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Homeland Security Wants to Spy on 4 Square Miles at Once

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It's not just for the Afghanistan and Iraq wars anymore. The Department of Homeland

Security is interested in a camera package that can peek in on almost four square miles of (constitutionally protected) American territory for long, long stretches of time. Homeland Security doesn't have a particular system in mind. Right now, it's just soliciting "industry feedback" on what a formal call for such a ["Wide Area Surveillance System"](#) might look like. But it's the latest indication of how powerful military surveillance technology, developed to find foreign insurgents and terrorists, is migrating to the home front. The Department of Homeland Security says it's interested in a system that can see between five to 10 square kilometers — that's between two and four square miles, roughly the [size of Brooklyn, New York's Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood](#) — in its "persistent mode." By "persistent," it means the cameras should stare at the area in question for an unspecified number of hours to collect what the military likes to call "pattern of life" data — that is, what "normal" activity looks like for a given area. Persistence typically depends on how long the vehicle carrying the camera suite can stay aloft; DHS wants something that can fit into a manned P-3 Orion spy plane or a Predator drone — of which [it has a couple](#). When *not* in "persistent mode," the cameras ought to be able to see much, much further: "long linear areas, tens to hundreds of kilometers in extent, such as open, remote borders." If it's starting to sound reminiscent of the spy tools the military has used in Iraq and Afghanistan, it should. Homeland Security wants the video collected by the system to beam down in "near real time" — 12 seconds or quicker — to a "control room (T) or to a control room and beyond line of sight (BLOS) ruggedized mobile receiver on the ground," just as military spy gear does. The camera should shift to infrared mode for nighttime snooping, and contain "automated, real time, motion detection capability that cues a spotter imager for target identification." Tests for the system will take place in Nogales, Arizona.



The range of this system isn't as vast as the newest, latest cameras that the military either has or is developing. The Army's super-powerful ARGUS camera, heading to Afghanistan, can look out at [36 square miles at a time](#); the Air Force's [Gorgon Stare](#) looks out on an entire city at once. On deck are the military's fleet of spy blimps, which will [generate 274 terabytes](#)

of information [every hour](#). Compared to that, the Department of Homeland Security is positively myopic.

But. Those systems are used against insurgents, who are not protected by the Fourth Amendment's prohibitions on unreasonable searches. Even if the wide-area surveillance DHS is after is *just* used at borders or airports, those are still places where Americans go about their business, under the presumption that they're not living in a government panopticon. It's also ironic: the Department of Homeland Security actually [isn't so hot](#) on its own drone fleet. When Danger Room asked an official at the department's science directorate about using spy drones to spot bombs inside the U.S., she replied, "[A case has to be made that they're economically feasible, not intrusive and acceptable to the public.](#)"

Still, what's military technology one day is law-enforcement tech the next. As [I reported for Playboy last month](#), more and more cop shops are buying spy drones, and increasingly, the Federal Aviation Administration is [approving their use](#) for domestic flights.

That *also* means that federal and local police can expect to replicate some of the military's more frustrating aspects of persistent spying — namely, the constant, massive backlog of real-time video they'll need to analyze. It's gotten so bad that the Pentagon's mad scientist shop, Darpa, is [trying to automate cameras](#) so human analysts aren't constantly drinking from a fire hose of spy data.

Still, privacy advocates might soon have a whole new tech-driven battle with the Department of Homeland Security on their hands. It's hardly clear from the pre-solicitation that the department only expects to operate the cameras after getting a court order — or if it thinks it needs one in the first place. And even if the department isn't necessarily after the uber-powerful ARGUS or Gorgon Stare cameras, that might only be a matter of time. The wars will end; the spy tech won't. And it might be keeping tabs on your neighborhood next.

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Homeland Security Wants Cellphones to Sniff for Bio Agents



Terror Tweeting, Brought To You By Homeland Security



Every Day, Army's Panopticon Drone Will Collect 80 Years' Worth of HD Video



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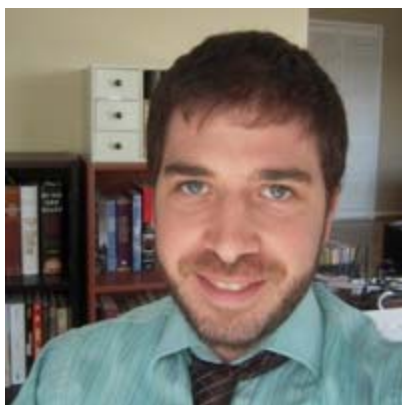
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Garret Bright

Hey Homeland Security, stop making it so easy to be a conspiracy theorist.

3 months ago 27 Likes

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freckles10

Like Americans getting used to Obamacare eventually paying for every individuals' health expenses, once Americans get used to this kind of domestic surveillance, there will be no reversal of it. Generations of Americans will just get used to it and the 4th Amendment, like the 10th Amendment, will be largely a dead letter in the Constitution.

This is the generational way the Constitution is chisled at and eventually crumbles.

Each generation gets used to a little more freedom taken away until there is no more generational memory of how it used to be. Very few people can even conceive that up until 1913 there was no federal income tax. The rate was zero. How many of us alive today could even remotely comprehend much less remember what that was like?

Now all we argue about is how much the federal income tax should be. Nobody can successfully argue the entire repealing of it.

It will be the same with Obamacare and attacks on the 4th Amendment with this surveillance.

All Homeland Security and Congress needs is another 9/11 or worse to get all the excuse they need to fully accelerate this overarching surveillance on private citizens.

Benjamin Franklin, as always well ahead of us, said they(the American people) would follow the Constitution for a while. But questioned whether we Americans would hold onto it.

3 months ago 21 Likes

Like

Spoken Truth

Agreed, just like an aging generation sees the iPhone and its brethren for exactly what it is, while the newer generations "can't live without it!"

Why force a population to be implanted RFID chips that cost alot of money when you can have them willing to PAY to carry a GPS tag on them... which also allows big brother not only to track you in real time but listen in to your conversations too! But what do you care, you have Angry Birds or Farmville in your pocket to go ... right?



Cell phones have already replaced land lines in most instances, most people have them on and on their body/nearby 24/7 and always powered up. In another generation or two, who will remember a time when your phone didn't track you? It'll just par for the course and how it's "always been" since they can remember....

Wonder why all cell phones since 2005 by Government mandate are REQUIRED to have GPS? Now you know. Wear your leash proud! Orwell is here and now.

sigh

3 months ago in reply to freckles10 7 Likes

Like



Brad

People trying to link Obamacare to government surveillance fail. You were already paying for the uninsured and underinsured, just doing so in the most horribly inefficient way possible. The Department of Health and Human Services didn't develop Gorgon Stare. the Social Security Administration flies no predator drones. The expansion of the defense department, the TSA, and DHS are directly responsible for the expansion of federal governemnt into surveillance.



"Very few people can even conceive that up until 1913 there was no federal income tax. " There was no income tax because of the revenue created by tariffs and the tax on alcohol. Those were different times - a repealing of the income tax would effectively mean that the federal government would have its revenue cut in half. I know, a lot of people would celebrate that (like CommonSense I'm sure), but then watch as their entire subsidized worlds crumble - their roads, their bridges, power / phone lines in rural areas, etc. Attempts to make up this revenue with non-progressive plans (such as a flat tax, for instance) ultimately fail because you cannot wring enough money from the lower end of the income curve to make up for the revenue losses at the high end. Mathematically, it doesn't work. Ideologically, I find it hard to justify telling someone who makes \$30k/yr that we need to take more in taxes so that Mr. \$300k/yr doesn't have to pay as much (but I guess some people don't have that problem).

3 months ago in reply to freckles10 4 Likes

Like

Ex_Military

"People trying to link Obamacare to government surveillance fail"

The point the poster was making was in regards to Constitutional law.

There is a huge difference between supporting the 'uninsured and underinsured' through taxation to provide health care versus being forced (through codified law) to obtain SOME level of healthcare or face fines. What the latter does is force American Citizens to directly fund private, for-profit companies. i.e. no longer taxation with representation, but being forced by law to pay a bill to an insurance company or pay a fine.

This would be like me starting a computer consulting business, and then having a law passed that everyone in the US had to pay me a monthly membership fee under the guise of keeping the Internet safe.

Here is a quotation from the Congressional Budget Office, "an unprecedented form of federal action... The government has never [before] required people to buy any good or service as a condition of lawful residence in the United States."

Combine that with OTHER unconstitutional things going on, and, yes, the poster is perfectly justified... not a fail.

3 months ago in reply to Brad 4 Likes

Like



Brad

This is exactly the problem - we should be talking about the clearly unconstitutional nature of government surveillance. Whether or not Obamacare is Constitutional is an issue that is headed for the Supreme Court. It is an open issue - we have yet to see the arguments play out. Yet we HAVE seen arguments seemingly routinely about how the government can place GPS trackers without a warrant, can enter a property via manufactured probable cause, can circumvent rights to hold people indefinitely. Arguing about Obamacare in this context only detracts us from the issues that we can ALL agree on. Equating them is an ideological separator and divides us.



3 months ago in reply to Ex_Military 1 Like

Like

Ex_Military

So, when the Constitution is plainly violated, but you don't see it that way, it isn't an issue worth discussing?

Of course they're related... it's like you want us to talk about Hitler's use of IBM punch cards without talking about the character of Hitler himself... and how his character overflows into all areas of power that he touches.

The real issue here isn't surveillance, the real issue is the raping of the Constitution.

The only people that will be divided are the ones that won't stand by it...

It is actually you who is creating the division in your divergence from the real issue at stake here.

3 months ago in reply to Brad 3 Likes

Like

freckles10

You defend Obamacare and the federal income tax as an attorney or advocate would. You try to persuade by telling us all the "benefits" both supposedly bring.

But that is not the argument of a Constitutionalist. And I was speaking from that perspective.

In your second paragraph you inadvertently make the case for a limited, constitutional government. I suspect you very well know that the Founders feared a direct tax on the people and the purpose of refusing to tax the people directly via an income tax was fear of the kind of power the government so empowered can bring to bear on individuals which inevitably diminishes their liberty.

You try to justify it by saying "those were different times" as if that's any kind of persuasive answer to justify the giving up of liberties. Any period in history can be called "different times." So what? The Founders knew times would change. That's why they put in an amendment process.



You further try to justify the direct federal income tax by saying how everybody dependent on the subsidies' worlds would crumble. No kidding. A people who have learned to be dependent will always cry when subsidies are taken away.

Where was the original mistake made? By not following the Founders' intent to begin with and the people allowing a direct income tax which then opens the door to their liberties being taken away in ways the people never thought of.

This is what Franklin meant when he doubted the people would keep the Constitution.

Franklin also famously(paraphrasing) said that those who would give up some liberty for security deserve neither liberty nor security.

Each generation gives up some freedom for some security(Obamacare and the proposed surveillance are the latest examples). In Obamacare, the freedom given up is the proposed individual mandate that gives Congress new authority to force, by law, everyone to contribute to the collective whether they want to or not.

That mandate may or may not be struck down. But the willingness of a supposedly free people theoretically wanting to preserve their Constitutional Republic to give up some freedom for some security is exactly what Franklin feared would happen.

You try to give us what you think is a lesson on the mathematics of taxes. Never is there any hint in your explanation that you care that much of what you want the taxes raised for in not for enumerated federal powers. Are Social Security and Medicare enumerated powers given to the federal government? If you stay consistent, you will answer by giving us a list of all the "benefits" of those programs and telling us how the people will cry if they had to give those things up and that "times were different then" as if any of that papers-over the original mistake of the people allowing the Congress to usurp powers that are not enumerated.

In doing so you won't comprehend or you will try to minimize that that's an example of each generation giving up some liberties to get some

security. Exactly what Franklin disdained and would, he believed, lead to the eventual loss of the Constitution.

3 months ago in reply to Brad 2 Likes

Like



ArthorBearing

I think the growth of huge gov't/military/corporate entities (the three blend together so much as to be indistinguishable IMHO) is happening on parallel tracks in all arenas. You can say that the TSA is different from Obamacare which is different from market regulation which is different from wars for oil, but the trend is the same everywhere: more top-down control, more ant-like existence, less freedom, beauty, self-actualization, and truly human existence.

Summarily saying people you imagine to be ideological opponents "fail" cuts you off from nuanced discourse, you should be a little more open-minded. We're all sailing in the same boat.



Quick edit after I re-read your second paragraph: you're correct that our infrastructure would crumble without income taxation, as it is crumbling already, but Eisenhower's highway project was a monstrous and inefficient folly which sowed the seeds of our oil dependency today. I will cite Kunstler's The Geography of Nowhere in support of that.

3 months ago in reply to Brad 1 Like

Like

Brad

"You can say that the TSA is different from Obamacare which is different from market regulation which is different from wars for oil, but the trend is the same everywhere: more top-down control, more ant-like existence, less freedom, beauty, self-actualization, and truly human existence. "

The link between ObamaCare and self actualization is highly based upon ideological principles. Whereas, I think we can all agree that the link between government surveillance and decreased rights is

more evident. I see the equating of these things as a fundamental problem - an issue of divide and conquer. If people INSIST on relating the two issues, and making ideology the same as fact then how can we fight the problem? We clearly aren't sailing in the same boat if you think that in order to prevent the TSA from spying on us, we must abolish the income tax, repeal ObamaCare, and phase out Social Security. That is the language of an ideologue - I would seek to address government surveillance by reducing government surveillance.

Regarding the Interstate Highway System, I do not disagree. I am just not sure what your ultimate point is though - that we should let it crumble? That we should not have built it in the first place and built something else instead? That all government public works are bad? None of that obviates the need for revenue, which must come from taxation, and this taxation almost has to be progressive to raise substantial revenue.

Edit: To make myself a bit clearer, my reference to infrastructure regarding taxation is my long standing assertion that the people who complain the most about taxes typically benefit the most from such projects.

Edit2: The notion that reduced government revenue will reduce government spending has also proven to be utterly false time and time again. Under Republican Presidents, under Democrat Presidents, with Republican Congresses, and with Democrat Congresses. "Starve the beast" is a complete failure in practice.



3 months ago in reply to ArthorBearing

Like

ArthorBearing

I don't think, in terms of practical approaches, that the two issues are related, and I didn't mean to imply that with my last post. I meant to emphasize that trend of more overreach by people near the top of pyramidal power structures (whether corporate boards or gov't bureaucracy) and less individual control over your life and your potential, which in my opinion both issues illustrate.

As far as the highway post goes, I suppose I brought up that point not so much for practical purposes as much as to try to demonstrate that all of our options are bad, because the problems we as a generation will be forced to deal with for the rest of our lives are all the results of decisions made decades ago. The huge and ongoing increase in debt levels since the civil rights/Vietnam era has exacerbated this.

I do not think taxes will solve the problem, nor more bailouts/debt, nor even a class action suit against all of the gov't/banker/military criminals for all of our money back. It's just not enough, and we are definitely on our way to big changes soon regardless of how we decide to tackle the problems.

3 months ago in reply to Brad

Like

Brad

I think we've largely reached a point of agreement. Like I said, though, I just caution against using illustrative points which divide people that should otherwise be united. We can't all agree on what form taxation should take, but we should all agree on its necessity. We can't all agree on what form health care reform should take, but we can all agree on its necessity. And we certainly all should agree that decreased personal liberties are bad. When it comes to concrete actions, we must address the more flagrant first though.



"The huge and ongoing increase in debt levels since the civil rights/Vietnam era has exacerbated this." The thing is, its really been the huge increase in debt since 2000. We KNEW that eventually the baby boomers would retire, and we did nothing. And on top of that, we got involved in two wars, AND cut taxes. And NOW we find ourselves in a recession. Taxes certainly won't solve the problem but they are part of a solution that

involves serious reforms. You are exactly right that our generation must now deal with the problems created before us, and I think we should start by re-examining the political and ideological structures which caused these problems.

The fact is that neither party stands for personal liberty, or for fiscal responsibility.

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3 months ago in reply to ArthorBearing

Like



George

Bush Sr started all of this...Obama works for him.

3 months ago in reply to freckles10 3 Likes

Like



Liberal Patriot

You mean like how George W. Bush wiretapped every single phone line in the country and Constitution loving conservaturds all said "thank god, he's keeping us safe, and you pot-smoking hippies should shut up about your 4th amendment rights." Like that?

I'm not a fan of how Obama has been handling these issues, so don't get me wrong. But pretending that one of our political parties is better or worse for civil liberties when "security" is part of the issue is absurd.

And here's a radical concept for you. It isn't the 18th century anymore; perhaps the Constitution could use a freshening up? For example, look at the convulsions the Supreme Court was sent into trying to asses how GPS technology fits into protections from illegal search. Clearly the Found Fathers could have never anticipated the kind of technology we have today (along with not being able to imagine women, blacks and every 18+ year old being allowed to vote, or the direct election of Senators, or the Bill of Rights applying at the state level, etc.)

3 months ago in reply to freckles10 1 Like

Like

derricka4mag

The first thing these cameras will record, are the heads of the installing technicians.
The last thing these cameras will record, are the heads of politicians... falling from the guillotines of an angry population.

3 months ago 15 Likes

Like



CommonSense033

Okay, tough guy.

Smoking pot and defecating outside a tent while tweeting on your iPhone is not exactly the French Revolution.

3 months ago in reply to derricka4mag 4 Likes

Like



spacemanspiff31

Performing those three acts simultaneously is surprisingly difficult.

3 months ago in reply to CommonSense033 3 Likes

Like



ArthorBearing

I assume you're referring to the occupy people, whom derrick did not mention

3 months ago in reply to CommonSense033

Like



YourLittleBrother

In Arizona, Janet Napolitano okayed spy cameras on the state freeways, and she wanted spy cameras taking the photos of everyone crossing state borders.

It is no surprise she was asked to lead Department of Homeland Stasi.

3 months ago 12 Likes

Like



KillAllTheBankers

Just one more reason to lose hope in America! Between Bush and the Lies of September 11, Patriot Act, and Obama continuing the Patriot Act, NDAA, and wanting to allow GPS to be placed on all our vehicles without warrant, I believe it's over!

Where do we have to turn in this corrupted rich mans (essentially) two party system?

Answer: Nowhere

The revolution looms on the horizon...

3 months ago 7 Likes

Like



Spoken Truth

Where do we have to turn in this corrupted rich mans (essentially) two party system?

--> CANADA!

I know I've been savin and can't wait to jump ship before it sinks.

3 months ago in reply to KillAllTheBankers 2 Likes

Like



Happeh

Canada was taken over years ago by the same group running the USA and the EU.

There is no place to go anymore. You are stuck with the way things are.

3 months ago in reply to Spoken Truth 1 Like

Like



ArthorBearing

There's no place to go but we can still stand and fight. We just have to pick our spots, and right now the tyrants are at the height of their power



3 months ago in reply to Happeh 1 Like

Like

drake006

@DHS go ahead and Spy on my body as I spy inside you brain and expose you for the fool and bully you are...

Typical DHS/Fed Psy Profile;

- 1 Very suspicious and distrustful of anyone not of their own culture.
- 2 Too self-assured and self confident, to need, or ask for help is perceived as a sign of weakness, value self-reliance seeking help for any issue.
- 3 May possess above-average intelligence.
- 4 Perfectionist?; overly judgmental of self & others, takes great pride in profession not wanting to bring any shame on it or themselves
- 5 Over identify with job resulting in isolating with others in culture which leads to alienation; great deal of personal identify tied up in professional identity; it's much more than just a job, it's a way of life.
- 6 Crisis oriented; seek & thrive on excitement & stress; always want to be "in the thick of things"
- 7 Defensive & trend to overreact when challenged; take charge personality
- 8 Difficulty dealing with feelings valuing cognitive abilities; repression of feelings is a self-protecting mechanism; projection & rationalization used to cope with distress which tends to encourage maladaptive behaviors often resulting in maladies such as depression, despair, loneliness, & cynicism.
- 9 Resistant to surrendering self-control; "powerlessness" is considered a sign of weakness
- 10 Tendency to equate physical health with mental health; physical and mental illness are perceived, sometimes rightly so, as career damaging or ending; treatment for any affliction, especially perceived "mental illnesses" is viewed unsafe and career damaging; very stigma oriented.
- 11 Being deceptive and manipulative is a valuable trait; Feds are trained in techniques of dealing with deceptive persons and in interviewing skills
- 12 Resistant to change; tend to view things in black or white, right or wrong.

Information taken from articles by
Travis K. Sorrows and J. Edgar Hoover

3 months ago 6 Likes

Like



JonFraudCarry

The majority of Wired readers voted for Present Obama. And they will do so again.

3 months ago 5 Likes

Like



freckles10

Not just Obama but Big Government Republicans as well.

We Americans are fully capable of electing our own tyrants.

3 months ago in reply to JonFraudCarry 4 Likes

Like



naql99

Reject this path. Vote Libertarian.

3 months ago in reply to freckles10 10 Likes

Like



Garret Bright

People need to decide if they think having a welfare state is so important to them that they're okay with it bringing a police state with it. Ron Paul 2012.

3 months ago in reply to naql99 5 Likes

Like



Iguana Keeper

we can't have nice things because the system is criminogenic and the politicians are captured or corrupt. Otherwise we could have a health care system that worked.

3 months ago in reply to Garret Bright

Like



ArthorBearing

Don't vote, the game is rigged

3 months ago in reply to naql99 1 Like

Like



Iguana Keeper

That's exactly how we got to this point. Induced apathy works for the plutarchy just fine.

3 months ago in reply to ArthorBearing

Like



ArthorBearing

I disagree. Not voting doesn't necessarily imply doing nothing. In fact voting is closer to doing nothing

3 months ago in reply to Iguana Keeper 1 Like

Like



uno2tres

Unfortunately, he is the closest choice we have to a liberal candidate.

3 months ago in reply to JonFraudCarry 1 Like

Like



CommonSense033

"Liberal". As in making government bigger and bigger and BIGGER AND BIGGER and absolutely unrestrained.

Which is WHY THIS HAPPENS.

THIS is why we want a SMALL goverment with limited power! One that can't crush you at a whim from 2000 miles away! Don't you get it?

No, you probably don't. Hope and change! Hope and...fftt. Forget it. You'll never learn till the boot heel is on your head.

3 months ago in reply to uno2tres 1 Like

Like

Brad

And which party is in favor of limited government? Were these technologies developed by Social Security or Medicare? What candidate wants to cut defense spending? Who created the Department of Homeland Security? Who created the TSA? So, free healthcare for all represents a threat to the people by an



authoritarian government, but the creation of specifically authoritarian organizations developing technologies which can be used to trample the rights of citizens does not?

Above you said that we forgot our rights "in the blank-eyed rush for "free stuff"" But it should say that we forgot our rights "in the blank-eyed rush for "security"".

3 months ago in reply to CommonSense033 4 Likes

Like



CommonSense033

Big government, for ANY purpose, including "free healthcare", will always be abusive and overreaching. Always. Because there is nothing free. Government cannot give to anyone what it did not first take from another...often by law and force.

That's why government needs to be neutered and reduced in size, why state's rights need to be restored, and the federal leviathan brought down to the size of a pea...as it was intended.

3 months ago in reply to Brad 1 Like

Like

Brad

You keep saying "free" like you think we think it is "free." On the contrary - no one is arguing that government provided healthcare is FREE - quite the opposite we acknowledge that these COSTS are inevitable. Let me say that again - costs relating to the treatment of illness MUST be borne, and they will be borne by society when they CANNOT be borne by an individual. So the question is, do we want structures to deal with that, or not?

"Government cannot give to anyone what it did not first take from another...often by law and force." What state do you live in? From previous conversations, I have surmised it is a rural red state. I guarantee that



your state receives more money from the Federal government than its citizens provide in tax revenue. Where is your outrage? Where do you think that money comes from? My tax dollars get funneled to your state AND THEN I have to listen how terrible it is that they are "robbing" YOU.

States rights are gone because state borders are meaningless in a globalized information economy. And when the battle cry of "states rights!" has been used to justify some of the most awful atrocities in the history of this country, is it no wonder that support for states rights has eroded? I'm sorry, but you lost that fight a long time ago.

3 months ago in reply to CommonSense033
2 Likes

Like



Iguana Keeper

It's not free health care. It's mutualization. Removing the vampire who sits in middle, but who donates money to politicians. The insured are the owners, not some stock holder on wall street who gets fabulously wealthy while the sick die.



3 months ago in reply to CommonSense033

Like



Stealing Sugar

They are literally trying to turn us all into crazy people. They already have "Watchers", I mean that is what the eye on the dollar bill is....Demons that can watch you poop and report back to them on the event. This is PROVOCATION. They want their REVOLUTION.

3 months ago 2 Likes

Like

Georgi Skanderbeg

Just one of many examples of parasitic agency that has historical provided nothing but violations of personal rights and violations of Constitution and Bill of Rights. The

reason this is going on is for purely financial survival of a wasteful and expensive agency to attempt to create issues to define themselves as worthy of tax dollars. They want high crime and more laws to justify their ill gotten pay checks. It is just the way govt agencies work. They create a need to keep their job and pay checks.

3 months ago 2 Likes

Like



CommonSense033

When you vote to make government bigger and bigger, surprise, government gets bigger and bigger. And more ironfisted. This is the rule of ALL of human history, and it's why the founding fathers wrote that document they argued over.

Which we've forgotten in the blank-eyed rush for "free stuff".

3 months ago 2 Likes

Like

Steven

"The wars will end; the spy tech won't."

...and neither will the incessant, giga-funded lobbying by industry to create and sell even more wondrous observation and behavior monitoring' gear to The Authorities.

Ultimately, in order to provide 'social stability' (whether we like that society or not, we're gonna have it), it requires that we view every citizen as a *criminal waiting to happen*.

Eventually, Biometric and Behavior Pattern monitoring systems gathering and analyzing terabytes of data per minute will need a suitable AI to determine violations or to flag suspicious behavior patterns that may lead to potential violations, thus we can look forward to major R&D aimed at the deployment of sophisticated AI and hence the vigorous development of exponentially more powerful processing platforms capable of sustaining it. It's total gear-geek heaven!

[January 12, 2018, 06:00: Round up of suspect citizens and sequestering completed. Interrogations commenced at 07:32]



"Um...Lessee... Ah. Mr. *Joseph Smith*. You were found to be within close proximity to 2.5 crimes occurring on the evening of January 11--one of which occurred at 20:15 and

the other at 23:01 and another possible crime at 01:13--all during which you wore a look of insouciant bemusement on your face. How do you plead?"

"Wha?!? What sort of crimes?"

"Haha. Boy I wish I had a nickel for every time I've heard that lame crap, 'what crime' Bwahahaha! Look bud--it's all right here on the monitor. if you don't plead, we'll have to enter a plea on your behalf. Okay?"

"You're crazy! I want a lawyer!"

"Oh...hehe...So you *need* a lawyer now, eh Smith? Hehe... Well, lessee, we've got three Department-approved lawyers on rotation this morning.... ahh...Oh sorry. I see here that two of them refuse to handle criminals of your nature, so that leaves the one choice."

"Criminal?!?! Choice?!?! What are the charges??"



"Bwahahahaha! You cons kill me Bwahahaha! NEXT!"

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Joe Loiacono

What happened to all the money they used for the "virtual fence" across our border.

Wasn't this and that the same idea?

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Intelligence Oversight be damned

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Well, these flying spy cams certainly scream "oversight". Just not the kind we need.

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CommonSense033

"If you're walking down the street with a weapon hanging out of your pocket or a couple blocks of hash slung over your shoulder, you can be arrested."

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Brad

"If you live in a police state like CA, IL or NJ, the first is true" So you are in favor of YOUR states rights, but not others. How dare CA, IL, or NJ have rights! Only TN, and AL should have them!

"Open carry is legal in a lot of curiously low-crime states, though." Probably because no real people actually live in these halcyon "open carry" states, ergo there is no crime.

3 months ago in reply to CommonSense033

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CommonSense033

Nobody said anything about state's rights. That's the idea. If you want to wriggle under a boot heel, go live in CA, IL or NJ, and be happy there.

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Bryant Savage

Hey folks, two words for you: Plain View. Under the plain view doctrine, an individual has no expectation of privacy in public. So if you've committed a crime and are walking



around downtown, you can be tracked. If you're walking down the street with a weapon hanging out of your pocket or a couple blocks of hash slung over your shoulder, you can be arrested.

Years ago it was posited that the average person going about their business on the streets of an urbanized area is photographed or recorded without their knowledge anywhere between 8-15 times a day. This is due to crime / traffic cameras, banks/ ATMS, and surveillance from a combination of public and private buildings. This can all be accessed by law enforcement during an investigation.

If you've committed a crime or are under investigation because there is probable cause that you are taking substantial steps towards committing a crime, whenever you moved in public (which is where these cameras or drones would be monitoring) this system could be used to track you. This is not a violation of your 4th Amendment right against Searches and Seizures.

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