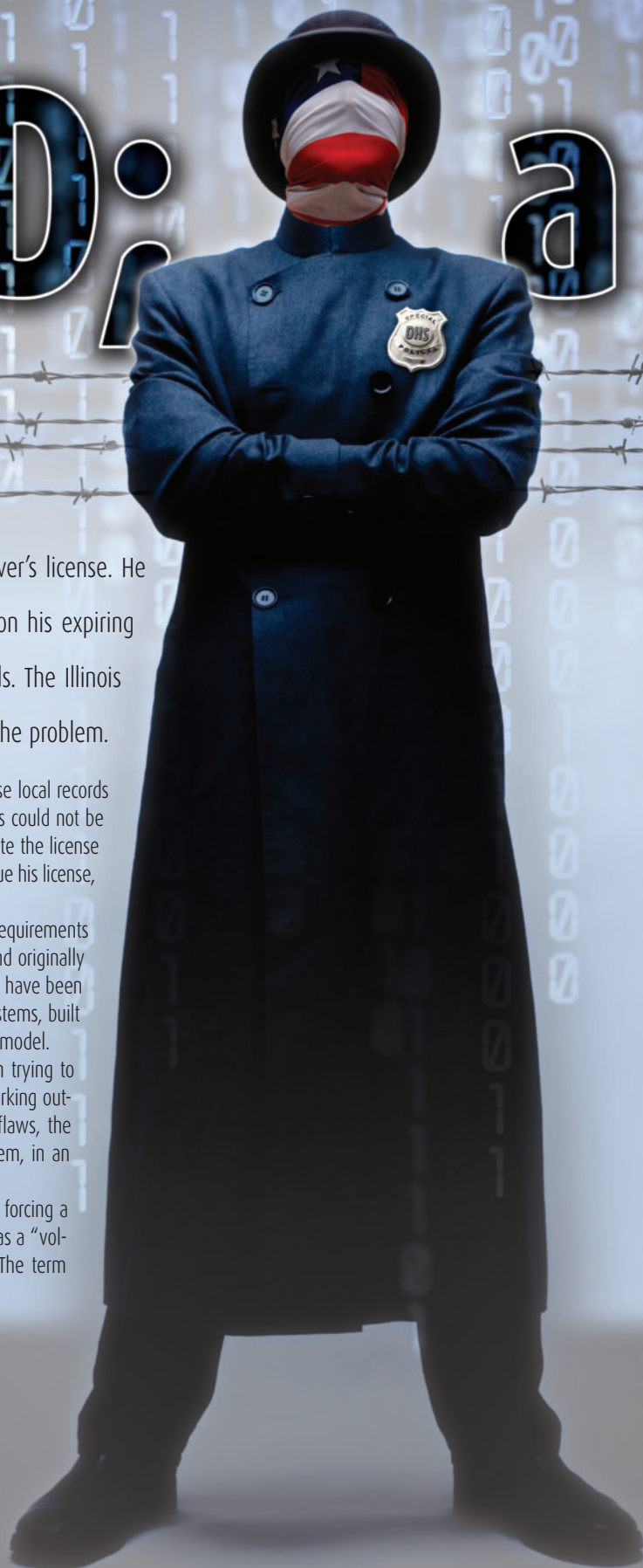
A California resident was refused a drivers license renewal because local records indicated he had once had a license in another state but those records could not be found. The reason: that state did not hold records going back to the date the license was issued. Under new requirements, the State of California cannot reissue his license, due to unverifiable information.

These are the results of the early implementation of some of the requirements of the Real ID Act, signed into law by George Bush in May of 2005, and originally designed to be put into effect by May of this year. Law-abiding citizens have been caught in the bureaucratic entanglement of a network of database systems, built under varying protocols, which must adhere to a new standardization model.

The above stories are small samples of the problems inherent in trying to string together a number of database systems not designed for networking outside of their individual regional domains. Despite these predictable flaws, the Real ID Act requires complying states to connect to just such a system, in an effort to create a national identification system.

Avoiding the justifiable arguments against the constitutionality of forcing a federal ID card mandate on individual states, the Real ID Act is labeled as a "voluntary standardization of state driver licensing and ID procedures." The term

BY BUDDY LOGAN



Real Disaster

“voluntary” is metaphorical. According to the act, the federal government is to provide no assistance, in the way of grants or “other assistance” to a non-complying state. The citizens of a state that does not comply with the act will need to apply for a passport if they want to get on an airplane, enter a federal building and receive the benefits of Medicare, Social Security, or any other federal program. Basically, the federal government is blackmailing the states into complying with what can only be described as an internal passport – a term often held as a sign of tyranny during the Cold War when Russia established Internal Passports and required each citizen to carry one at all times.

Highly opposed by a majority of Congress, the Real ID bill nonetheless became federal law in May of 2005, skirting significant floor or committee debate or hearing by the reprehensible attachment of the bill to the Emergency Supplemental Wartime Appropriations Act, which appropriated funds for the war in Iraq, U.S. military operations in Afghanistan, and relief for the victims of the December 2004 tsunami in the Indian Ocean. The act authorizes the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to supersede state laws protecting the individual rights of privacy, and requires states to surrender their regulatory rights over driver's licenses and birth certificates to the federal government. The act also gives authority to the Secretary of Homeland Security to unilaterally add requirements to the Real ID card as he sees fit.

As of January 11th of this year, DHS has adjusted the original May 11th, 2008 deadline. Most states have filed for an extension that requires them to upgrade the security of their license systems, by December 31st, 2009, to

include a check for lawful status of all applicants. As long as those states have accomplished this benchmark by the deadline, they may apply for a second extension that could extend full compliance to May 11th, 2011.

As of this writing, nearly all states have applied for extensions. Exceptions are Montana, Maine, New Hampshire, Delaware and South Carolina. If these states did not file for an extension by March 31st of this year, and are not in full compliance by May 11th, driver's licenses and IDs from those states will not be accepted for federal purposes, which include boarding a plane or entering a federal building.

In order to avoid reference to a physical central national database, Real ID requires a network of individual state systems, standardized so they will be able to talk to one another as if they were one database. You don't need a degree in computer science to know that this is a scary proposition. As internationally renowned security technologist Bruce Schneier puts it, “The security risks are enormous. Such a database would be a kludge of existing databases; databases that are incompatible, full of erroneous data, and unreliable.” Schneider also stated, “The main problem with any ID system is that it requires the existence of a database. In this case it would have to be an immense database of private and sensitive information on every citizen – one widely and instantaneously accessible from airline check-in stations, police cars, schools, and so on. And when the inevitable worms, viruses, or random failures happen and the database goes down, what then? Is the whole country supposed to shut down until it's restored?”

Commenting on the security of the Real ID system, Computer Professionals



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Real ID; a Real Disaster

for Social Responsibility stated, "The security necessary to prevent people from breaking into such a sensitive networked system would be nearly impossible to achieve."

Real life examples are numerous, such as a license fraud scheme that occurred in one Newark, New Jersey DMV office, resulting in the firing of all employees working there. Since each DMV office will be required to have full access to the national database, a break-in or inside job at a single DMV office could compromise the information of millions of U.S. Citizens.

Even large, single databases always have errors. Dealing with errors in your credit report, or your account with a large corporation can be a big, frustrating hassle. It becomes much more important when that error could lead to your arrest or the unexpected inability to hop on a plane to get to a hospital across the country where your father has just had a heart attack.

Most Americans do not understand privacy issues. They have grown to accept the accelerated use of their Social Security number when applying for credit, opening a bank account, or an increasing number of other activities. When questioned about privacy concerns, most display a fair amount of ambivalence. They are concerned about identity theft, but they have no idea how big a problem it is. When it comes to the government and private agencies obtaining and archiving an increasing amount of their personal information, the reaction is usually "Why should it bother me; I am not doing anything wrong", or "I have nothing to hide." They seldom take into consideration the very real possibilities of incorrect information, erroneous cross-referencing and other problems inherent in large databases containing millions of records on millions of people. Add to that the sale of this information, which occurs far too frequently, to data-mining companies like LexisNexis, ChoicePoint, and Acxiom, and the problems increase tenfold as these companies share that information with their database partners in North America, Europe and elsewhere.

Electronic technology enters the picture on the card as well. Real ID cards must include a "common machine-readable technology". The word "common", according to DHS, means that the same technology will be used throughout the interstate system. Magnetic strips, enhanced barcodes, or RFID (Radio Frequency Identifier) chips - which can be read from a distance without your knowledge) may be used. The choice is up to Homeland Security, who may also add additional requirements, like "biometric identifiers" such as your fingerprints or a retinal scan, whenever they choose to do so. Although the DHS has leaned heavily toward RFID, the current requirements, put forth in January of this year, are for a magnetic strip. The decision to use a magnetic strip was based on protestations from various states on the time and cost involved in implementing other methods, as well as complaints from privacy advocates. RFID is already being used in U.S. passports. One can easily project that the technology will be introduced to Real ID in the near future.

Considering biometric data such as fingerprints and retinal scans, such technology will only be able, at best, to assure that the ID card belongs to the card bearer. It does not assure that the card bearer obtained the card legally. Despite the fact that states will be required to verify every document, such as birth certificates and telephone bills, these documents and situations (such as residence verification) are easy to fabricate. Another consideration, according to Computer Professionals for Social Responsibility is that, "There is always a margin of variation between the original sample obtained during registration and any subsequent sample used at the point of authentication. To ensure that no one slips through by pretending to be the cardholder, the range of tolerance must be set so narrow that there will be significant numbers of people who will not appear to be legitimate cardholders when, in fact, they are."

Since a main stated purpose of the Real ID act is to prevent illegal immigration, for the first time, employers would have to receive the government's permission to hire a new worker. According to a study done by the Cato institute on a national registration database proposed during the Clinton years, "Any federal computer registry

will be contaminated with large amounts of faulty data that will render the system unreliable. Even the best government databases have error rates of 10, 20, and 30 percent. But if the national computer registry had an error rate of just 1 percent, the federal government would wrongly deny jobs to 650,000 American workers each year because of bureaucratic mistakes in Washington."

The Financial Services Technology Consortium, in a recent credit card fraud analysis report, found 20% false positive and 20% false negative results. If bankers cannot prevent such results in a system that is comparatively more secure than the hodge-podge Real ID system, the inevitability that your personal information will be compromised is extremely high.

Such inevitable flaws in the system and their inherent problems are extremely important to consider. Even more important, however, is "surveillance creep", which is what happens when a technology or law intended for one purpose, winds up being used for many others. Over time, this national database has the potential to host more and more personal data. Lacking any privacy regulation, this data *will* be used for expanded purposes.

This national database of information will inevitably be used for predictive profiling for law enforcement. In a report titled "The Uneasy Case for National ID Cards", A. Michael Froomkin, of the University of Miami School of Law, stated, "If linked to extensive databases, biometric information, and real-time (or near-real-time) activity monitoring - all of which are possible, an ID card system can form the anchor of a wide-ranging system of surveillance, authorization and, optionally, control."

History shows that privacy rights, once eroded, are almost never re-established. Given the open-end design of Real ID placed in the hands of Homeland Security, which has the authority to add whatever information requirements they desire, at any time they deem necessary, the possibilities of including medical records, financial transactions, and various methods of profiling are almost a given. Commercial interests will also play a role, and Real ID cards will turn in to a domestic passport and identifier for a whole myriad of everyday commercial and financial tasks.

The potential also exists for expansion to a global identification system. According to Congressman Ron Paul, "A careful reading [of the Real ID Act] also reveals that states will be required to participate in the "Driver's License Agreement," which was crafted by DMV lobbyists years ago. This agreement creates a massive database of sensitive information on American citizens that can be shared with Canada and Mexico!"

U.S. military installations and government offices are already using a system developed by the Federation for Identity and Cross-Credentialing Systems (<http://www.fixs.org>), which has developed what it calls the first "worldwide, interoperable identity and cross-credentialing network." FIXS says their system is ready for global deployment. Their stated mission is to "establish and maintain a worldwide, interoperable identity and cross-credentialing network built on security, privacy, trust, standard operating rules, policies, and technical standards." Such a global ID system has the very real potential of laying the groundwork for global totalitarianism. In such an environment, you could be forbidden to work, travel, open bank accounts, or conduct the most basic life activities without proper approval. Such possibilities may be more real than present governmental and sociological institutions reveal.

To understand where the policies of putting these systems into place can lead us, one need only look to countries that are way ahead of us in government surveillance and data collection. Take Singapore, for example, one of the most highly regulated societies on the planet, where chewing gum is illegal because it is messy, and expensive fines can occur from such actions as forgetting to flush a public toilet. Singapore is often referred to as a model for successful government control, based heavily on computer and surveillance technology. Its' streets are clean, crime is low (you could receive the death penalty for drug possession), and no one argues politics.

The leaders of the city-state say that economic prosperity has to be paid for with

freedom, and warn that Western societies are declining as a direct result of individualism. Former prime minister Lee Kuan Yew declares that good citizens should remember that the national interest is always more important than civil liberties.

Internet activity is censored and devoid of political dissent. As a matter of fact, you will find very little political discussion at all on the Web. Since the 1990's, Internet activity has been under the strict control of the Singapore Broadcasting Authority, which monitors Internet content and website access. Internet Service Providers must be government licensed. The Ministry of Home Affairs polices every aspect of personal life, including monitoring personal e-mails, Internet activity and phone calls. Information is gathered, stored, analyzed and used for profiling, and can be used in the courts for prosecution. These practices were put into effect in the 1990's, but were stepped up after 9/11, in the interest of "national security."

Patrick Nathan is deputy director of the Singapore National Security Coordination Center, and is in charge of RAHS [Risk Assessment and Horizon Scanning], who's aim, according to Nathan, is "to help leaders to anticipate future security threats and patterns through a networked government approach."

Instigation of the RAHS project in Singapore, according to Nathan, was based on the fear of terrorism and the SARS epidemic. The system is designed to cross-reference data in various government databases and is based on profiling to determine threats to the government.

The plan, originally designed by Retired U.S. Adm. John Poindexter for the Pentagon, was scuttled in the United States. Deluged with bad publicity on the project which, among other things, cited Poindexter's key role in the Iran-Contra affair of the 1980's, Poindexter resigned from the project in August of 2003, and Congress pulled funding for the program, titled Total Information Awareness. The TIA office was closed.

The technology traveled to Singapore via John Peterson, of the Virginia-based Arlington Institute, and Dave Snowden, who was previously supported by Poindexter's office within Darpa (the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency), and is now the chief scientific officer of Cognitive Edge, a Singapore-based company.

Every citizen and permanent resident in Singapore is required, at the age of 15, to register for and receive an IC, or "Identity Card". The card is a necessity for such everyday transactions as shopping, registering a mobile phone, logging on to various Internet sites, receiving medical treatment, securing a rental car or motel room, or obtaining documents. Most of these activities and more are recorded, in real time, in a centralized database.

IC Applicants must submit, among other documentation, photocopies of both parents' ICs. After registering, the card is sent to the registrant's school - not to their home.

Spring Singapore, the national office that establishes industry standards in Singapore, has come up with a standard for various RFID-based cards, including the IC so that one electronic reader can be used by government and industry. Devices will also include PDAs, watches and mobile phones.

Modern technologies hold many wonders not even considered possible only a short time ago. Intelligent consideration of what these technologies mean to society brings up the inevitable conclusion that just because we *can* do something does not necessarily mean we *should*. When the devaluation of personal autonomy, safety and individual freedom is bound to a technology, it is of paramount importance to self-governing people to resist the use of that technology. One need only look to our society's past to see the effects of erosion of the principles we, as a nation, profess to uphold. Should we never draw the line and define our boundaries, we will have no defense against the frailty of misguided, error-prone institutions, let alone the tyranny of others.

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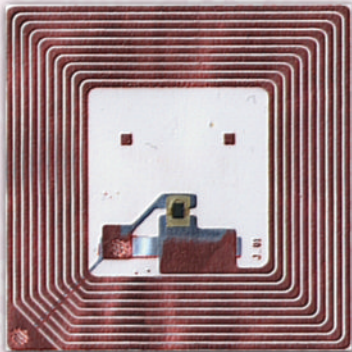
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A Conversation with Katherine Albrecht

RFID, which stands for "Radio Frequency Identification," is an automatic data capture technology that uses tracking chips affixed to items to track them at a distance. Commercial RFID tags typically utilize a number scheme called EPC or "Electronic Product Code." This code is capable of providing a unique ID for any physical object in the world. If the developers of the system have their way, the plan is for the remotely-readable EPC tag to eventually replace the UPC bar code on every manufactured object on earth.

The adoption of RFID technology is occurring across the board within governments and corporations alike. The media is promoting RFID as a wonderful security technology, though many others believe it has the potential to enslave humanity. RFID tags, combined with a ubiquitous grid of readers could create a system that could track where every item and every person is in the world at any given time. This is especially true if the elites are successful at convincing everyone that an implantable RFID chip is needed for everyone's safety. Imagine a world in which the government has checkpoints that you can not pass through without scanning your implantable microchip. This is a very scary proposition — but it is a possible reality.

Currently, the elites are pushing ahead with their cashless society grid agenda. Credit and debit cards are now accepted almost anywhere, and the elites have begun issuing RFID-tagged credit and debit cards. From there it's a short step to an implantable RFID chip or payment purposes that would monitor a person's every transaction. That could facilitate a technological police state where big brother rules supreme. Considering the progression of countless "nanny" state laws in the United



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States, the United Kingdom and other western countries, a future society like what is depicted in George Orwell's dystopia novel 1984 is a very real possibility. Suffice to say, RFID is raising a number of privacy concerns.

To learn more about the dangers of RFID, we contacted Dr. Katherine Albrecht, one of the world's leading experts on RFID technology and the co-star of *America: From Freedom to Fascism*. Katherine is perhaps the person most responsible for bringing attention to the RFID problem. Since 2003 she has given over 2,000 print, television, and radio interviews to media outlets around the globe, and testified before government officials in the U.S., Canada, and Europe. Katherine is also the co-author of the bestselling book *Spychips: How Major Corporations and Government Plan to Track your Every Move with RFID*.

We asked Katherine to bring us up to speed on the past, present, and future of RFID. The following is based on our conversation.

LR: Tell us about the different kinds of RFID tags.

Katherine: There are two types of RFID tags — active and passive. Both consist of a microchip connected to a miniature antenna, and both use radio waves to transmit the data on the microchip through the air. Passive tags have no battery or other on-board energy source. They rely on power from a reader device, as follows: The reader device emits a burst of electromagnetic energy (what we could call a radio wave) into the air. Any passive RFID tags in the vicinity that are hit by the energy will “wake up” and transmit their data back to the reader.

Active tags, in contrast, have a power source (typically a battery) so instead of waiting for a signal from the reader, they are continually sending out their data. That makes them easier to find. Unlike passive tags, which have a limited read range due to the laws of physics, an active tag can transmit at much larger distances. If you put a big enough battery on one you could theoretically broadcast to low-orbiting satellites.

LR: Could you give us an example of where each type of tag might be found today?

Katherine: A passive RFID tag might be affixed to a package or an item so it can be tracked in a warehouse for inventory purposes. Governments are beginning to implement passive RFID tags in cards — which raises a number of privacy concerns.

An example of an active RFID tag is the toll transponders that people put in their cars to zip through toll booths. These devices transmit continuously no matter how far away you are from a toll booth, however. Because

they are promoted to the public as simply a quicker and easier way to pay tolls, few people realize that these toll transponders can be used to monitor cars. The Florida Department of Transportation openly admits that they are tracking toll transponders away from the toll booths, and toll roads in Houston have antennas every few

miles that suck up data on every passing vehicle equipped with a transponder. This opens up the potential of the government using these toll transponders to track you in your car wherever you go.

Fortunately, we can still use cash at the tolls and are not required to have one of these toll transponders to pass through the tolls. Of course, there might be a time when these toll transponders become mandatory to get on U.S. highways. There are already open discussions about making people pay per mile for the privilege of using the highway system. These toll transponders could conceivably be utilized in order to facilitate a pay per mile system.

LR: So, are active RFID tags worse from a privacy perspective?

Katherine: As bad as the toll transponders are, passive tags may pose a greater threat to privacy because they are more difficult to detect and remain dormant until an RFID reader stimulates them to emit their signal. It's a lot easier to find active RFID tags, since they are continuously broadcasting their signal. Although passive tags have a shorter read range, the fact that they have no battery to run down means they have a theoretically indefinite lifespan.

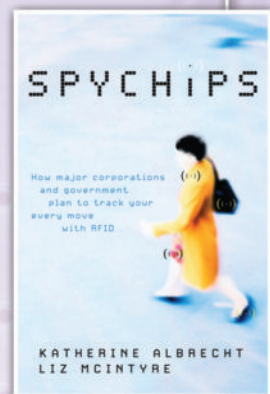
LR: Could corporations and governments eventually be able to use this technology to track human beings anywhere in the world?

Katherine: There is a version of RFID that can be implanted under the skin. It's called the VeriChip. It's a passive RFID tag, consisting of a microchip encoded with a 16-digit ID number, connected to an antenna, and sealed in a capsule of medical-grade glass. It's typically injected into the upper arm. Fortunately, tracking someone through a VeriChip would not be possible since its read range is only about a foot. To get a longer read range you would need a power source, but it's not really feasible to put batteries into the human body.

While a VeriChip would be hard to track, other passive RFID tags would not. All you need are a few feet of read range to track people through RFID if you have a network of local RFID readers strategically placed in doorways and walls. These tags are slated to appear in your passport, your credit cards, your shoes, the label of your sweater, and someday even your drivers license, if global corporations and Homeland Security gets their way.

It wouldn't take much to set up such a system. In fact, IBM has even taken out a patent for something it calls the “Person Tracking Unit” that would do just that.

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LR: Can you give us more details on the Person Tracking Unit?

Katherine: It's the centerpiece of an IBM patent titled "Identification and Tracking of Persons Using RFID Tagged Items." The idea is to hide RFID readers everywhere, in walls and floors and doorways, and use them to secretly identify and track individuals in public and quasi-public spaces. They would use them to track people in airports, bus stations, museums, theaters, libraries, sports arenas, shopping malls — even elevators and public restrooms.

So the potential for a tracking grid is very real if RFID tags begin appearing in physical objects. If a company like IBM or a government agency is successful in setting up these person tracking units, they could track people based on a chip in their shoes, even if people do not have implantable RFID chips.

LR: Are people already carrying around RFID tags?

Katherine: Unfortunately, yes. Over 20 million RFID-tagged credit and ATM cards have already been issued to unsuspecting Americans. Known as "swipeless" or "wave and go" credit cards, they can be read by anyone with a reader that can be made using parts off the Internet. They transmit personal data right through an individual's purse, wallet, backpack, or pocket. By personal data I mean the person's full name, credit card number and card expiration date. In addition, all new U.S. passports now contain RFID tags.

LR: That's pretty scary. Does it get worse?

Katherine: We can look to China for an example of how it could get a whole lot worse. The Chinese are creating a technological police state by putting RFID tags in over a billion mandatory national ID cards. These cards transmit a person's religion, medical history, reproductive history, employment status and even their landlord's phone number. The Chinese authorities can call up this information whenever someone passes by an RFID reader, or they could just aim one at you as you were walking down the street. And who do you think set the system up? Western companies like IBM, Cisco, Dell, and Hewlett Packard. That's the scariest part. China spent \$6.2 billion on RFID last year. This is all being motivated by money.

LR: Are there similar plans to issue RFID-tagged identity documents here in the US?

Katherine: Yes. There's something called the "enhanced driver's license" or "EDL" for states bordering Canada and Mexico to facilitate border crossing. The licenses contain an RFID tag with a unique ID number that can be read from 20 to 30 feet away by anyone with a standard RFID reader. The Department of Homeland Security is working with Arizona, California, Michigan, Texas, Vermont and Washington to begin issuing the cards, which will be compliant under the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative.

Washington has already begun issuing these enhanced driver's licenses but the RFID feature isn't 100% active yet because the RFID readers haven't been put into place yet. The plan is for people to voluntarily sign up so they can save time and hassle at the border. However, what people don't realize is that these licenses could eventually easily serve as a tracking device to allow the government, marketers, stalkers, or criminals to track you wherever you go. It is incredibly horrifying.

LR: Are there security problems with RFID, as well?

Katherine: Yes. Most RFID tags are designed to respond to queries from any compatible reader, so virtually anyone could skim the unique number from your implanted VeriChip or your enhanced driver's license. And even though those tags only contain a number, that number can serve as a proxy for tracking you. If I scan you once and learn that your EDL emits unique ID #308247, then any other time or place I see that number I know that you just passed by. The unique number contained within RFID tags is the key to abusing the technology.

LR: There are also health problems associated with the implantable microchip, aren't there?

Katherine: Yes. Between 1996 and 2006 a series of studies showed that microchip implants caused cancer in laboratory animals. Between 1% and 10% of mice and rats implanted with the chips for identification purposes developed fast growing,

cancerous tumors around the implants.

LR: But didn't the VeriChip receive FDA approval?

Katherine: Yes, but at the time of the approval the FDA had apparently not seen the studies. If the FDA had seen all of these studies, chances are they never would have approved the VeriChip.

When the cancer story broke, VeriChip first claimed it didn't know about the studies and that's why the cancer research was not included in its FDA application. Later, VeriChip admitted that at least one of the studies was intentionally omitted. We've caught VeriChip in numerous other mis-statements and inaccuracies when referring to these studies. All of this is detailed on our anti-human chipping website at AntiChips.com.

LR: How many people had been implanted with the VeriChip when the story broke?

Katherine: About 300 people in the U.S. and another 2,000 or so worldwide. They include Alzheimer's patients at a care facility in Florida — people whose impairment means they cannot give informed consent. We staged a protest outside the facility last May. Fortunately, people are now starting to get the chips removed.

LR: The media seems to still be pushing the VeriChip, however.

Katherine: Yes, despite the concerns, the VeriChip Corporation is continuing to promote its product. They have plenty of allies in the corporate-controlled media. Good Morning America televised the first live chipping of a family a few years back and they have been running the equivalent of ads for the technology in the guise of news pieces ever since. Time Magazine and Business Week both recently reprinted false statements from VeriChip CEO Scott Silverman about the cancer studies, without bothering to check on their accuracy.

LR: Where is all this leading? How do you think they will get Americans to accept so much tracking?

Katherine: In order to get people to accept this control system, there needs to be a reason for the people to accept it. I believe the government will eventually sell RFID technology to the American public as a way to resolve illegal immigration.

It is going to come down on the basis of this completely manufactured issue of illegal immigration. When I say completely manufactured, they allowed it to become an out of control problem and then publicized it day and night. They want the average American to be so fed up with illegal immigration that they will tolerate any degree of intrusion into their own lives in order to put a stop to it.

LR: But you believe there's more to it, don't you?

Katherine: Absolutely. We have the technology right now to implement a system in which you won't be able to do anything unless you have the right authentication. Once that happens, the "powers that be" could exercise near total control over the entire world's population. If people are protesting government corruption, for example, the government could simply remove authorization from their implantable microchips and they'd be unable to participate in society. A lot of Christians, myself included, see some pretty striking similarities between that kind of power and the Mark of the Beast described in Revelation. That's the passage that describes how no one who refuses the mark will be able to buy or sell.

LR: So is the news all bleak or is there still hope?

Katherine: It is unfortunate that many in positions of power wish to use RFID in ways that will erode individual privacy. The good news is that we have been successful in fighting the proliferation of RFID. Since 2003, we have managed to hold the line against the use of RFID at the item level in the United States.

Our consumer group CASPIAN, together with the Privacy Rights Clearinghouse, authored the "Position Statement on the use of RFID in Consumer Products" which is endorsed by many civil liberties groups including EPIC, EFF, Privacy International, and the ACLU. In this document, we laid out a set of guidelines that so far have been followed by the majority of companies in the United States.

The key provisions are as follows:

- Industry should adhere to a voluntary moratorium against the use of RFID in consumer products at the item level.
- RFID should never be used for tracking human beings.
- RFID is appropriate for tracking crates and pallets (bulk items) in a warehouse, but not at the item level that is distributed to consumers.
- If governments and corporations abide by these guidelines, we will be relatively safe from RFID being used to invade our privacy.

LR: How well is the line holding?

Katherine: Unfortunately, in many areas the line is being eroded, especially when it comes to government misuse of the technology. You can protest outside of Wal-Mart or boycott Gillette (we've done both), but it's hard to boycott the State Department or the Department of Homeland Security. Both are beginning to use RFID on

people, and the tracking potential follows just as night follows day. It is imperative that we resist all of these uses of RFID and boycott any company that includes RFID tags in consumer goods.

Through it all there is some indication that the public is waking up. The New Hampshire House of Representatives just passed House Bill 686 that places a number of restrictions on using RFID to track human beings and requires labeling on RFID-tagged products so we will know where this technology is being used. We need more legislation like this around the country.

For more information on RFID and VeriChip check out Dr. Albrecht's web sites at <http://www.spychips.com/> and <http://www.antichips.com/>. These web sites are the best online resources for information on RFID. The more people that are educated on the issue of RFID, the better chance we have of resisting the technological enslavement system being planned for our future.



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RADIO PHONE MOB

There are many talk radio stations that you may target in order to express your views weekly. See the list and phone numbers below for some show numbers. Make notes on what type of subject matter is usually discussed, then figure out your strategy and work it little by little until you are real good at it.

Call the show in the first few minutes. Call right when the show goes on air, or even start calling BEFORE it goes live. This way you won't have to press redial for an hour.

Get the call-in number from their website (or from here). Once the host gives it over the air, the phone lines will be jammed with people trying to call in. The topics are usually consistent for the entire segment, half hour, or even hour.

Mainstream media mockingbirds love to beat a subject to death. You can't just ask a random question about a subject, even if it is a good one, because they love to stay on the same topic. "Do you agree or do you disagree with the topic at hand?"

When they go to your call, DO NOT SAY HI, OR HOW ARE YOU DOING, OR GREAT SHOW. As soon as they say, "Let's go to John in San Diego, what's up John?" go right into your question or make your statement. When they do this, your phone line is opened up and you're on the air.

Sometimes when you launch right into your question (your real question, not the one you fed the screener) you will get cut off because your question didn't match what was on the host's screen showing what he/she thought you were going to ask. Another strategy is to ask the screener a question they will accept, then ask the host about it, and then work your other question or point into the conversation.

Hosts love the 7-second delay and use it with the push of a button. Sean Hannity now uses the 7-second delay button whenever anyone swears or mentions a topic they want to suppress.

Anything said from that point on, and for seven seconds before, doesn't make it on the air. They immediately go to the next caller with the audience thinking there was a glitch or the caller had dropped off.

Remember, they are the PUBLIC airwaves. And we're not calling them and bothering them on their home numbers. They give out the number and ASK PEOPLE TO CALL. So CALL. And KEEP CALLING. This is how one ordinary person can speak to MILLIONS of people with a simple phone call.

Be prepared to be on hold for up to an hour or an hour and a half when

you make it past the screener. It's not that bad since you can at least listen to the show while you're on hold. Use your blue tooth or ear-piece so you don't have to hold your phone up to your ear the entire time. Also, this way you can do laundry or surf the web while on hold. If you use a land-line you can put the phone on speaker phone to listen, but as soon as they go to your call PICK UP THE RECEIVER. It sounds terrible when using a speakerphone on the air and they may just drop you.

Don't get discouraged if they drop your call after you've been on hold for a long time. Sometimes the host will change topics and won't be interested in taking your call. I can't tell you how many times I've been on hold and the call just drops. This is because he's changing topics. Other hosts don't like wasting a caller's time and will usually take the call.

If you want to have some real fun, get a few friends or members of your favorite forum to all call into the same show on the same day. This is

called a Phone Mob and is a great way to hammer your point into the minds of the listeners. Good luck, happy Phone Mobbing, and power to The Resistance!

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Bill O'Reilly	1-877-966-7746	12-2 PM
John Gibson	1-888-788-9910	6-9 PM
Tammy Bruce	1-800-449-8255	12-3 PM
Neal Boortz	1-877-310-2100	8:30 AM-1 PM
Sean Hannity	1-800-941-SEAN	3-6 PM
Rusty Humphries	1-800-449-TALK	9 PM -12 AM
Rush Limbaugh	1-800-282-2882	12-3 PM
Michael Medved	1-800-955-1776	3-6 PM
Lars Larson	1-866-439-5277	1-3 PM
Laura Ingraham	1-800-876-4123	9-12 AM
Bill Bennett	1-866-680-6464	6-9 AM
Dennis Prager	1-866-509-7228	9 AM-12 PM
Hugh Hewitt	1-800-520-1234	6-9 PM
Andrew Wilkow	1-866-957-2847	12-3 PM
Jim Bohannon	1-866-50-JIMBO	10 PM -1 AM
Larry Elder	1-800-222-5222	5-8 PM
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BIOMETRICS

by Michael LeMieux

No Need for Papers

Biometrics, in its various forms, has been around for ages; but never has it been perched to become the all intrusive Orwellian invasion of our personal rights than it is today.

The birth of today's biometrics dates back to the mid 1800's and is attributed to, among others, Francis Galton. Galton's vision is what ultimately fueled Hitler's vision of the super race. Galton believed that through genetic engineering the undesired traits of man could be eradicated producing an advanced species of man. Biometrics was used as the "measuring" gauge as to what was and what was not desirable traits; taking measurements of skull size and shape, inter-ocular distance, brow dimensions, finger size, etcetera. Galton believed that these outward manifestations showed a separation of the species of man between an inferior and a superior specimen of mankind.

Today rather than using these traits to determine suitability for genetic disposition the government is using similar traits to determine your societal disposition; all without your knowledge or consent. As scientists continued to study biometrics it became clear that this technology could be used to identify someone based upon their unique characteristics. This spawned the modern version of biometric identification.

The various aspects currently under use or research for biometric identification include:

- Hand/Palm print identification
- Iris pattern identification
- Speech/speaker recognition/identification
- Vascular pattern identification
- Gait/body recognition
- Facial recognition
- DNA
- Facial thermography

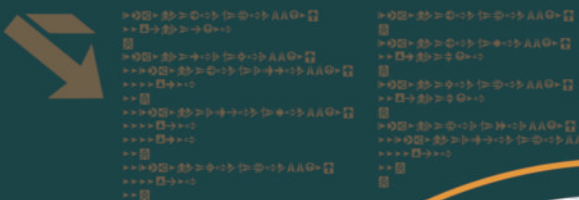
Hand and palm identification examines the unique identifying measurements of the hand. The distance between the knuckles, the length of fingers, relationship of the joints to the main body of the hand, the lines on the hand, etc.

Iris pattern identification examines the unique patterns resident on the iris to determine identification. It looks at the size, shape, and formations that make up the iris. This type of identification requires a sample be obtained directly from the individual and cannot be collected passively.

Facial recognition utilizes all the measurements of the face to identify specific individuals. This includes such things as bone structure, nose placement, eye spacing, and brow protrusion, as well as relative location of facial features on the face, forehead size shape and slope, etc. All of these things and more are used to feed an algorithm that identifies you. This data can be obtained passively, even without the knowledge of the individual.

Speech/speaker recognition uses your physical speech tract and mouth movements to identify individuals. Much of this data can be gathered simply by eavesdropping and recording conversations, again without the knowledge of the individual.


Vascular pattern identification is derived by scanning the hand with a near infrared device to determine the unique specifications of the blood vessels in your hand. They look at blood vessel thickness, branching angles and branching points. Though a collector of this data would have to be in close proximity to the individual this data can be collected without the individual's knowledge.



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questions, possibly for directions or to ask if you are familiar with the restaurants in the neighborhood. If that fellow is a suspect bad guy, you have now been identified by your biometrics and are associated with known criminals.

There are cameras now watching every aspect of our public lives. We have cameras watching us drive through intersections, on the highway watching our speed, on the streets watching us walk from place to place, at the ATM or the store monitoring our purchases and behavior. In some places they have cameras at peaceful rallies filming demonstrators for later identification and cataloging individuals who are participating in perfectly legal activities.

Another question to ask ourselves is; if this data collection and spying on the citizens of this nation is found to not be a violation of our rights then from where in the Constitution does the government derive its authority to collect this kind of data on the citizens of the states of the union? According to the Constitution the only branch of government that can pass legislation is the Congress. The enumerated powers given to Congress are located at Article 1, Section 8 which defines the areas that Congress can pass laws, which states: "The Congress shall have power to lay and collect Taxes...To borrow money...To regulate Commerce...To establish a uniform Rule of Naturalization...To coin money...To provide for punishment of counterfeiting...To establish Post Offices...To promote the Progress of Science and useful Arts...To constitute Tribunals...To define and punish Piracies...To declare war...To raise and support armies...To provide and maintain a navy...To make rules for the government...To provide for calling forth the Militia...for disciplining the Militia...To exercise exclusive legislation in all cases whatsoever, over such District...To make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the foregoing powers..." Period that is it! Do you see any justification for the government to collect this kind of data from the citizens? I do not!

Now some may argue that the last line above gives the government carte blanche to write whatever laws it deems necessary. However the “make all laws” clause is predicated upon the foregoing powers enumerated above. If they do not have the authority in the first place they cannot pass laws to expand their authority. Therefore, passing any law that does not ground itself within the enumerated powers granted to the government in the Constitution is void and the government is overstepping the bounds of its authority.

Our Constitution was designed to allow only specific enumerated powers

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that our government was to operate within. The bill of rights was the people's guarantee that the government could not trespass on these rights, or any other items deemed to be rights of the citizens or the states of the union. One of these rights is the Fourth Amendment, which reads in part: *"The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, ...and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons, or things to be seized."* As with the collecting of fingerprints, DNA, and other personal identifying traits the collecting agency must get a court order to do so and must establish probable cause that a crime has or will be committed by that individual.

There is also understood to be the rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, the right to free travel within the union upon any public roadway. The government has no business monitoring the whereabouts of the peaceful citizen's of this nation. Remember the government can only operate, legally, within the strict sense of the enumerated powers given them in the Constitution. The Posse Comitatus Act was written to ensure the government did not spy on its own people, and if it did it required a warrant based upon probable cause. Make no mistake when they utilize these technologies they are gathering data/intelligence against the American people. This is no different than a wire tap, intercepting email transmissions, or opening your mail. It is a violation of our rights and a betrayal of the Constitution and the public trust.

So again I ask you, has the government now found probable cause that all Americans are enemies of the state and they now can spy on each and every one of us as we go about our daily lives. If the government was indeed trying to defend US against the hordes of extremists would they not be pointing their cameras out instead of in?

Based on the 9/11 commission an over-watch board was created called the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board. The job of this board was to watch over the various entities of government and report on their compliance to laws concerning citizen's rights with respect to privacy violations; one of these programs was the Bio-metrics program. In May of 2007 a member of the board named Lanny J. Davis resigned stating that one of the reasons he was resigning was the lack of independence of the board. That the reports they submitted were substantively changed before being presented to the public. In his letter to President Bush Mr. Davis stated: *"I also believe that it is important for the White House staff and others in the administration to understand that you insist on the Board's complete independence - not subject to White House or administration supervision or control. Only with such independence can the Board provide you and future presidents with the important function of effective oversight to ensure that this appropriate balance is maintained in the challenging years ahead."*

In a letter to his fellow board members he relayed: *"I also continue to be concerned that there may be current and developing anti-terrorist programs affecting civil liberties and privacy rights of which the Board has neither complete knowledge nor ready access."*

Here we have a member of the White House's own over-watch program resigning because they are not allowed to do their job. Their reports are changed to reflect what the executive wants them to say, ignoring the truth. They are not allowed access to programs that are or may be infringing on civil liberties.

On January 30 of this year the term for the remaining board members expired. As of March 1 the board has yet to be manned leaving what little oversight we had totally void.

Also announced this year, is the FBI's One Billion dollar project to create the largest computer database of bio-metric baseline data. This project will make available to the government the ability to identify and track millions of people

including their own citizens. Compound this with the massive data-mining project collecting shopping habits, reading habits, individual buying trends, citizen movements, where we buy our gas, who we talk to, even what movies we watch. Now they will be able to confirm we actually attended that movie because we were identified standing in line.

All of this data will be shared with law enforcement around the world, not only for crime and the war on terrorism but for private employers to check up on their employees and screening potential employees. And just like every other governmental system that has ever been created, the potential for abuse is enormous.

So what are my primary concerns when it comes to using bio-metrics for identification?

All of this data is compartmented into database friendly format and is rife for abuse and sale to nefarious customers.

The government is collecting data on everyone in the hopes of catching a bad guy. As with the firearms laws they are treating all persons as the enemy until they prove themselves to be otherwise. Except they then keep on treating everyone as the bad guy anyway because that's how they're trained.

This program only identifies individuals. It cannot reveal motive or intent to commit terrorism or any other act simply from the act of identifying an individual. And if it is only identification that is required why not only database those known terrorists we are trying to locate. Hunt for the bad guys... oh right I forgot we are all the bad guys.

Unless every citizen is willing to submit their signature data, the base line being compared against it is only as good as the data being gathered. And if we do not voluntarily submit how will the accuracy of the data be validated.

What overwhelming need does the government have to know who was at the mall on any particular day or time? To what extent does the citizen's right to travel in his pursuit of happiness now become the government's business?

It is estimated that 1% of the population may not have suitable features and may lead to false identification. This would leave nearly 3 million people in a limbo of suspicion that may lead to unwarranted detainment or harassment solely for their bio-metrics.

Finally, a society in which every move is tracked, however unobtrusively, is not a free society. And as our founders were reluctant to having a standing army watching over there every move, we too should be as outraged; having our own government watching over our every move.

In 1774 Thomas Jefferson wrote in "Rights of British America" that: *"Single acts of tyranny may be ascribed to the accidental opinion of a day; but a series of oppressions, begun at a distinguished period and pursued unalterably through every change of ministers, too plainly prove a deliberate, systematic plan of reducing us to slavery."* As with the British rule it was through a long train of events that lead to the identification of tyranny, not a single event. When we combine the multitude of legislative Acts, governmental programs, executive orders, and unconstitutional laws the federal government has enacted in the last 75 years we start to see a deliberate, systematic plan of reducing us to slavery.

We currently find ourselves monitored, analyzed, tracked, cataloged, and scrutinized more today than at any time in history. Many would argue that we have never had the degree of technology to achieve such advanced scrutiny. However, this is not about technological capability this is about accountability. This is about right and wrong. If we are truly living in a free society, then doing this is wrong. If the majority believe that using this technology against our own people is the right thing to do, then we are no longer free.

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January Challenge

In January of 2008, Republic Magazine challenged its readers. The challenge: Who could spread the truth about the times we live with the fourth issue of *Republic Magazine*. The prize: the top three activists would be featured in the activist profile in an upcoming issue.

Below are the stories of the top three activists who distributed the most issues of *Republic Magazine*. Let their stories inspire you.

Diane Denny - Copies distributed: 800

Diane Denny is a Ron Paul precinct leader from the San Diego area of California, and is no stranger to tough decisions. The night before making her purchase of 800 copies of *Republic Magazine*, she was pacing the floor back and forth wondering if she really could afford the \$800 expense. Deciding that it is worth any expense to help restore the republic by supporting Ron Paul, she bit the bullet and went through with her decision. Much to her surprise, the publication was matching all orders and Diane was able to minimize her expense and still obtain the same number of copies as she had originally intended!

With the magazines arriving only two days before her state's primaries, Diane quickly set to working on getting them all prepared for personal delivery. Partnering up with her 80-year old mother, Diane stayed up burning the midnight oil attaching a personal cover letter and business card to each issue of *Republic Magazine*. The next day she set about to the task of disseminating them to as many people as possible in her area! Hitting shopping centers, neighborhoods, and anyone she met along the way, Diane was able to get almost every single issue out in that short period of time. A real trooper for the cause, Diane would have been seen working in any conditions, rain or shine. She certainly fits the bill of the self-starting, active citizen that is the trademark of this movement and the hope of this generation!



Al Schaefer - Copies distributed: 500

Al Schaefer is an 82 year old man from the Seattle area of Washington. He is one of the more intelligent and aware elderly persons you will ever know and is part of the reason this movement has shattered so many boundaries: He has something in common with young people as well as old! That connection, of course, is the support of Ron Paul and a stern desire to help restore this republic to what it used to be, and also to what it could be. Working with his close friend, Bud Chasteen, Al managed to do more than his fair share of work to help spread the word about Ron Paul!

No novice to active politics, Al is a dues-paying member of such groups as the John Birch Society, the Washington-based group The Evergreen Freedom Foundation, and he even subscribed to the underground publication in the early nineties, *Spotlight Magazine*. On top of that, Al hopes to run for a House of Representative seat in his 7th district, running against a long-time incumbent Democrat. Al feels confident that with this recent upsurge in freedom-aware politics due largely in part to the Ron Paul campaign, he has a good chance to take on the incumbent

Democrat and just may be the first Ron Paul Republican sitting in a Washington state office!!! Good luck, Al, we're cheering for you!

Roland "John" Crapo - Copies distributed: 400

John is a former insurance salesman from Connecticut who also fought in the Navy during WWII. John first heard of Ron Paul when a stand-in host for the Rush Limbaugh Show had Ron on as a guest. Shortly after the events of 9/11, John also had many unanswered questions including the curious manner in which the buildings collapsed. John was thoroughly disgusted when the official investigation avoided key evidence and shied away from the tough questions, causing John to second guess the government he had given years of his life to defend.

He is the epitome of self-motivation and puts a positive spin on the phrase "lone wolf." Preferring to not officially join any particular group, John instead works alone on spreading the word about freedom and liberty and gets more done going it alone than some groups do with large numbers! Working for years in the business of selling insurance, John understands that the best way to get people interested is to get them engaged in conversation first, and then give them the information. Avoiding the more popular, although less effective, tactics such as bull-horning and cold approaching, John in fact wears at least one item of activist clothing a day, whether it be a Ron Paul button or his ever present 9/11 Truth t-shirts. That alone gets conversations started wherever he goes! It's like John says, if you can get the person coming up to *you* asking questions, instead of the other way around, then the battle is half won. John admits that he has a high success rate with this tactic.

With a focus on empowering people, John truly is a role model for the Freedom Movement. His attitude of self-starting, self-motivating, and not relying on other people is a wonderful example for all of us. Talking with John for just a few moments, one realizes that there is just no excuse anyone can have for not becoming actively involved in creating change in this country. Even something so small and seemingly insignificant as wearing a campaign button or a provocative t-shirt can have more of an effect than one could ever realize . . . so go out and **get active!!!**





As the end of the business day approached on March 7, 2008, Scott R. Silverman, CEO and Chairman of Verichip Corp. stated, "We are proud to have the honor of ringing the NASDAQ closing bell following our first year as a listed company. Operationally, 2007 was a successful year for us and we expect continued strong growth in 2008. This is a significant achievement and I wish to thank all of our employees for their hard work and dedication." With that the closing bell was rung and another day at NASDAQ was over.

VeriChip Corporation of Delray Beach, Florida is the latest spinoff from a company called Applied Digital Solutions, which first offered the implantable chip for sale in 2001. At one time, Applied Digital was on the brink of bankruptcy until Big Blue, better known as IBM, came through with a loan of \$95 million for the struggling company. Things were looking bleak when repayment time came around and there just wasn't enough money in the coffers to repay the debt. Then the company's luck changed. An anonymous IBM shareholder sent Applied Digital a white paper which spelled out IBM's plans to create a device very similar to the VeriChip – a device that could be used for everything from tagging domestic animals to implanting humans. Applied Digital Solutions took IBM to court, accusing the larger company of plans to steal its patent. In the end, IBM settled the loan for \$30 million and Applied Digital pulled itself away from the edge of bankruptcy.

VeriChip's CEO Scott Silverman has used many strategies to market the VeriChip. When the device received FDA approval in October 2004, the company repackaged its product with the new name "VeriMed" and began marketing it as a medical product. It is currently being touted to hospitals and physicians as a way to "speak" for patients who become unable to communicate. For instance, a patient brought into an emergency room with a serious injury and who is unconscious may be 'scanned' and his or her health records retrieved. VeriMed promises to speed up time between patient entry and intake, in order to be a more accurate source of records and to be "safe." VeriMed offers to send out a free scanner, chips, and all data needed to any emergency room that requests it.

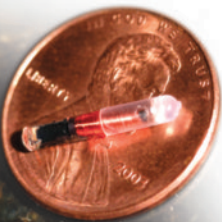
VeriChip Rising

By Yelena Slattery

VeriChip's wholly owned subsidiary, Xmark, sells RFID tracking bracelets that are clamped onto the ankles of newborn babies in hospitals within moments of birth. At last count, half of the hospitals in Ohio had signed onto the system. While the bracelets are removed before the patients are discharged from the hospital, the same is not true of the implantable product. The company is in the process of implanting hundreds of Alzheimer's patients at a care facility in Florida — amid tremendous controversy. They also market RFID chips sewn into backpacks and jackets for tracking schoolchildren, and chips injected into the arms of nightclub patrons. In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, corpses were chipped for the purpose of more accurate tracking and identification of human remains.

In 2007, the company suffered some bad news as a clear causal link was found between the glass-encapsulated VeriChip and cancerous tumors in laboratory animals. It seemed that between 0.8% and 10.2% of mice and rats implanted with the device developed fast-growing, malignant tumors around the implant. According to researchers who conducted the studies on thousands of animals between 1996 and 2006, the actual tumor rate may have been even higher. Even more disturbingly, two additional studies reported finding microchip-related cancers in dogs. Most of the tumors were soft-tissue sarcomas, which grew around the encapsulated VeriChip. In some cases the tumors metastasized and spread cancer into other parts of the body.

According to Dr. Robert Benezra, Director of Cancer Biology Genetics of Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center,



"There's no way in the world, that having read this information, I would have one of those chips implanted in my skin or in one of my family members. Given the preliminary animal data, it looks to me that there's definitely cause for concern."

The studies were only known to a small circle of researchers until Associated Press reporter Todd Lewan broke the news to the general public. VeriChip shares fell more than 11 percent in the wake of the news reports, and have since lost nearly 60 percent of their value. Applied Digital Solutions, parent company to VeriChip, fell dramatically as well. Many had hoped the cancer finding would spell the end for VeriChip, yet Scott Silverman and his VeriChip Corporation still keep clinging to survival as evidenced by the March 7th NASDAQ closing bell ceremony.

How the Technology Works:

RF stands for Radio Frequency, which describes invisible radio waves or electromagnetic radiation that can pass through most objects (walls, windows, your wallet, etc.). RFID tags have two main components: a silicon computer chip and an antenna, which is hooked up to the chip. The chip itself is embedded with a unique identification number, and the antenna typically consists of a flat metal coil. The antennae attached to a typical RFID chip looks like a set of metallic mazes, but it can also be arranged in an "x," a rectangular shape or square, a circle, or just a line. The tags are usually affixed to an object with a plastic adhesive, though in the case of the VeriChip, the components are encapsulated into a cylinder of medical-grade glass that is injected into the flesh.

A "reader" or "interrogator" is used to capture the information from an RFID tag. When the reader emits a radio signal, RFID tags in the vicinity are stimulated to emit their data. Because a VeriChip is a "passive" RFID tag, meaning it has no battery, it relies on the reader for its power. This means it can function without a battery and can theoretically last for decades. However, this also limits its read range substantially to only around 12 inches.

In contrast, "active" RFID tags, which contain on-board batteries, can be read from a greater distance (hundreds of yards if the battery is strong enough and conditions are right) but the need for a battery limits their life and makes them impractical for human implantation.

Some RFID tags can be as small as a speck of dust. The "Mu-chip," manufactured by Hitachi, is a nano-technological advance touted as the smallest RFID chip ever produced. A chip that small can easily be integrated into a word on a box of cereal or a piece of fiber on an article of clothing. However, with an antenna that small, the read range is greatly reduced to less than a centimeter. Such a tag would not be useful for tracking people.

Other Applications

Last year, the U.S. State Department began including RFID tags in all newly issued passports as part of an international agreement. At last count, only Brunei, Lichtenstein and Andorra did not use RFID in their passports. Though the State Department has stated that passport chips can only be read from about four inches away, security researchers have demonstrated that readers could pick up a signal from 10 feet or more. In response, the government placed metallic shielding into the passport covers to make reading by "unauthorized individuals" more difficult and added encryption to the chip.

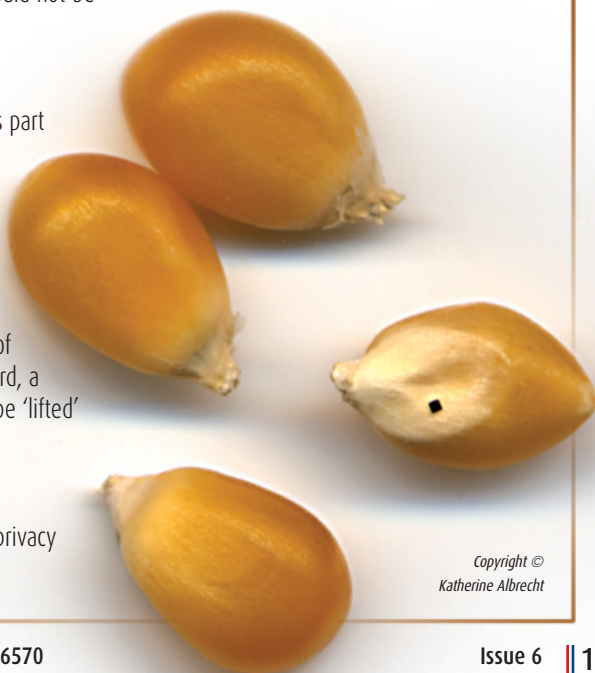
In a recent issue of Wired.com (Issue 14.05) writer Annalee Newlitz gave five examples of how RFID information can be hacked and cloned. A VeriChip in an arm, an RFID laden smart card, a passport and any number of other micro chipped items, given the correct circumstances, can be "lifted" and stolen. It is clear that this technology is not 100% secure.

The End Goal?

VeriChip Corporation has been dogged by controversy from the outset. On the practical side, privacy



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activists worry that the technology could be used to track unsuspecting individuals through their daily activities. Others raise concerns about the health risks of the chips in light of the serious cancer findings. And security experts have shown that implants should never be used as a means of identity or data protection since they can be easily hacked and cloned.

On the philosophical side, many Christians believe that the VeriChip is or may be the precursor of the "Mark of the Beast" written about in the Bible:

"And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads, And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name." (Rev 13:16-17 KJV)

Many, who hold to a conspiratorial point of view, believe that microchip technology will at some point be used to usher in a New World Order where the global elite will control the masses and life for the individual will only be comfortable if one allows himself to be chipped and tracked. Could it be possible?

As far back as 1974 there were ominous statements to that effect. In recorded testimony before the U.S. Congress, Dr. Jose M.R. Delgado of Yale University Medical School made the following chilling comments:

"We need a program of psychosurgery for political power of our society. The purpose is physical control of the mind. Everyone who deviates from the given norm can be surgically mutilated. The individual may think that the most important reality is his own existence, but this is *only his personal point of view*. This lacks historical perspective. Man

does not have the right to develop his own mind. This kind of liberal orientation has great appeal. We must electrically control the brain. Some day armies and generals will be controlled by electric stimulation of the brain."

- Congressional Record, No. 26, Vol. 118 February 24, 1974

The late Aaron Russo, (February 14, 1943 – August 24, 2007) feature film producer, entrepreneur and political activist who produced *America: From Freedom to Fascism*, at one time had a blossoming friendship with Nicholas Rockefeller. Russo had been approached at one point to join the Council on Foreign Relations, an invitation that he rejected. According to Russo, the following conversation transpired before the September 11th, 2001 tragedy took place:

"Here's what I do know first hand - I know that about eleven months to a year before 9/11 ever happened I was talking to my Rockefeller friend (Nicholas Rockefeller) and he said to me, 'Aaron there's gonna be an event' and he never told me what the event was going to be - I'm not sure he knew what the event was going to be. I don't know that he knew that. He just said there's gonna be an event and out of that event we're gonna invade Afghanistan so we can run pipelines through the Caspian sea, we can go into Iraq to take the oil and establish bases in the middle east and to make the middle east part of the new world order and we're going to go after Venezuela - that's what's going to come out of this event.

"Eleven months to a year later that's what happened....he certainly knew that something was going to happen. In my relationships with some of these people I can tell you that it's as evil as it really gets - this is it - this is the game. I used to say to him, 'What's the point of all this? You have all the money in the world you need, you have all the power you need, what's the point, what's the end goal?' to which Rockefeller replied (paraphrasing), 'The **end goal is to get everybody chipped, to control the whole society**, to have the bankers and the elite people control the world.'

- Conversation excerpted from an interview with Aaron Russo by Alex Jones of Prisonplanet.com

With passage of the Real I.D. Act in 2005, implementation of biometric markers such as digitized retinal scans and fingerprints on drivers' licenses and possible usage of microchip technology within a coming standardized national identification card, one must take notice that things are shifting fast. Our privacy and our ability to hold to the promised protections of the Constitution seem to be dwindling - all in the name of "national security." When evaluating the increased usage in the past few years of RFID technology you must wonder if the late Mr. Russo's comments do not indeed ring true. For now, Americans still seem to have the right to choose whether or not they will be micro chipped as individuals - that is, unless you count the RFID tags hidden in Gillette razors, Levis jeans, products on Wal-Mart shelves, E-Z Pass toll transponders, smart carts in grocery stores, RFID tags in credit cards - the list goes on and on.

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WeThePeopleWillNotBeChipped.com or *Unchipped.com* gives daily updates of news stories that are relevant to those that are concerned with forced human implantable chipping as well as many other current events. The site also has an active forum, videos and articles to help educate and inform the public and to bring greater awareness on the topic of RFID usage pertaining to individual privacy.

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AMERICA'S LOST RIGHT TO TRAVEL BY AUTOMOBILE

ROGER ROOTS

Here's an inconvenient truth: the automobile is the safest form of transportation ever invented. Dr. Roger Roots, an attorney and sociologist from Montana, has authored a detailed study showing that the switch from horse travel to car travel a hundred years ago probably saved many thousands of American lives. The study appears in the most recent issue of the *American Journal of Economics and Sociology* and is entitled "The Dangers of Automobile Travel: A Reconsideration." Roots gathered data from a wide variety of sources covering two centuries of human travel.

A hundred years ago, when most Americans traveled on horseback and by wagons and carriages, they experienced rates of injury at least ten times higher than modern Americans in automobiles. Although car-related fatalities did go up during the early years of automobile travel, automobile casualty rates have since leveled off and moved sharply downward. Today's Americans are traveling more miles more safely than any people in world history.

According to Roots, people who fear traveling by airplane, are often reassured that air travel is safer than traveling by car. But this is true only on a per-mile basis. On a per-trip or per-hour basis, the automobile is much safer than air travel. In fact, driving an automobile is safer per mile than walking.

Why is this important?... because a hundred years ago, Americans had a constitutional right to travel without government permission or licenses. There were many state court decisions on the books so holding. For example the Supreme Court of Kansas issued a decision in 1890 holding that "[each] citizen has the absolute right to choose for himself the mode of conveyance he desires, whether it be by wagon or carriage, by horse, motor or electric car, or by bicycle, . . . subject to the sole condition that he will observe all those requirements that are known as the 'law of the road.'" *Swift v. City of Topeka*, 23 P. 1075, 1076 (Kan. 1890). The right to travel by automobile without government permission was "so well established and so universally recognized in this country," wrote the court, "that it has become a part of the alphabet of fundamental rights of the citizen."

In the century that followed, such precedents were systematically distinguished and overturned as judges increasingly described car travel as a mere privilege. Dr. Roots has documented this slow transformation in a recent issue of the *Oklahoma City Law Review*. He refers to this lost constitutional right to travel without government permission as "the orphaned right."

The right was "orphaned" because judges and policymakers described the automobile as more dangerous than previous methods of transportation. The first driver licenses were issued around 1905 in the northeastern states in the aftermath of widely reported car wrecks. Over the years, auto travelers have accepted more and more restrictions on their rights, and today most states regularly enact new regulations.

Since 1950, no court has conceded that travel by automobiles is a right. Instead, all contemporary legislatures, judges, and executive agencies refer to automobile travel as a privilege that is granted and controlled by the state.

According to Dr. Roots, this loss of the right to travel has led to a virtual state of marshal law on the highways of the twenty-first century. "Today's Americans are subject to an immense amount of regulation on the streets and highways," says Roots. Americans of previous generations would have objected strenuously to the notion that we need to ask for government permission to travel down the roads.

The law has been changed so that today's traffic cops can generally find some reason to pull over any driver at any time and search almost any part of any vehicle without a warrant. (Only trunks and enclosed compartments are generally not searchable without a warrant.) Over time, the driver license has morphed into a complicated identification program that has little or nothing to do with ensuring the safe "operation" of motor vehicles. Through the Driver's License, the state has become a database manager with access to the addresses, photographs, identification numbers, and vital statistics of most Americans.

Today, traffic cops are even allowed to forcibly stab needles into drivers' arms and draw blood from drivers without warrant and over the drivers' objections. They may lack anything approaching the medical training that a licensed nurse needs to do the same thing, and they face almost no civil liability for infections, scars, or injuries they cause. Drivers who submit to the driver license regime are held to have "impliedly consented" to all of these invasions.

For further reading, Roger Roots' articles can be downloaded at:

- Roger Roots, "The Dangers of Automobile Travel: A Reconsideration," *American Journal of Economics and Sociology*, Vol. 66, No. 5 (November 2007), pages 959-975.
- Roger I. Roots, "The Orphaned Right: The Right to Travel by Automobile, 1890-1950," *Oklahoma City Law Review*, Vol. 30 (Summer 2005) pages 245-269.



"Our Founding Fathers never could have envisioned today's driver's license. It would have been inconceivable to the likes of Washington, Adams, and Jefferson that one day travel between a person's home and work, or between nearby cities, in a carriage owned by that person, would be transformed from a right into a privilege to be granted and revoked at the pleasure of the state!"

—Simson L. Garfinkle

History of the Driver's License

From a historical perspective, the driver's license is something that has a fairly nebulous past. There are no comprehensive records to be easily found that clearly outline the early history of the driver's license. Interestingly, at the time this all really began, states were still operating largely independently. This was, of course, before the federal government began to completely ignore the model framed by our Founding Fathers that promised states the ability to function without heavy federal oversight, just as the Constitution intended.

As for the actual process of licensing and its history, it appears that both Missouri and Massachusetts were early to the party and enacted driver's licensing regulations in 1903. These early "laws" were essentially a legalized permit to drive, but little else. The primary purpose for the actual licensing process in most states of the time was one of revenue collection. To be blunt, driver safety was not part of the equation.

Initially, Rhode Island was the only state that actually conducted driver competency examinations as part of its licensing process from its inception. In contrast, states like Missouri, waited forty-nine years after mandating licenses before requiring drivers to pass a test of driving ability or knowledge of traffic laws. After driving on our roads for longer than

American culture and the automobile have an intertwined relationship going back over a century. The explosion of the American auto industry really hit its stride after World War II, and the love affair with mobility reached a new level. For American youth, getting a driver's license was, and still is, a milestone. For so many of us, getting a license was almost like a rite of passage. That little card represented the freedom to finally drive and go anywhere we wished.

I never really gave any thought to the history of the license itself or its evolution into what it is today until the day that Gary Franchi mentioned it to me as an idea for an article in *Republic Magazine*. When I actually gave it a bit of consideration, I realized just how little I knew about that little card in my wallet. The idea was intriguing, so I began to dig. The more I read, the more surprised I was at how this seemingly insignificant item that so many of us have, has been used as a tool of leverage in an ever-tightening matrix of control. I was simply stunned to see how the system is trying to take what began as a simple slip of paper and morph it into an electronic ball and chain.

BY JASON STARCK

I care to remember, I often wonder if driver competency tests are graded on a curve.

Fast forward a few more decades, and we enter the information age. All states are now using the licensing process fairly consistently. They collect revenue for licensing on a fairly large scale and also conduct relatively standard driver tests for those who wish to obtain a license. The system has taken one, huge leap forward by going digital. Computerization allows for far greater efficiency, something that our states need, but this also opened the door for completely new and frightening levels of control. Later, you'll see how the globalists have begun to use non-profit organizations to help push policy and federal legislation to take what was a state-level issue and use it for their North American Union plans. *Licencia y la matrícula por favor* (license and registration please)!

State bureaucrats realized that of all the state branches that dealt with money, the DMV was head and shoulders above the others for effectiveness at getting paid. The DMV has very little difficulty with collecting fees because drivers simply have no choice but to pay on the spot if they wish to drive. The equation is quite simple: if you don't pay, you don't drive. After connecting the dots, our state politicians figured out that they could leverage the effectiveness of the DMV to collect on fees and fines for other areas. This would fatten the state coffers and provide a one-stop shop for collection activities.

The information age gave states the ability to tie databases from multiple departments together. This new ability to cross-reference driver information opened the door for states to start leveraging its ability to suspend driver's licenses as a means of forcing compliance from motorists. Many states have a laundry list of offenses that can result in license suspension, and a large number of those have nothing to do with driving at all.

According to Simson Garfinkel's article, which was written in 1994, Oregon has a list of 109 offenses that can result in temporary license suspension. Nearly half of those "offenses" are unrelated to driving. That was fourteen years ago. I can only imagine what else the bureaucrats in that state have added to the list. Garfinkel also pointed out that motorists in Wisconsin can lose their licenses for not paying fines from overdue library books or municipal fines levied for not shoveling snow from their sidewalks. This is all possible because the Wisconsin state legislature has deemed that non-payment of any state or municipal fine is punishable by driver's license suspension.

While the issues happening at the state level are a concern for freedom-loving Americans, the greatest threat is posed by non-profit groups, federal legislation, and international agreements. First on my list is the Real ID Act. This egregious piece of legislation was the cover story for *Republic Magazine's* very first issue. Real ID is our federal government's plan to enforce a national ID of sorts, but disguise it under

a cloak of standards for driver's licenses and state ID cards.

As usual, this is done "in the name of security." In fact, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) website says, "REAL ID is a nationwide effort intended to prevent terrorism, reduce fraud, and improve the reliability and accuracy of identification documents that State governments issue."ⁱ DHS goes further and cites the oh-so trustworthy 9-11 Commission, which made the following statement: "At many entry points to vulnerable facilities, including gates for boarding aircraft, sources of identification are the last opportunity to ensure that people are who they say they are and to check whether they are terrorists."

Wow, I feel safer already! My special, federally mandated license format will identify me as a good guy. It almost sounds like the aforementioned quote indicates that the terrorists also must have some kind of special ID to identify them as such ("...to check whether they are terrorists"). Or, perhaps what they are *really* saying is that, by default, anyone who does not possess the special new federal identification is a terrorist. Maybe it's a little more of the "you're either with us or against us" mentality.

Let's not forget that DHS has hired Soviet KGB and East-German Stasi officers as consultants. People who are former communist enemies to the United States and who are experts in spying on their own populations are giving our "internal" security group tips on how to do the same here. I wonder how much input they had on Real ID...

Fortunately, many states have begun passing legislation against the Real ID Act on the grounds that it establishes a national ID card and is excessively costly to administer.ⁱⁱ DHS naturally says this isn't the case because the states issue the cards and maintain the databases. However, the state databases are linked together and accessible from outside the state, so opponents of the national ID card rightly make the argument that DHS is playing with semantics and Real ID is exactly what it appears to be. Of course, the true irony here is that the federal government's appointed (not elected) DHS is making demands for the standardization of state-issued documents.

In addition to Real ID, we also have the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI), which was passed into law by Congress in 2004 as part of another "terrorism" protection. DHS indicates that as a result of this legislation, states will also work on an "enhanced" driver's license. This actually passed before Real ID, so it stands to reason that the two are being combined. This particular "enhancement" comes in the form of an RFID chip and machine-readable bar code on the licenses.

The RFID chip in the ID will be picked up by receivers and will provide biographic and biometric data to officers at our borders. If no RFID receiver is available, the machine-readable portion will be scanned to retrieve the data. This is supposedly just being developed by certain border states for the moment^{iv}. The obvious concern here is that US citizens can be tracked anywhere they are by RFID receivers.

American passports are also now including RFID chips that contain the bearer's information as well. Aside from the tracking implications, one must also consider that these things will end up getting hacked faster than the iPhone. German and Dutch e-passports have already been hacked. Lukas Grunwald, a German RFID expert, has hacked his country's passport RFID chip and retrieved information (biometric fingerprints) from it. He also created a chip that will crash the RFID reader that attempts to scan his chip, which shows how the RFID system has gaping security holes^v.

Last, but not least, comes the Driver's License Agreement (DLA). This is what I believe will ultimately help pave the way for smoother integration of the North American Union, when it arrives. This agreement was co-authored by the groups who brought us the Driver's License Compact (DLC) and the Non-Resident Violator Compact (NRVC), with additional support from the American Association of Motor Vehicle administrators. The DLC and NRVC were

aimed at making certain that out-of-state moving violations were reported and tracked in the driver's home state.

The problem with this "agreement" is this: "In addition, unlike the DLC and NRVC, the Provinces/Territories of Canada and the States/Federal District of Mexico can participate in the DLA. ***The Drivers Privacy Protection Act^{vi} will not apply to foreign jurisdictions*** [emphasis added]^{vii}." This simply means that foreign government employees, not bound by any US or international privacy laws, will have unfettered access to the linked US states driver information databases. With identity theft already a huge problem, a very legitimate fear is that foreign workers could go data mining through the most comprehensive list of private, American citizens' personal data ever compiled and sell millions of American records to the highest bidder.

Beyond that, if an American driver is charged with a violation in one of the other participating countries, the charges can follow the driver home. That means that insurance rates and/or points against the driver will no doubt be affected. What happens in the event that the driver is unjustly charged? What if the nation in which the offense allegedly occurred has no due process? While there is no doubt that our legal system is a mess, it is a relief to know that as an American citizen I have the right to legal representation when facing charges.

In short, what began as a little slip of paper used to register drivers and collect a bit of revenue has been targeted as a tool to be used for globalist purposes. The DLA, by the way, is not ruling out agreements with the European Union or any other nations, so you can see just how quickly our "standard" ID can become a world-wide identification card. When carried to the extent of this scenario, if our individual, American states do not refuse to comply with Real ID and these other agreements, we will very quickly take a giant leap toward becoming globalized while concurrently losing our national sovereignty. Please stay involved, get informed, and take action. If the will of the people will be done, the people must make their will known.

ⁱ Garfinke, Simson L. "Nobody F**ks With the DMV" Wired Magazine, February 1994

ⁱⁱ http://www.dhs.gov/xprevprot/laws/gc_1172767635686.shtm

ⁱⁱⁱ <http://www.cnn.com/2008/US/01/11/real.id.ap/index.html>

^{iv} http://www.dhs.gov/xtrvlsec/crossingborders/gc_1197575704846.shtm

^v http://www.democraticunderground.com/discuss/duboard.php?az=view_all&address=116x15870

^{vi} <http://www.privacilla.org/government/dppa.html>

^{vii} http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Driver_License_Agreement#Controversy



Are Americans required to have a Social Security Number to live and work in the United States? Most Americans are under the assumption that they are required to have a SSN (Social Security Number) in order to get a job, open up a bank account, and basically earn a living in America. Everyone asks for your number these days, don't they? I mean, if you want to get electricity in your name, they will ask for your SSN, if you want phone service, they sometimes ask for your SSN. In America, it seems like one needs an SSN to do just about anything these days. So there must be a law that requires one, isn't there? Well it turns out, that contrary to popular belief, having a Social Security Number is 100% voluntary for American citizens. If it was mandatory, babies would be issued SSN's immediately upon birth! The fact that you have to "apply" for a SSN in the first place should be a strong indication that the Social Security Number is voluntary.

We will prove, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that the laws that Congress wrote regarding Social Security, clearly reveal that Social Security Numbers are in fact voluntary for American citizens. It will also be clear that the demand for American's SSN's has a direct connection to the federal income tax and that the SSN is critical for the IRS to track the income of American citizens.

Let's look at what Congress wrote into law to see if and who is required to have a Social Security Number.

The Social Security laws are found in Title 42 of the United States Code. The answer is found in 42 U.S.C. §405(c)(2)(B), which provides as follows:

(B)(i) In carrying out the Commissioner's duties under subparagraph (A) and subparagraph (F), the Commissioner of Social Security shall take affirmative measures to assure that social security account numbers will, to the maximum extent practicable, be assigned to all members of appropriate groups or categories of individuals by assigning such numbers (or ascertaining that such numbers have already been assigned):

(I) to aliens at the time of their lawful admission to the United States either for permanent residence or under other authority of law permitting them to engage in employment in the United States and to other aliens at such time as their status is so changed as to make it lawful for them to engage in such employment;

(II) to any individual who is an applicant for or recipient of benefits under any program financed in whole or in part from Federal funds including any child on whose behalf such benefits are claimed by another person; (Emphasis Added)

As you can see, it is clear that from what Congress wrote that only ALIENS

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— By Jason Golditch —

are required to have Social Security Numbers. Now if you are an American citizen, and you want to participate in Social Security and receive Social Security

Retirement benefits, Unemployed Benefits, Disability Benefits, etc, then you **MUST** apply for a number and then pay into the system. If you don't apply the number, you don't get the benefit.

It's as simple as that.

Even Social Security admits on their website that having SSN is voluntary for Americans:

"Must my child have a Social Security number?"

"No. Getting a Social Security number for your newborn is voluntary. But, it is a good idea to get a number when your child is born.

You can apply for a Social Security number for your baby when you apply for your baby's birth certificate. The state agency that issues birth certificates will share

your child's information with us and we will mail the Social Security card to you." - From

www.ssa.gov/pubs/10023.html

If you check Constitutional Attorney Larry Becraft's website at: <http://home.hiwaay.net/~becraft/ScottSSNLetter.pdf> you will see a letter from Social Security, again admitting that having a SSN is voluntary. The letter, in response to an individual's question regarding whether or not Social Security was mandatory or voluntary, says:

*"The Social Security Act **does not require** a person to have a Social Security Number (SSN) to live and **work** in the United States, **nor does it require** an SSN simply for the purpose of having one. However, if someone works without an SSN, we cannot properly credit the earnings for the work performed."*

It should be clear by now that there is NO law requiring Americans to have Social Security numbers. If you want one, then you must apply for one. But it is

VOLUNTARILY! And the above letter makes it clear that if you earn money without a SSN, you will not be getting Social Security benefits. That should be your decision anyways, not a decision by the government forced upon you. However, how many people do you know that do NOT have a Social Security Number? Most Americans assume they are required to have one, and most Americans never had a choice because if you were born in a hospital, your parents either intentionally or inadvertently allowed the hospital to have a Social Security Number applied for you. Several years ago

Social Security initiated what is called the "Enumeration at Birth Program." SSA came up with the idea to start the numbering process at birth! The following evidence proves not only that SSA, in cahoots with hospitals nationwide, force SSN's on newborns, what's worse is how SSA teaches hospital officials to act when parents refuse to have their babies get SSN's. The following



<http://www.save-a-patriot.org/files/view/ssbirth.html> is an article regarding the Enumeration at Birth Program by an organization called Save-A-Patriot Fellowship who, since 1984, has been educating Americans on Constitutional issues such as Social Security, the Federal Income tax, and the IRS:

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Parent objects to "Enumeration at Birth" program

Recently many new parents have found that Social Security numbers have been assigned to their newborn children over their objection and against their will. It has been discovered that the Social Security Administration has implemented a program referred to as "Enumeration at Birth" and has in place a specific procedure for parental objections. Note that this is a multi-step procedure and that at each step the bureaucracy will attempt to talk the parent into keeping the assigned SSN. However, if the parent is persistent, the procedure exists for expunging the record. The information on the next page was obtained in 1992 from the SSA policy manual.

Again, the SSA is extremely aggressive in forcing SSN's onto American babies. Why would they be doing this if, by their own admission, Social Security is voluntary? Could it be to insure each American into a lifetime of tax and government identifying enslavement? Hmmmmmm....!

Another fraud perpetrated on the American public is the demand for the SSN when trying to earn a living. Why is it that anytime one chooses to work for someone else, whether as an employee or as an independent contractor, that person is demanded for their Social Security number? This is because businesses specialize in THEIR business, and they get legal or tax advice from their CPA's or lawyers. If you own a plumbing business, you are assumed to be an expert in plumbing, but you are most likely not an expert in taxes and so that is why you hire a CPA because it is assumed that they KNOW the tax laws. So if you have a business and your CPA tells you that you must get SSN's from your "employees" in order to pay them, most people don't even question it. Unfortunately, most CPA's are ignorant of the law. If CPA's or tax professionals actually read the tax laws regarding the demand for Social Security numbers, they would not tell their clients that it was

mandatory for their workers to provide a SSN in order to earn money.

Here is what the law says regarding the requirement to get another's SSN. 26 Code of Federal Regulations section 301.6109-1(c) states:

Requirement to furnish another's number:

"Every person required under this title to file a return, statement or other document shall furnish such taxpayer identifying numbers of other persons as required by the forms and the instructions relation thereto." "If he does not know the taxpayer identifying number for the other person, he shall request such number of the other person. "A request should state that the identifying number is required to be furnished under the authority of law." "When the person filing the return, statement or other document does not know the number of the other person, and has complied with the request provision of this paragraph,

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PARENT OBJECTS TO ASSIGNMENT OF SSN TO CHILD UNDER THE ENUMERATION AT BIRTH PROGRAM

A. POLICY

SSA does not change, void or cancel SSNs. In special situations, SSA will delete the applicant information from the SSN record.

B. PROCEDURE

A parent may object when a child is assigned an SSN.

If a child is issued an SSN card via the Enumeration at Birth program (the online NUMIDENT shows "FMC:6" for Enumeration at Birth items) and the mother states she answered "no" to the enumeration question when providing birth information for the newborn, assume that the State inadvertently keyed "yes", and follow these steps:

STEP	ACTION
1	Explain that the child will need an SSN, by at least age 2, if he/she will be listed as a dependent on an income tax return. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If the parent accepts this explanation and will keep the SSN card, stop.• If this is not acceptable, go to step 2.
2	Explain that on SSA's records, the account will remain dormant, unless earnings are posted on the record. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If the parent accepts this explanation and will keep the card, stop.• If the parent accepts the explanation but does want the SSN card, take the card and destroy the card (RM 00201.060). Explain that when an application is later made for an SSN card the same number will be assigned.• If the parent insists that we delete the SSN record, explain that the deletion action may take several months. (Go to step 3.)
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Document the parent's objection and advise the parent that the case must be sent to central office (CO) for review.• Explain to the parent that if we delete the applicant information from the SSN record, a subsequent SSN request (likely before the child is age 2) will result in a different SSN. In addition, if and when the parent files for an SSN for the child in the future, he/she should enter "no" in item 10 on the SS-5.• Forward all material pertinent to the situation(including the FO observation and recommendation)to CO at:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Social Security Administration- ORSI, DE, E&R- 3-E-26 Operations Building, 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235
4	Request review of the case and action concerning the parent's request for deletion of the data from the SSN record. Send a copy of the entire file to the appropriate regional office so that they can discuss ongoing problems with the involved State.

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he shall sign an affidavit on the transmittal document, forwarding such returns, statements or other documents to the Internal Revenue Service, so stating."

So the law actually states that it is NOT mandatory for Americans to disclose their SSN's, even if they have one in the first place! Wouldn't it have been nice to know this information before you voluntarily disclosed your SSN to employers while you have been working all these years having taxes withheld from your paycheck and having W-2's and 1099's being reported to the IRS, revealing all the money you made?! This sure made it easy for the IRS to see your income. It is much easier for them to get 3rd parties like "employers" to demand your SSN than it is to summon bank records for approximately 200,000,000 American workers, don't you think?!

Another blatant and fraudulent demand for your SSN is on United States passports. If you apply for a passport, there will be a section on the passport asking for your SSN. For those wondering why a SSN is required to be put on a U.S. passport, this is the governments response: Section 6039E of the Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. 6039E) requires you to provide your Social Security Number (SSN), if you have one, when you apply for a U.S. passport or renewal of a U.S. passport. If you have not been issued a SSN, enter zeros in box #5 of the passport application form you are completing. Contact the Social Security Administration to request a Number. If you are residing abroad, you must also provide the name of the foreign country in which you are residing. The U.S. Department of State must provide your SSN and foreign residence information to the Department of Treasury. If you fail to provide the information, you are subject to a \$500 penalty by the IRS.

The Government is saying that section 6039(E) of Title 26 U.S.C. requires you to provide your Social Security Number. Well, unfortunately, this is a blatant and outrageous lie. This is one of those in your face, "your so stupid and gullible, we know that you won't even investigate and we can tell you whatever we want" type of lie. I say this because section 6039(E) has NOTHING to do with Social Security Numbers, but only deals with TIN's or Taxpayer Identification Numbers, which is a total and distinct number from the SSN! Here is what 6039(E) says:

26 USC 6039(E) Information concerning resident status

(a) General Rule. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any individual who

(1) applies for a United States passport

-shall include with any such application a statement which includes the information described in subsection (b).

(b) Information to be provided

Information required under subsection (a) shall include- the taxpayers's TIN (if any)

in the case of a passport applicant, any foreign country in which such individual is residing"...

There is NO mention whatsoever in 26 U.S.C. section 6039(e) regarding the requirement of your SSN, but only a TIN, and only if you have a TIN! And what is the government's definition of a TIN? Here it is:

26 C.F.R. 301.6109-1 (3) IRS individual taxpayer identification number—(i) Definition.

"The term IRS individual taxpayer identification number means a taxpayer identifying number issued to an alien individual by the Internal Revenue Service, upon application, for use in connection with filing requirements under this title. The term IRS individual taxpayer identification number does not refer to a social security number or an account number for use in employment for wages. For purposes of this section,

the term alien individual means an individual who is not a citizen or national of the United States."

Under the laws of the United States, it is crystal clear that the TIN does not only, NOT refer to a Social Security Number, but a TIN is issued to an ALIEN individual by the IRS! Are you an alien? It is therefore a blatant, in your face lie for the United States State Department to say that 6039E of 26 U.S.C. requires American citizens to disclose their SSN's, when it is clear that 6039(E) does not even refer to SSN's, but only to TIN's, and TIN's have NOTHING to do with Social Security Numbers!

Are you getting the point? Everywhere you go, whether it's to get a job, open up a bank account, get a passport, Americans are routinely asked and demanded for their Social Security Number. But it should be crystal clear by now that it is 100% voluntary to have a SSN for a citizen in the first place. But there is a very good reason why this demand for SSN's has been perpetrated on the citizens of America. If you don't have or use a Social Security number, then if you work for someone else, you cannot fill out a W-4 or a W-9! Meaning, you will not receive either a W-2 nor a 1099, and neither will the Internal Revenue Service! Why is that? There is no way that an employer could withhold income taxes or social security taxes from you without a SSN, so by not disclosing your SSN, you could not properly fill out a W-4. Same applies to an Independent Contractor. Are you getting the picture? Yes that's correct, without disclosing your SSN, the IRS will not be receiving any 3rd party information regarding how much money you made for that year. It will seem as if you are not even working! In fact, you cannot fill out a 1040 tax return without your SSN, and it has already been revealed that the TIN is a taxpayer identification number for ALIENS, not citizens! So can you see this tangled web coming into view between the SSN, the Federal Income Tax and the IRS? If you never use your number, the IRS has no idea how much money you make. If you never received a SSN in the first place, the IRS cannot by law even create an account on you (see chapter 3, section 301 of 5 U.S.C.) An application for an SSN must be initiated before you ever get assigned one. If you never received a SSN, you do not even EXIST to the Internal Revenue Service. By not having a SSN, or not using a SSN, you would be living an Income Tax free life! Who wouldn't love that? And knowing that, who in their right mind would apply for a SSN or allow their child to have a SSN forced upon them? Now there are people who have successfully worked without using their SSN, but this is easier said than done. That is why it is absolutely critical that all liberty loving Americans understand this issue surrounding the SSN and how the number enslaves individuals to the IRS and many of the various federal and state government agencies. It's time for Americans to put this knowledge and information together and write letters to your Congressman expressing your concern for this repeated unlawful demand for your SSN. If the unlawful insistence and demand for our SSN would stop, this would be a huge step from relieving government intrusion in our lives. Not to mention significantly preventing identity theft! Hopefully, this information has been helpful. Use it. Study it. Share it with your friends. Write your Congressman and urge them to put an end to this unlawful demand for our SSN. Social Security cards used to say, NOT for Identification. Let's bring that policy back. If you want an SSN to participate in Social Security, that is your choice. But for those of us that do not want to participate in Social Security, we have the legal right to live our lives without using the SSN in order to earn a living, open a bank account, or for goodness sakes open an account with the electric company!

For more info on Social Security Numbers please visit the following websites:

- www.nossn.com
 - <http://www.save-a-patriot.org/files/view/ssbirth.html>
 - <http://home.hiwaay.net/~becraft/ssn.html>
- Attorney Larry Becraft's research on Social Security*

STOP

...the Social Security Surveillance Act

BY GARY FRANCHI

Under the guise of protecting seniors and our national security, Congressman Mark Kirk of Illinois 10th District and Peter Roskam of the 6th District are setting the wheels in motion for another crack at a national ID card. The "Social Security Identity Theft Prevention Act" (H.R. 5405), more appropriately titled the "Social Security Surveillance Act," was likely spurred by the high opposition to the failing Real ID Act. This act would be an adequate run around to implement Real ID in yet another form. They claim the reasons for introducing this act is to curb the high rate of identity theft in Northern Illinois.

The new Social Security Surveillance (SSS) card will retain the standard features of the Social Security card such as the name and account number of the card holder, but will now include beefed up security measures also commonly used by law enforcement to track criminals and hackers to falsify and clone sim cards.

The surveillance features of the card include: a digital image displayed of the card holder on the surface of the card and an "encrypted, machine-readable electronic record which shall include records of biometric identifiers unique to the individual to whom the card is issued, including a copy of any digitized facial image printed on the face of the card."

Manufacturing of the card will be out-sourced to the Department of Homeland Security and utilize the facilities that create the B1/B2 Visa and the Permanent Resident Card.

At a recent Libertyville, Illinois Town Hall Meeting on Saturday March 1st, 2008, Congressman Kirk explained to a packed room of concerned residents that participation is optional. I asked Kirk during the Q and A session when the "optional" card would become mandatory. Kirk responded that the bill had not left the house yet. Not quite the answer found when reading the text H.R. 5405.

The bill clearly states the new surveillance cards are to be issued to social security account holders upon reaching the age of 16.

Massive new biometric databases of every American will be created to assist in tracking and authenticating the new SSS card. The US Government has a tarnished record of managing databases. The



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs lost a laptop and external hard drive to thieves, jeopardizing the identities of 26.5 million veterans. The Metropolitan State College in Denver, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Los Angeles' Department of Social Services have each fallen victim to their databases being plundered. Foreign intelligence hackers, high tech terrorists, and identity thieves would have a one-stop-shop of every American in a Social Security database no longer just rich in numbers, but now biometric data.

When asked about private firms controlling and tracking the databases, Kirk pushed the responsibility of management to the Social Security Administration. However, as with Real ID, private companies like Viisage were contracted with to maintain the Real ID infrastructure. This will likely be the case with the Social Security Surveillance Card unless the bill is stopped. The bill is set to take effect two years from enactment, yet it is currently in the house, and has yet to be voted on.

A proponent of the new SSS card asked Kirk, "Can you share what information is on there that's freaking everybody out about a national ID card, what's being stored on there that the Government doesn't already know?"

He responded, "Just about everything the government already knows."

Standard operating procedure is in effect here. Using fear tactics on uninformed senior citizens, and the usual excuse of national security in a post 9/11 world, another member of the DC boys club is attempting to slip a national ID card into the hands of a terrified populous. This is another attempt to ratchet down the American people into a coded world of control where being asked for "your papers" is as common as the next tasing video. However, Kirk and Roskam have failed to consider the ever-increasing masses of freedom loving Americans who are dusting off their constitutions and putting the shackles back on our public servants.

Full text of H.R. 5405 can be viewed here:

[http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c110:H.R.5405:](http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c110:H.R.5405)

Contact your Congressman and instruct them to NOT support H.R.5405.

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Sold out at the Detroit Marriott

A report by Jeff Foust from the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative Conference

Without reservation, I can say that my attendance at the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative Conference at the Detroit Marriott was nothing short of divine intervention. I had decided not to go. I thought it would be out of my league and any message I could convey to the attendees about the absurdity of this initiative would fall upon deaf ears.

Katherine Albrecht on her show, "Uncovering the Truth," mentioned the February 29th and March 1st conference on the "We the People Radio Network" (<http://www.wtprn.com>). The purpose of this conference was to discuss "border state" implementation of the new enhanced drivers' licenses (EDL), a voluntary Real ID containing a microchip. My plan was to go as part of a protest. Since it was only 220 miles away, it was just what I'd been waiting for. After the show I contacted Katherine by email. I asked her for details and she gave me the contact info for Pastor Steve Upshur. After a short conversation with Steve, I realized there would be no organized protest because the timeframe was too short. Doing a little research, I contacted the people in charge of the event, "The Council of State Governments" (<http://www.csg.org/>). One phone call led to another, and soon I was registered to attend, instead of protest. I began to imagine myself speaking out from the inside rather than carrying signs and making noise outside. Surely these people just needed to have a voice of reason at arms reach, and their minds would be changed.

That's when doubt began to subdue my enthusiasm, and I called it off.

Why would they listen to me, a carpenter from Indiana? I could use the time to distribute my new anti-NAU flier, do research, or schedule screenings of "America: From Freedom to Fascism." Like so much of my life, it wasn't up to me.

Friday morning when I was supposed to be on the road, Steve called to check on my departure. I explained my feelings and that I wouldn't be going. Steve proceeded to tell me about two profound events that happened on Thursday and during that night, in light of those events, God directed him to call Friday morning and make sure I would attend this conference. Well, I may not have been comfortable, but I know better than to argue with God.

I didn't have a place to stay and, like so many of us, I couldn't afford a room at the Marriott or any other place at this point, so I asked Steve to give me a bed at the homeless shelter he runs in Detroit. He agreed although, when the first day was done, it was so late that he let me stay at the church instead. Can you imagine? Our policy makers in their thousand dollar suits

staying at the Marriott, and me in my carpenter jeans staying at the church, sitting at the same table? But that's the way it was.

When I arrived, I was a little overwhelmed. The building was huge and it was difficult to find the rooms in which the conference was being held. I was a little late so I missed the introductions and the tour of the border crossing, but I still got my name tag and the information packet about the topics for discussion. Instead of attending the wine and hors d'oeuvres reception when they returned from the border tour, I decided to go to the lobby and research the discussion topics I wasn't familiar with to bolster my credibility. I brought my laptop and was able to read the information packet quickly. Then I searched the Internet for the items I was clueless about. I knew if I was going to speak to these people effectively, I should be informed about the topics at hand, all having to do with cross-border travel. That consumed the time proceeding the opening dinner.

As dinner started I found myself sitting at a table with, among other people, Becky Loomis, the assistant director for federal and state initiatives at the Department of Licensing from Washington, and Bonnie Rutledge, the Commissioner of Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles, two of the speakers at the event. Becky was the organizer and driving force behind the enhanced drivers license, or EDL, in Washington State. She developed and implemented the EDL program in two months between March and May of '07. Bonnie had developed the pilot program for EDLs in Vermont. EDLs are compliant with Real ID standards except for one thing — they are still voluntary.

During the dinner, DHS Secretary for the Office of Policy Directorate Stewart Baker made it clear that the DHS would not be content until it was mandatory for everyone to carry an EDL, whether or not you are traveling across the border and regardless of what state you are from. The EDL would virtually become the Real ID. Baker's stance was "The U.S. government hasn't asked the people to do anything since 9/11 except spend money." As he spoke I thought, "What about the privacy and civil liberties we gave up, and the unjustified war we are paying for?" So, in light of our benevolent federal government not "asking" for anything since 9/11, I guess we should all just get chipped for our own safety.

September 11th was mentioned so many times I lost count, and the constant threat of ongoing terrorist attacks is the reason for chipping all law abiding citizens. I'm thinking, "Why don't we look into why 9/11 happened and fix the real problems that caused it?" It can't just be that terrorists hate freedom because, if it were that simple, Switzerland, The Netherlands, and Canada would be toast. But like I said, I'm just a carpenter from Indiana — what do I know?

There were several serious discrepancies from the beginning that made



me feel uneasy the rest of the time I was there. The first was that off-handed comment about not asking the American people for anything, the second was the DHS database. If you look on the DHS website about Real ID, it states DHS will not have a database of information from these ID cards (DHS calls them Real ID but, again, EDLs are the same.) But, Baker specifically described the ways in which the information would be transferred from the states to the DHS database and back again, and there was already statistics on how fast it could be done - 400ms! Additionally, once your ID is presented at a checkpoint, whether in the DHS database or not, your information is stored there. DHS is not simply cross-checking you against "known terrorists" as they claim, they are building their database with everyone's information.

With the FISA spying expansion, they can use these chipped cards to track and store your movements across the border, and although privacy protection was mentioned several times, there are no guidelines or laws preventing the DHS from using your ID information to research the rest of your life. There is nothing to keep them from adding your email, phone records, even the way you spend your money to your DHS ID records. When I asked Baker if there would be card readers at the inland DHS checkpoints, he replied, "You

knew there were already inland checkpoints?" Sidestepping the question, he stated "it depended on policy and situation." These readers can register you from up to thirty feet away and, if our government gets their wishes, they will be at every border crossing. The way Secretary Baker answered my question about the "inland" DHS checkpoints leads me to believe that there will be card readers there as well, waiting to register you as you're driving to the store, or Aunt Millie's, or home from work ... for our protection.

I started to question the representatives sitting close to me about their personal feelings on this issue, and most had their own reservations about the lack of privacy guidelines. Not one person, including Secretary Baker, thought this would actually "protect" us from the next terrorist attack. Yes, that is the way it was stated. Not if, but when the next attack comes. Everyone realizes that this only affects the border *crossings*, not the whole border.

The only way our border is going to be "secure" is if we put a fence around our entire country, and guards around the entire fence, then prosecute everyone left inside who helped with 9/11.

Why move ahead with a program that only targets law abiding citizens? That's the question you should be asking your state representatives. The real

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answer is money, fear, and control.

They seem to be merely attempting to preempt the blame in the wake of the next terror attack by setting up this ID system. That way when it occurs they can point to their ID cards and say, "Sorry, but we tried to prevent it." Their concern for your freedom and privacy is secondary to protecting their reputations. Another reason they want to introduce this is because, due to inspection delays, companies with trucks sitting at the border are lobbying our government to proceed with the ID system. They think it will cut down on crossing time and increase their profits. But who owns these same corporations that are paying our representatives to dismantle our rights? Shouldn't they be concerned for our freedom? Truth be told, the elites will always have freedom, even if you and I don't. They are already making the rules. How many high profile people have you witnessed get away with major crimes because of their social status? Even celebrities can get away with murder. Soon, we will all be the most-free slaves in history because you have been tricked into being afraid of a threat that does not exist.

As long as the people of this country expect our federal government to "protect" us, they will gladly do so with high tolls on your liberty.

There was no exact estimate of the cost, but general estimates are in the billions. Who do you think is going to pay for the surveillance systems, the databases, and the manpower to manage all of this, and even the ID's? That's right, you and me. It isn't just a one time purchase either. Data management, upgrades, and basic system maintenance such as replacement ID's will keep a running cost with this program. How many people could you employ to work at the border and expedite crossing with the money it will cost us to implement and run this program? Increasing manpower seems like it would be the first solution to border-crossing problems. So, again, there seems to be other motives. These motives became a little more direct as the meetings continued.

There was much talk of the "seamless borders" and integration of border troops for increased police power, and even having E.U. representatives come to the next WHTI meeting to advise the states on the benefits of a single ID for all states. There was a comment made that the states would not accept this, and a senator from Iowa responded, "National sovereignty and weeping nationalism are still very much alive, aren't they?" And everyone but me had a big chuckle. So on

the one hand, these "leaders" are trying to keep us prideful and support any action for American security, including an unjustified war, and on the other, are selling our sovereignty in the Marriotts and Sheratons in your own backyard. I realized that the new government policies are not made in the statehouse. They are made at meetings just like this one.

The border states can expect a huge public relations campaign in the coming months. Ad after ad telling you how good the new EDL will be, and why you should rush off to get one. And who will be paying for the PR assault? Just add it to the cost of the program and pass it down to, again, you and me. Turn off your mainstream media channels and try to avoid being brainwashed.

Secretary Baker stated that until the federal government sets a deadline for everyone to have these ID's and sticks to it, people would not get them. Well, shouldn't that say something about the will of the people? If it was such a great idea, wouldn't we volunteer? I was born and raised here, and now I can't go to Canada and come back without a chip in my passport or ID card tracking my every movement. This is not liberty. It shouldn't take a massive PR campaign to convince us this is a good idea. We, as a Nation, need to stand up for ourselves. Stop asking the government to protect you — **they can't**. Instead, make them admit what really happened on 9/11, why, and make them stop using it as the excuse for taking our freedom. Inform everyone you know of the truth and help add their voices to ours.

When I left, I realized I had been affected in a strange and negative way. I felt a presence inside me that is hard to explain. Having people openly admit that this won't solve the terrorist "problem" and then support the idea anyway was already like watching evil at work, but it was more than that. There was a feeling of heaviness in my soul. A feeling like I was being pulled under water, but I didn't care. I was ready to go back to the matrix, and return to my blissfully ignorant slumber. It took a couple of days to shake it. You would think that would deter me from going to other conferences but it won't. I will go to other conferences and so should you.

There are policy meetings like this one happening all over the country, all the time. Find them and attend, even if you have to take sick days at work, pay to register, or sleep on someone's floor. This is where you will find out what is really happening, and be able to influence the opinions of your representatives the most. Be polite and informed, but be real and speak the truth. At the very least you will let them know you're watching what they are doing. It is time to get involved in our government on every level. They are not your friends and they will help big business, long before you, if you don't stop them. Let them know our *freedom* is our security. Remind them of the Spirit of "We The People."

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In the Forum: THE EVER INCREASING DENIAL OF CITIZEN RIGHTS

BY MICHAEL LEMIEUX

In all societies there is a balancing act between state power and citizen rights, between tyranny and freedom. As sovereign citizens of the states of the union we “the people” are supposed to be masters of our domains and our lives as long as we do not trespass against other citizens rights. At least that was the way our nation began.

Today, however, we have “evolved” to a state of legal confusion and intentional obfuscation of our rights. We are supposed to have the right to free travel without harassment from government. That our property and our persons are to be free from searches and seizures unless, under due process (a judge says so). The person doing the searching must have “probable cause” that a crime has been committed. But what if they do not have probable cause, hmmm, how about if we change that to just having “reasonable suspicion?”

What is the difference, you might ask? Here it is, according to Black’s Law Dictionary, Seventh Edition Probable Cause is defined as: “*Under the Fourth Amendment, probable cause – which amounts to **more than a bare suspicion** but less than evidence that would justify a conviction – must be shown before an arrest warrant or search warrant may be issued.*” (emphasis added) The lesser legally allowable phrase of reasonable suspicion, though not grounded in Constitutional Authority, is stated as: “*A particularized and objective basis, supported by specific and articulable facts, for suspecting a person of criminal activity.*” So as we can see by the two definitions, the former (grounded in the Constitution), mandates a court order before a person can be searched or arrested. The latter allows for only suspicion, which any person with half a brain could articulate suspicion about anyone, leaving the Constitution in the dust; and now the legislative branch of the government has raised itself above the Constitution by making the rule of law (statute) greater than the Constitution.

In the case of *Hiibel v. Sixth Judicial District Court of Nevada*, Mr. Hiibel was arrested for not providing his identification when asked to do so by a police officer. He was later found guilty of a misdemeanor and fined \$250.00, which he appealed. The appeal ended up at the Supreme Court where the court ruled that the providing of identification did not infringe upon the defendant’s Fourth or Fifth Amendment rights and the charge was upheld.

This logic seems to fit the pattern of government’s gradual infringement on citizen’s rights. In a previous case, *Terry v. Ohio*, the court upheld the “stop and frisk” rule that is so prevalent today. This allows an officer to stop a person and physically frisk an individual for merely a “reasonable suspicion” and your rights be damned. The court knew full well that this was an encroachment of the rights of the defendant as their supporting statement argued that because the “stop and frisk” action was of a **lesser forfeiture of the defendants liberty**, as compared to what is required to demand a warrant, it could be justified by a lesser burden of proof; therefore, the action of the officer was upheld as lawful.

What makes the *Terry* case so interesting, as it relates to the *Hiibel* case, is that in the *Terry* case the court ruled that the defendant was “**not obliged to respond**” to the police. The exact charge, which *Hiibel* was convicted of, was upheld in *Terry* as being unlawful.

To further emphasize the point of how twisted the logic of the Supreme Court can get: The decision of the court that the lesser incursion of liberty demanded a lesser requirement of suspicion resulted in a situation where any person on the street will now

have to worry that they are in jeopardy of going to jail if they dared to demand their rights and not provide identification. If they invoke their Fifth Amendment right to not answer questions then they can be arrested and taken to jail. In essence, the court has overruled the Constitution by statute.

In the Fifth Amendment, the *Miranda* case brought about the *Miranda* warning that is read when any suspect is arrested. The courts have determined that the Fifth Amendment right is not just a court right but also pertains to the jail or the street. The logic here is that if the Fifth Amendment applies at a *Terry* stop then, by definition, there is suspicion of a crime. If there is suspicion of a crime then the officers are investigating a criminal activity and the asking of the name or any other information is in relation to that investigation. This places a suspect in a predicament that if he does NOT answer the officer then he may be arrested and taken to jail. If he does answer the officer he has abrogated his Fifth Amendment rights and may be forced to incriminate himself. So now citizens may actually be arrested for utilizing a right.

If the Constitution is the basis for all law in the United States and if the Constitution prohibits the government from infringing upon the rights of the citizens; what recourse does the citizenry have when the courts that are in place to protect the Constitution refuse to do so?

Now with the looming National ID Act, the Homeland Defense strategy, and the illegal immigration issues, it is only a small step to rationalize that because it is now a law that you must identify yourself to police officers when they ask, the government may mandate that the government ID card be carried at all times to be presented to law enforcement when asked.

I can hear the echo now that will ring in the streets of America, as they did in Europe in ages past, “PAPERS, PAPERS PLEASE.”

P.S. In my article on Bio-Metrics in this issue; one of the current projects of the FBI is to gather data to seed the biometric database, such as facial features. Part of the Real-ID

act establishes the following under **SEC. 202. MINIMUM DOCUMENT REQUIREMENTS:**

“(d) Other Requirements- To meet the requirements of this section, a State shall adopt the following practices in the issuance of drivers’ licenses and identification cards:

(3) Subject each person applying for a driver’s license or identification card to .” (Emphasis added)

Just a coincidence? I don’t think so!

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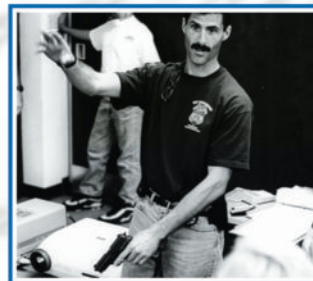
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