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Greetings in Christ's Name.

By the time you receive this month's edition of The Minuteman News it will be nearly spring! If you are like most of us you are looking forward to the warmer days ahead. Spring is a beautiful cycle in God's creation, as are the other seasons in their time. The seasons and cycles of nature certainly should cause us to consider the "cycles" of our lives on earth. Birth, youth, maturity and declining years. But also, just as God is going to create a new earth, we get a new and eternal body in Christ! Praise God for the precious promises given to us!

In this month's issue of the magazine our goal is to teach and open our eyes to the cunning way we have been deceived into the "beast" system! As our enemy has done since the beginning of creation, the temptation of pleasing the flesh and offering more "convenient" ways of taking care of our fleshly needs has been the lure used to take us into total slavery, physical and spiritual. We have been warned in God's Word to be wary and informed on how to recognize the snares of our enemy. (II Corinthians 2:11) Unfortunately, we, most generally, are not wise enough to recognize the traps that are set for us. As Christ said in Luke 16:8, the children of the "world" are wiser than His church. What a sad statement.

Let's resolve in ourselves to spend more time in God's Word and ask The Holy Spirit to reveal to us the truths that are needed to give us a clear awareness of the wiles of our enemy! (James 1:5, II Timothy 2:15)

No one knows the day or hour of the return of our blessed Saviour, *but* we can discern the seasons of time *if* we have the desire to know them! That is why having a "mature" Christian world view of events in this world is so important!

We love you all in Christ!

In Christ's service,



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It's Just Your Opinion

Proverbs 14:12 and 16:25 - *"There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."*

Psalms 119:89 - *"For ever, O LORD, they word is settled in heaven."*

Matthew 24:35 - *"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."*

I Peter 1:25 - *"But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And his is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you."*

Oh, how my soul is troubled at the casual way God's Holy Word is ignored, brushed aside and compromised today by lukewarm followers that call themselves the "church". Oh, how many times have I heard someone say to me, "Well, that's just your opinion" or, "that's not how I interpret it" or, "well, that's in the Old Testament". In other words, God doesn't hold us to the same standards as He did with the people of the past.

"What was sin back then is no longer sin today. We are now no longer required to obey His laws. We are now under grace! His standards have been lowered or modified for us who are saved by grace. After all, we can't work our way to salvation. It was different in the Old Testament."

On and on the excuses, or false teachings go. To the extent today that the "church" has become so much like the world that it's very difficult to distinguish between them. They dress alike, basically talk alike, are entertained by the same venues and live by the same priorities and standards. One group may not "go to church", but in essence, they both truly worship the same god! (Proverbs 14:12 & 16:25)

There is no way that I am "casting stones"! I have been and continue striving to grow out of my worldly habits. I still fall way short in living as close as I can to Christ through my ignorance, apathy and fleshly rebellion to His Word. *But*, we are without excuse! (Romans 1:20) God will *not* excuse sin (lawlessness). It must be forgiven by repentance and grace through faith!

Please allow me to reiterate the vital point that works do *not* and *cannot* save us! Our "works" of righteousness are as filthy (menstrual) rags! (Isaiah 64:6) We truly are saved by grace through faith! (Ephesians 2:8) However! We must *not* "tempt" God by excusing "intentional" sin by claiming grace as a cover! As satan tempted Christ to tempt His Father in *Matthew 4:6-7*, we are *not* to use the "liberty" we have in and through Christ, through His precious grace He paid for with His sacrifice on Calvary as a cloak to cover our sin

(maliciousness)! But rather to do God's will as a witness to people who do not know Christ! (I Peter 2:15-16)

Indeed, to say we have faith but continue in sin and use grace as a cover, we are still dead in our trespasses! "Dead" faith cannot save you! As *James 2:14-26* so clearly and undeniably states, if you have true faith, you will have good works! Faith without works is *dead*! You are justified by works and not faith only (vs. 24).

Man has *always* been saved by grace! Even before the final blood sacrifice on the cross! Noah was saved by grace! If *not* we would have never existed! (Genesis 6:8) Through the unmerited favor (grace) offered to Noah, which produced faith in God, and through that faith, Noah "obeyed" God and prepared the ark that saved his family and repopulated the earth. Hebrews chapter eleven proves that "saving" faith *will* produce works!

If the scriptures in both Old and New Testaments that remind us many times that God's Word (standards) never changes, why do we insist on "modernizing" them?! In *Amos 7:7-8* Amos saw The Lord standing on a wall with a plumb line in His hand. If, by chance, you don't know what a plumb line is, please take the time to find out. In this case, it is God's immutable, infallible and uncompromising Word that was, and is, to be the standard for God's people to live by! Christ fulfilled the ceremonial and sacrificial requirements and ordinances! Hallelujah! But, He did not change one bit of His Father's moral laws that were written for our instruction unto righteousness! All of society was to maintain and live by His standards as written in His Word. Individuals, families, and nations are to be governed by His Kingdom's laws! There are *only* two kingdoms. Christ's or Satan's! (Colossians 1:12-13)

God is truly no respecter of persons. (Acts 10:35, Romans 2:11, Ephesians 6:9, Colossians 3:25 & I Peter 1:17) As Christ stated very clearly in *Matthew 5:17* that God's standards are the same yesterday, today and forever!

Will we heed *Jeremiah 6:16-20* or continue on the paths of compromise and into destruction?! Many have said to me, "God looks on the inside, not on the outside". While this statement is true, *only* God can see the inside (heart) of an individual, the people who we are to be a witness to, only see the outside testimony (fruit) as evidence of a sincerely born again child of God. Let's not deceive ourselves folks! People can and will "judge" you by your works (fruits)! (Matthew 7:15-23) In other words, our appearance, demeanor and character show clearly whom we serve.

Do we not realize that to knowingly compromise God's standards only tends to destroy society as a whole?! Where today are the standards the church used to live by as a witness to the lost?! (Matthew 5:16)

In closing this article, let's look at one passage that further proves the fact that works establish our faith and glorify our Father in Heaven! In *Matthew 10:32-42* Christ Himself gives us a dire warning! If we deny Him before men in any way, word or deed, He will deny us before His Father! He also clearly stated that we *will* face confrontation with many people! Even our own families! He did *not* come to bring peace between His people and the unbelievers, but rather a division! Folks, to knowingly compromise with sin in your life, or in the lives of others, even your family, will send you to destruction. Pay heed to *Titus 1:16*.

In Christ's service,

Pastor Butch Paugh

This poem was written 90 years ago. How much more relevant and needed is this warning today?

The Church Walking With the World

A Poem By Matilda C Edwards, 1936

The Church and the World walked far apart
On the changing shores of time,
The World was singing a giddy song,
And the Church a hymn sublime.

"Come, give me your hand," said the merry World,
"And walk with me this way!"
But the faithful Church hid her gentle hands
And solemnly answered "Nay!

I will not give you my hand at all,
And I will not walk with you;
Your way is the way that leads to death;
Your words are all untrue."

"Nay, walk with me but a little space,"
Said the World with a kindly air;
"The road I walk is a pleasant road,
And the sun shines always there.

Your path is thorny and rough and rude,
But mine is broad and plain;
My way is paved with flowers and dews,
And yours with tears and pain.

The sky above me is always blue,
No want, no toil I know;
The sky above you is always dark,
Your lot is a lot of woe.

My path, you see, is a broad, fair one
And my gate is high and wide;
There's room enough for you and me
To travel side by side."

Half shyly the Church approached the World
And gave him her hand of snow;
And the old World quick grasped it and walked along,
Saying, in accents low:

"Your dress is too simple to please my taste;
I will give you pearls to wear,
Rich velvets and silks for your graceful form,
And diamonds to deck your hair."

The Church looked down at her plain white robes,
And then at the dazzling World,
And blushed as she saw his handsome lip
With a smile contemptuous curled.

"I will change my dress for a costlier one,"
Said the Church, with a smile of grace;
Then her pure white garments drifted away,
And the World gave, in their place,

Beautiful satins and shining silks,
Roses and gems and costly pearls;
While over her forehead her bright hair fell
Crisped in a thousand curls.

"Your house is too plain," said the proud old World,
"I'll build you one like mine;
With walls of marble and towers of gold,
And furniture ever so fine."

So he built her a costly and beautiful house;
Most splendid it was to behold;
Her sons and her beautiful daughters dwelt there
Gleaming in purple and gold.

Rich fairs and shows in the halls were held,
And the World and his children were there.
Laughter and music and feasts were heard
In the Place that was meant for Prayer.

There were cushioned seats for the rich and the gay,
To sit in their pomp and pride;
While the poor folk, who were clad in shabby array,
Sat meekly down outside.

The Angel of Mercy flew over the Church,
And whispered, "I know thy sin":
Then the Church looked back with a sigh and longed
To gather her children in;

But some were off at the midnight ball,
And some were off at the play,
And some were drinking in gay saloons,
So she quietly went her way.

Then the sly World gallantly said to her:
"Your children mean no harm,
Merely indulging in innocent sports";
So she leaned on his proffered arm

And smiled and chatted and gathered flowers
As she walked along with the World;
While millions and millions of sorrowing souls
To eternal death were hurled.

"Your preachers are all too old and plain,"
Said the World to the Church with a sneer.
"They frighten my children with dreadful tales,
Which I like not for them to hear.

They talk of brimstone and fire and pain
And the night of an endless death;
They talk of a place which may only be
Mentioned with bated breath.

I will send you some of the better stamp
Brilliant and gay and fast
Who will tell them that people may live as they choose
And go to heaven at last.

The Father is merciful, great, and good,
Tender and true and kind;
Do you think He would take one child to heaven,
And leave the other behind?"

So he filled her house with gay divines
Gifted and great and learned
And the plain old men that preached the cross
Were out of her pulpits turned.

"You give too much to the poor," said the World.
"Far more than you ought to do;
If the poor are in need of shelter and food,
Why need it trouble you?

Go, take your money and buy rich robes,
Buy horses and carriages fine;
Buy pearls and jewels and dainty food,
Buy the rarest and costliest wine.

My children, they dote on all these things,
And if you their love would win
You must do as they do, and walk in the ways
That they are walking in."

Then the Church held tightly the strings of her purse
And gracefully lowered her head,

And whispered, "I've given too much away;
I'll do, sir, as you have said."

So the poor were turned from her door in scorn,
And she heard not the orphan's cry;
But she drew her beautiful robes aside,
As the widows went weeping by.

Then the sons of the World and the Sons of the Church
Walked closely hand and heart,
And only the Master, who knoweth all,
Could tell the two apart.

Then the Church sat down at her ease, and said,
"I am rich and my goods increase;
I have need of nothing, or aught to do,
But to laugh, and dance, and feast."

And the sly World heard her, and laughed up his sleeve,
And mockingly said, aside:
"The Church is fallen, the beautiful Church;
And her shame is her boast and her pride."

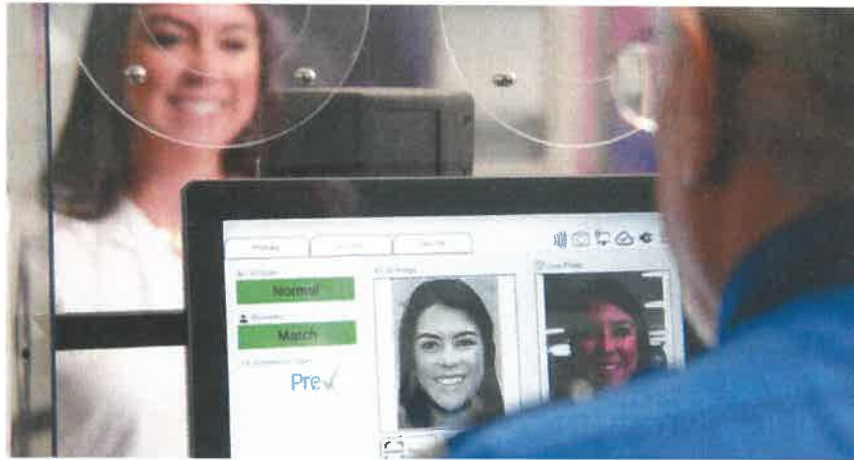
The angel drew near to the mercy seat,
And whispered in sighs her name;
And the saints their anthems of rapture hushed,
And covered their heads in shame.

Then a Voice came down through the hush of heaven
From Him who sat on the throne:
"I know thy works, and how thou hast said,
'I am rich,' and hast not known

That thou art naked, poor and blind,
And wretched before my face;
Therefore from my presence cast I thee out,
And blot thy name from its place."

Visa Launches Biometric Digital ID-Linked Payment System

Frank Bergman



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Visa has launched a new payment system that uses a biometric digital ID to verify every transaction.

The company unveiled a major new partnership with Proof, a digital identity company.

The move brings the world closer to a future where every financial transaction is tied to verified biometric data.

The collaboration merges Proof's identity-verification technology with Visa's global payment network, allowing identity to be confirmed before money ever changes hands.

Visa describes the transformation as the digital equivalent of the EMV chip for the Internet age.

In a statement, Daniel Sanford, Visa's senior vice president of Global Products and Initiatives, said:

"Trusted digital identity is the next frontier for enabling secure commerce.

“We’re connecting Visa’s global network and payments innovations with Proof’s platform to fundamentally transform how identity is used in all types of transactions.”

The “EMV Chip for Digital Identity”

Proof’s Certify platform combines biometric data, cryptographic signatures, and AI-driven fraud detection to confirm a user’s identity before a transaction is approved.

The company describes Certify as a “reusable identity credential,” one that could make passwords and manual verification obsolete.

Proof CEO and founder Pat Kinsel said the technology is designed to stop deepfakes, impersonation, and account takeovers, while also enabling secure account recovery.

Kinsel explained that the cryptographic protections embedded in Certify “cannot be forged by generative AI.”

Visa and Proof argue the system will deliver greater trust and fraud protection for consumers and businesses alike, mirroring the security revolution EMV chips brought to in-person card payments decades ago.

From Convenience to Control

Behind the technical promise lies a broader shift in how identity, privacy, and commerce intersect.

Financial institutions, technology companies, and even governments are increasingly aligning around the idea that anonymity online is an obstacle to both security and regulatory compliance.

The move toward biometric-linked payments is part of a global trend, one that seeks to tie a centrally-controlled digital ID directly to every transaction in the name of safety and fraud prevention.

Supporters say the model could reduce financial crime, stop money laundering, and improve global trade efficiency.

However, critics warn that the same systems that promise security also centralize unprecedented control over personal data and behavior.

Digital ID frameworks are already expanding beyond banking into other sectors.

Biometric verification is being tied to healthcare access, airport screening, and even social media verification in several countries.

Together, these initiatives are building a unified infrastructure where every digital interaction, whether buying groceries, transferring money, or logging into an account, can be permanently linked to a verified identity.

While advocates see it as a safer and more transparent digital economy, privacy experts say it may also mark the end of online anonymity, a defining feature of the modern internet.

As digital identity becomes the foundation of everyday transactions, one question looms large:

Who ultimately controls the data: the user, or the network that verifies them?



Technology is at an inflection point and training A.I. systems on data gathered for entirely unrelated purposes tests the ownership limits of that data.

The government needs to know certain stuff about citizens – but using that stuff for training models to predict behavior is beyond the permissible scope of the accumulated data.

But the government isn't the only one with that data.

That data is in voter rolls, Medicare/Medicaid, DMV and hundreds of other databases many of which are public. Just check out any of the three credit reporting agencies – they have lots of data on you.

We have tons of it – we run the voter rolls for over 2 dozen states, the property tax rolls for major metro areas, the entire Federal Election Commission database – and a bunch of other public data.

We track every NGO, every officer and all connections. You can see videos of that work on the Omega4America.com site now.

Since we handle databases far larger than anything our pals at Palantir or Oracle can handle, we have an educated opinion.

You know from reading this [Substack](#), Fractal is a massively distributed system that enables the largest systems to be moved to an environment **where data centers can be eliminated or dramatically reduced.**

We have an entire site at TheSustainableComputingInitiative.com with our content on how we do it by impacting I/O wait states.

So, here is a possible alternative to consider.

We can create for every person an individual Fractal – with all his/her/its data in it. We take that data from those legacy government systems that have been busily vacuuming up everything about you.

The scary part is over – here comes the comforting part.

Every citizen's Fractal reports 100% of the data the government has on him/her or it – that the citizen provided. Obviously stuff the citizen did not provide like law enforcement investigation would not be ingested in the first place.

All we are ingesting is the stuff Trump is paying Palantir to “integrate.” It's your data provided BY YOU.

You, the citizen can see any incorrect data in a government database – for the first time ever. You also see where you appear in many government databases – for the first time!

Bet there are going to be some surprises.

You own AND CONTROL – the data in your Fractal – all of it.

You can choose to share it with a government aggregation project if you choose or you can choose not to share it at all if it is beyond the scope of a legit government purpose.

It's not all or nothing.

The power of Fractal goes to the individual data element level. You can share most of your data but that stuff about the alcohol rehab you keep separate – nobody gets to integrate it.

The government may mandate your data participates in some efforts – they do whatever they want – but you know your data is correct, you know it is being used for a specific purpose – none of which you know today.

You have *personal data sovereignty*. Kind of like Bitcoin for data – but for your personal information – not for crypto.

How do we implement such a crazy thing?

We implement the **Great Big Beautiful Database** with Fractal technology (at 1/10th the cost of doing it any other way) and when we move the data into a Fractal for every person, we then need a place to run the **Biggest Baddest Government Database Ever**.

We run it on the world's largest supercomputer – one without a data center!

We run that database on a MESH – as your Fractal is on your desktop, your phone, and your watch – your Fractal runs on any computer you authorize.

If you are the one guy with no tech, living off the grid with your sheep and chickens, we run it for you.

Everyone has a Fractal – with their data in it – in THEIR control, not the government's, and certainly not in the control of a software vendor or cloud provider.

If the government wants to run an A.I. training model – it can aggregate the entire MESH of every citizen in America.

However, citizens can “opt in” or not – at the data element level.

The Big Boys in the government may force you to provide your data – that’s beyond our control – but for the first time ever, you know what’s in YOUR data, what the government types are doing with it, and you know your data is correct.

What we want to get across here is the concept of PERSONAL data sovereignty – in the age of A.I.

It is something that can be delivered right now and it has huge advantages over ancient relational databases, in behemoth energy-consuming data centers.

We are engaging you – to start talking about PERSONAL DATA SOVEREIGNTY – because we can do it, we can show it to you, and it is within your grasp.

We here at Fractal and our growing band of partners are encountering more of these outcomes not possible with any current technology – at a fraction of the cost.

In this case, we could close many centralized government data centers and cut billions a year of waste out of government IT budgets.

The U.S. Census – instead of being done once a decade – could be done in *real time* from everyone’s Fractal on a continuous basis – with far better accuracy than what is done today.

As we post new outcomes – customers are continuing to bring us new application opportunities that are impossible (because of either cost and/or scale) in Palantir, Oracle or other 1980s technologies.

Remember that next time you read the government gave one of “the usual vendors” a \$10 billion contract.

We don’t want to own your personal data – we don’t care about the alcoholism thing.

We just want you to know you are on a trajectory to lose all control of your data – for A.I. purposes you never imagined, and maybe you might want to consider doing something about it.

(ProPublica) The Department of Homeland Security says it intends to add state driver's license information to a swiftly expanding federal system envisioned as a one-stop shop for checking citizenship.

The plan, outlined in a public notice posted Thursday, is the latest step in an unprecedented Trump administration initiative to pool confidential data from varied sources that it claims will help identify noncitizens on voter rolls, tighten immigration enforcement and expose public benefit fraud.

According to emails obtained by ProPublica and The Texas Tribune, DHS approached Texas officials in June about a pilot program to add the state's driver license data, but it's not clear if the state participated.

Earlier this year, DHS added millions of Americans' Social Security data to the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements, or SAVE, system, allowing officials to use the tool to conduct bulk searches of voter rolls for the first time. According to the document filed Thursday, SAVE also recently expanded to include passport and visa information.

Incorporating driver's license information would allow election officials whose rolls don't include voters' Social Security numbers to conduct bulk searches by driver's license number. Ultimately, the system would link these two crucial identifiers for the purpose of citizenship checks, said Michael Morse, a professor at the University of Pennsylvania.

"It is the key that unlocks everything," Morse said.

State driver's license databases often include a variety of sensitive information on drivers, including place of birth, passport number, biometrics, address, email and employment information, said Claire Jeffrey, a spokesperson for the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators.

Beyond the privacy concerns this creates, using driver's license numbers in SAVE could lead to citizens being wrongly flagged as noncitizens, said Rachel Orey, director of the elections project at the Bipartisan Policy Center. Driver's license numbers are sometimes reused and people can have licenses in multiple states. Also, if SAVE isn't linked to live versions of state driver's license databases, the information in the system will be outdated.

"This could have far-reaching consequences for voter access and public trust if inaccurate data were used to question eligibility or citizenship," Orey said.

DHS says in the notice that linking to driver's license data, which it calls the most widely used form of identification, "will allow SAVE to match against other sources to verify immigration status and U.S. citizenship, which will improve accuracy and efficiency for SAVE user agencies."

The department did not respond to questions about the expansion.

Up until this year, SAVE was mostly used to check individual immigrants' citizenship status when they applied for public benefits. DHS has said the aim in expanding the system was to enable election officials to check voter rolls en masse. But the agency's data-sharing agreement with the Social Security Administration as well as Thursday's disclosure make clear that DHS and other agencies can use SAVE for other purposes, including for immigration enforcement investigations.

Information uploaded into the system by state and local election officials and other users will be saved and may be "shared with other DHS Components that have a need to know of the information to carry out their national security, law enforcement, immigration, intelligence, or other homeland security functions," the notice explains.

Advocacy groups have sued the federal government claiming the pooling of data in SAVE violates the Privacy Act, which is meant to prevent misuse of private data. In

filings, the government has said that the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 explicitly allows information sharing to verify citizenship status and that DHS would exercise caution in flagging voters as potential noncitizens.

Some privacy lawyers called DHS' move to add driver's license information more evidence of federal overreach. "The administration wants to get as much data as it can, however it can, whenever it can," said Justin Levitt, a law professor at Loyola Marymount University.

The DHS notice, known as a system of records notice, allows for public comment on several aspects of SAVE's expansion, including some already completed. Typically, such notices are filed when agencies propose changes to federal systems, and the comments are meant to inform how officials go forward. That didn't happen in this case.

In June, email records show, DHS asked the Texas Department of Public Safety, which issues driver's licenses and ID cards, to partner on a pilot program to add its data into SAVE.

Timothy Benz of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, the branch of DHS that oversees SAVE, wrote that the planned expansion was part of the "evolution" of SAVE into a "one-stop shop for all election agency verification needs."

"That would require collaboration with each states' DL agency in order for us to query those DL records in order to provide that information to the querying elections agency," Benz wrote.

Rebekah Hibbs, a supervisor in the Texas Department of Public Safety's driver's license division, replied that DPS is "always happy" to support the SAVE tool and agreed to talk again with USCIS.

It's not clear what happened next. In response to questions from ProPublica and the Tribune, DPS spokesperson Sheridan Nolen said the "department does not have any ongoing projects with USCIS related to driver record information for registered voters, nor have we been asked to provide that information."

She did not answer questions about whether DPS has given any data to USCIS. DHS did not respond to questions about whether the partnership moved forward.

Texas Secretary of State Jane Nelson announced Oct. 20 that her office had run the state's entire voter roll through SAVE. Alicia Pierce, Nelson's spokesperson, said the office did the check using full Social Security numbers, which it routinely obtains from the Department of Public Safety to match with registered voters.

The results showed that around 0.015% of Texas voters, or 2,724 people, are potentially noncitizens.

At least one Texas official is concerned that those initial SAVE results may not be accurate. In a court filing submitted Wednesday as part of the Privacy Act litigation, Travis County voter registration director Christopher Davis wrote that state data shows about 25% of the voters that SAVE flagged as potential noncitizens in the county had provided proof of citizenship when registering to vote.

"I am concerned that the list Travis County received from the Secretary of State is flawed and worry about the potential for voters to be improperly cancelled from the voter rolls and possibly disenfranchised as a result," Davis' filing says.

Palantir, Fractal And Your Personal Data Privacy – Get used to being used, because YOU are the product

by [Jim Hoft](#) Nov. 7, 2025 [Tweet](#)

Who controls the data the government collected from you for a generation?

Your insurance company collected data on your driving – so did your Lexus – who owns that data?

You told your doctor about controlled substances you used – and now it gets brought up in an interview.

If you can't exclude someone from using your data, then you don't control it. That means you really don't own it. It's that simple.

What does “own” mean here, let's define the terms.

Owning the data means you can do anything you want with it – share it, sell it, mine it or build an A.I. language model with it.

From birth until the last Social Security check gets cashed, your data is collected by federal and state agencies, corporations and of course the internet.

Your teen daughter puts every waking moment on Facebook or Instagram – so who owns those hundreds of images?

TSA Pre Check, Medicare/Medicaid, Social Security, government or military retirement, Tri-Care, veterans hospitals, and of course, the IRS – gather more data about every citizen than has ever been gathered in the history of mankind.

Each agency gathers different data, at different times, for slightly different purposes. And those purposes may change over time.

Who owns the rights to that data?

It's a far stickier question than you think.

The knee jerk response is the government owns the data. They collected it for their purposes, so it's theirs.

The government will certainly say so.

What if the “purpose” changes?

Your personal data comes in several forms – that which you expect to be “not private” like your birthdate, address, employment history.

It also comes in that “*hey, that’s my private business*” kind which you may have to cough up to the insurance company and is picked up by Medicare – you are HIV-positive or you have a heart condition, or you are a recovering alcoholic.

When you provided the information it was for a specific purpose.

Trending: Liberal Actress Angelina Jolie Makes Unannounced Visit to Ukraine, and Watches Her Bodyguard Get Instantly Mobilized for the Front (VIDEOS)

A reasonable “need to know” existed.

Now that purpose changed and people who have absolutely no need to know you are fighting alcoholism – gallantly – will see that info and perhaps make adverse decisions with it.

Today artificial intelligence is training models called LLMs – with all that data. It’s not data that they called you and asked you to provide – voluntarily.

Does the government have the ownership rights to your data, collected for innumerable innocent purposes, now aggregated into a database it will use to train an A.I. model to surveil you, to predict your reaction to stimuli?

To assign you a “good citizenship” score?

Go with us here because we at Fractal are right in the middle of this and we see spectacularly scary implications.

Our favorite Vice President is in the middle of it too – as you will see in this Twitter/X video all about Palantir:

All that cool A.I. stuff in Chat GPT is fun until you realize the government can train massive A.I. systems on decades of data about YOU – and there is nothing you can do about it.

Even worse, you do not know what’s in that data about you – maybe it’s something completely wrong – or a bunch of wrong stuff – and that training model can stop you from getting an FHA mortgage or your kid getting a student loan.

Will Social Security or Medicare payments someday be dependent on good citizenship scores?

In the commercial world, A.I. developers are encountering the concept of “data sovereignty” – something we covered in an earlier post.

Data sovereignty is important because a company or government agency must put its data into a LLM (large language model) to develop an A.I. agent, for instance – and once it’s in that model, it stays there.

Who owns it?

That really means who has access to the data and who can use it.

Not the entity who provided the data for the LLM. It’s gone from their control.

It’s like the 1958 movie *The Blob* – everything the model ingests makes it bigger and scarier – remember that movie theater scene?

The Fractal team and some hardware vendors are developing a concept beyond corporate data sovereignty – we are dealing with **personal data sovereignty**.

You may recall Elon’s D.O.G.E. guys found bad guys operating in several government programs – but they did not have the technology to determine if those bad actors operated in lots of government programs, because the government databases are not integrated.

In some ways, the old information is fire-walled – but that is changing by the minute.

We do have that technology and could solve that challenge easily.

Trump gave Palantir a no-bid \$30 million contract to tie those program rolls into **One Big Beautiful Database**.

So now all the data, collected about you, your family, ancestors for generations – is in **One Big Beautiful Database – and a bunch of it may be wrong!**

Did anyone from Palantir call and ask your permission?

What do you think they are going to do with that database?

People, the government is building – or can now build – the world’s largest citizen-level A.I. training model – its input is your personal data – dating back to your birth.

They may claim they aren’t going to run training models – but once it’s built, there is no way to stop its use for training A.I.

The government is moving from the surveillance state to the predictive state – knowing in advance how you are likely to react to stimuli – and you coughed up the data and you are getting squat in return.

You don't control it – so you don't own it.

META runs training models on Instagram and Facebook data – because they own the data.

Elon runs training models on Twitter/X data – because Elon owns the data.

Everyone knows that but since nobody expects Twitter or Facebook data to be private, people are OK with it.

Palantir may be running training models on you – how's that feel?

Are you OK with all your health care info being integrated with your tax data and your voting history and your political donations?

Do you control how that data is used?

We at Fractal think new technology provides a less intrusive opportunity and we want to intro a concept we think you should consider as an alternative.

So follow our [Substack](#) since we are publishing more on individual data sovereignty.

First a personal note.

The day of public data aggregation is here, by good actors and by bad actors, and you cannot put that genie back into the bottle.

Once social media encouraged millions to post daily routines and travels, and FOIA requests forced government databases into the public square – the outcome became inevitable.

The only question is: how do I control data I gave to the government, and corporations in good faith from being used by A.I. to possibly harm me?

If your reaction is “let's pass legislation to stop people using our data in LLMs” please stop here, go do something restful, because you are delusional.

There is no way to stop this future – our thesis is there may be a way to manage or control who owns YOUR data.

That is a much better fight.

Scientists Say They've Figured Out How to Transcribe Your Thoughts From an MRI Scan

Say hello to "mind captioning."

By [Frank Landymore](#)

We're racing towards a future in which devices [will be able to read our thoughts](#).

You see signs of it everywhere, from [brain-computer interfaces](#) to algorithms that [detect emotions from facial scans](#). And though the tech remains imperfect, it's getting closer all the time: now a team of scientists say they've developed a model that can generate descriptions of what people's brains are seeing by simply analyzing a scan of their brain activity.

They're calling the technique "mind captioning," and it may represent an effective way for transcribing what someone's thinking, with impressively comprehensive and accurate results.

"This is hard to do," Alex Huth, coauthor of a [new study](#) in the journal *Science Advances*, and a computational neuroscientist at the University of California, Berkeley, [told Nature](#). "It's surprising you can get that much detail."

The implications of such technology are a double-edged sword: on the one hand, it could give a voice to people who struggle speaking due to stroke, aphasia, and other medical difficulties, but on the other hand, it may threaten our [mental privacy](#) in an age when many other facets of our lives are surveilled and codified. But the team stress the model can't decode your private thoughts. "Nobody has shown you can do that, yet," Huth added.

The researchers' new technique relies on several AI models. To train them, first a deep language model analyzed the text captions in more than 2,000 short form videos, generating unique "meaning signature." Then another AI tool was trained on the MRI brain scans of six participants while they watched the same videos, matching the brain activity to the signatures.

Combined, the resulting brain decoder could analyze a new brain scan from someone watching a video and predict the meaning signature, while an AI text generator scoured for sentences that matched the predicted signature, creating dozens of candidate descriptions and refining them along the way.

While it sounds like an elaborate chain of guessing games, the results were remarkably descriptive and mostly on the money. According to *Nature*, by analyzing the brain activity of a participant who watched a video of someone jumping from the top of a waterfall, the AI model initially predicted the string "spring flow," refined that into "above rapid falling water fall" on the tenth guess, and finally landed on "a person jumps over a deep water fall on a mountain ridge" on the 100th guess.

Overall, the generated text descriptions achieved a 50 percent accuracy in identifying the correct video out of 100 possibilities. That's significantly higher than random chance, which would be

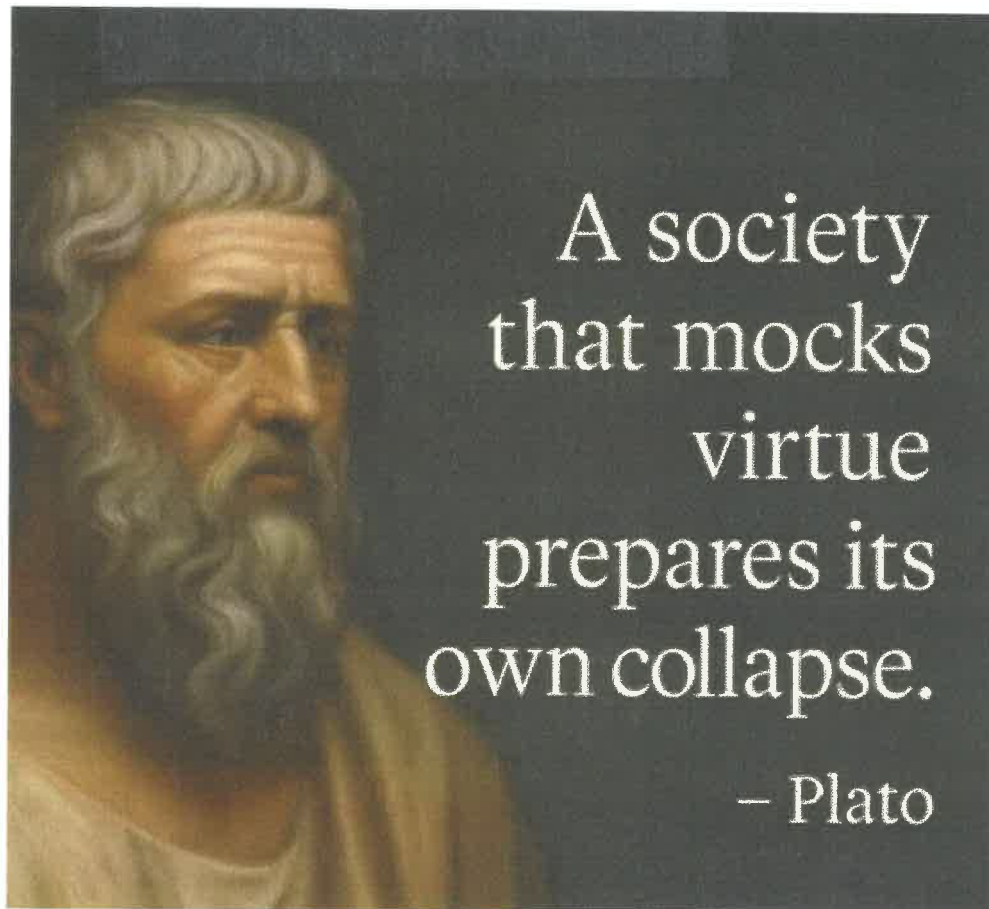
around one percent, and impressive in the context of essentially divining coherent thoughts out of brain patterns.

The researchers aren't the only ones to claim they've developed a technique for scanning thoughts. But other attempts only produced a crude description of key words instead of providing detailed context, study coauthor Tomoyasu Horikawa, a computational neuroscientist at NTT Communication Science Laboratories in Kanagawa, Japan, told *Nature*. Or they used AI models to directly form the sentences, blurring the lines between what the person's actual thoughts were and what was AI-generated.

Other techniques were wildly impractical. Meta, for example, [created a device that lets you type text with your brain](#) by combining a deep learning AI model with a magnetoencephalography scanner. But such a machine is both prohibitively expensive and large, and can only be used inside a room shielded from the Earth's magnetic field.

While this latest approach relied on the scans of an MRI machine, which is no less impractical for daily use, the researchers hope that their approach could be combined with brain implants which would provide the readings.

"If we can do that using these artificial systems, maybe we can help out these people with communication difficulties," Huth told *Nature*.



Digital Chains: How Central Banks Are Building a No-Escape Economy

By Mark Keenan

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For generations, money was something people held in their hands — a tangible symbol of work, value, and exchange. Today, money is becoming something else entirely: a digital leash. The transformation is happening quietly, without consent, and most people will not recognize what has been built until the gate locks behind them.

A new financial order is emerging — one where central banks, not markets, determine who can participate in the economy. It is a system that promises security and stability, while constructing the most sophisticated control mechanism in human history.

This is the no-escape economy, and its architecture rests on three pillars: debt, digital money, and total surveillance.

Debt: The Original Chain

Debt used to be a tool. Today it is a cage.

Nations no longer tax their populations before spending — they borrow from private central banks. Corporations do not save capital to expand — they leverage borrowing. Families do not save for homes or cars — they finance everything on credit. Debt is no longer an exception in the economy; it is the foundation.

Once a society becomes dependent on debt, freedom becomes conditional. Governments rely on central banks to survive. Corporations rely on lenders. Individuals rely on credit. And whoever controls the debt controls the debtor.

A debtor society cannot say no. It can only comply.

When Money Becomes Software

The next stage of control is already underway: the elimination of cash.

Cash is inconvenient for central planners. It is private. It does not require permission. It cannot be monitored, frozen, or reversed. So cash is being removed — not by banning it, but by making it irrelevant. ATM networks shrink. Bank branches close. Stores become “cashless for convenience.” Increasingly, money exists only as digital data inside the banking system.

But digital money is not money. It is permission to participate.

Electronic payments pass through private gatekeepers: banks, payment processors, and soon, central banks themselves. If those gatekeepers disapprove of what you buy, what you donate to, or what you believe, access can be denied instantly.

This is not hypothetical. Visa and Mastercard blocked donations to WikiLeaks without any court ruling. PayPal has repeatedly closed accounts of journalists, writers, and activists and held their funds for months. GoFundMe froze millions of dollars for the Canadian truckers and announced plans to redistribute the money until public pressure forced a reversal.

When money becomes digital, you do not own it. You rent access to it.

The Digital Currency Trap

Now comes the final piece: Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs).

CBDCs are sold as modernization — safer, faster, more inclusive. But the design reveals something else entirely:

Money that can be programmed.

Money that can be traced.

Money that can be frozen.

Money that can be selectively turned on or off.

A CBDC can be set to expire after a deadline. It can be restricted to certain locations. It can be blocked from purchasing certain goods. It can lock itself during an “emergency.” It can shrink in value if a citizen disobeys.

In a CBDC system, money is no longer a store of value. It becomes a tool of behavioural control.

This is not a theory. The Bank for International Settlements — the central bank of central banks — openly states its intention to embed “[programmable money](#)” and “[programmable payments](#)” into CBDCs. Nearly every Western central bank is running pilot programs. Once introduced, CBDCs will not just replace cash; they will replace freedom.

Debt Was the Setup. CBDCs Are the Lock

Debt made the public dependent on central banks. CBDCs will make the public dependent on obedience.

Government overspends — central bank prints — inflation rises — digital currency is introduced as the “solution.” The crisis becomes the excuse for the control system that was planned in advance. As I explored in my book [The Debt Machine: How Private Banks Engineered Global Control](#), inflation is not an accident of policy — it is a mechanism of control. Each crisis transfers more power from governments to the banking institutions that create money from nothing.

The IMF, the UN, and the World Economic Forum all say the same thing: the future economy will be cashless, centralized, and programmable.

When money requires permission, freedom becomes an illusion.

Total Surveillance Disguised as Safety

CBDCs will be sold as protection against fraud, terrorism, and money laundering. But the real purpose is surveillance.

In a CBDC regime, every purchase is recorded, every donor is identified, every transfer can be blocked, and every account can be frozen. Not by law. By software.

You do not need police to enforce compliance in a digital economy. The banking system becomes the police.

What Happens to Dissent?

In the old world, silencing someone required effort: laws, courts, arrests, media justification.

In the new world, silencing someone takes a keystroke.

Accounts closed. Payments blocked. Access denied.

No trial. No explanation. No headline.

Ask the Canadian truckers.

Ask the journalists de-banked in the UK.

Ask the activists whose PayPal accounts disappeared.

This is not the future. It is the present.

Why Cash, Gold, Bitcoin, and Local Trade Terrify Central Planners

Three forms of money threaten this system:

Cash — anonymous and untraceable.

Gold — value outside the banking system.

Open blockchains like Bitcoin — permissionless, censorship-resistant, and outside centralized control. While not literally “untouchable,” it appears no single government or corporation can alter the Bitcoin ledger on its own.

In India, over 85% of high-value banknotes were removed from circulation overnight in 2016, after the government abruptly invalidated most currency in a surprise “demonetisation” policy. In Nigeria, the central bank imposed strict cash-withdrawal limits — as low as 20,000 naira per week — as part of a push to force adoption of its digital currency. The EU is moving to ban cash transactions over a few thousand euros. Governments constantly attempt to regulate, tax, or outlaw self-custody of Bitcoin, not because of crime, but because it is outside their control.

If money is freedom, then controlled money is controlled freedom.

What Comes Next

The no-escape economy will not arrive suddenly. It will arrive gradually, quietly, and logically. It will be sold as convenience, efficiency, sustainability, safety, and progress.

And most people will accept it, not because they want tyranny, but because they never understood what they were trading away.

How to Resist

The defense is not political. It is practical.

Use cash.

Hold gold and silver outside banks.

Use permissionless digital currency where possible.

Build local trade networks.

Support parallel economies (cash, local exchange, time-banks, community markets).

Store value outside the system.

Freedom will not be saved by elections. It will be saved by stepping outside the system.

When enough people stop asking permission, the system loses power.

There is a deeper dimension to this struggle — not just monetary, but legal and spiritual. Long before digital IDs and CBDCs, the system claimed ownership of identity itself. That subject is larger than this article can hold, but I explore it in depth in [Demonic Economics](#) and future essays.

The Final Question

If the government can turn off your money, are you free?

If banks decide who can speak, is there free speech?

If transactions require political approval, is it still a market?

Once CBDCs replace cash, there is no going back. The gate will close, not with a law, but with a software update.

This is the future being built now. We either recognize it — or we will wake up inside it.

**Me: Just had my
physical today and the
doctor says I'm a beast!**

**Wife: No dear, he said
you are obese.**

Kroger's Surveillance Pricing Harms Consumers and Raises Prices, With or Without Facial Recognition



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Every time you step into a grocery store, you step into a machinery of data that tracks, analyzes, shares, and influences your shopping behavior. Based on shopping history and data shared from data brokers—including internet browsing history and online purchases—grocery stores may infer your age, gender, race, economic status, family makeup, health conditions, or other lifestyle characteristics. Grocery stores might categorize shoppers as “interested in fitness and not price sensitive” based on often buying organic foods and visiting gym websites or “expecting mother with a toddler” based on purchases of prenatal vitamins and searching online for toddler-sized clothing. Grocers build detailed profiles of consumers to nudge them towards shopping choices that increase their profits, whether through different prices or personalized discounts and offers—at the expense of the consumer. Even worse, grocery stores also sell data gleaned about you to other companies, further enriching their profits while undermining consumers’ privacy.

Surveillance pricing is a growing practice that relies on collecting vast amounts of data from customers, making inferences about customer characteristics, and using those inferences to inform the price each customer pays for products—all to maximize profits. Companies engaged in surveillance pricing violate consumer privacy by surreptitiously collecting data about consumers and using it for unexpected and out-of-context purposes, threatening their autonomy by covertly influencing their choices, and extracting more from what customers ultimately pay for products.

Recently, Kroger [caught](#) the attention of [lawmakers](#) and the [media](#) over its potential use of facial recognition to enhance its surveillance pricing capabilities and its use of electronic shelving labels (ESLs) to profile and target customers with higher prices. Although [Kroger has since claimed](#) that it has no plans to identify customers’ faces at digital displays, the grocery chain has been using ESLs for years.

Regardless of whether facial recognition or ESLs are involved, surveillance pricing is already a reality that harms consumers by violating their privacy and increasing the cost of everyday goods. This blog post explains why surveillance pricing is a

concern for consumer privacy, how ESLs and facial recognition fit in, and two lessons we can learn: (1) the need for data minimization regulations; and (2) the need for facial recognition technology regulations.

Why Surveillance Pricing is More Privacy Invasive than Dynamic Pricing

Surveillance pricing refers to the practice whereby companies collect or obtain individualized personal information about their actual or potential customers and use a variety of techniques to target different prices to specific consumers for the same goods or services to generate greater profits. The goal of surveillance pricing is to determine the highest price that the business infers the customer is willing to pay, based on data collected about the customer.

There are several related but different terms used in this space. "Personalized pricing" refers to the practice of businesses using consumer-specific data about their conduct or characteristics to set different prices to different consumers based on what the business thinks they are willing to pay. In contrast, "dynamic pricing" refers to using non-customer-specific variables to adjust prices depending on changes in demand and supply, often in real time. Examples of companies using non-customer-specific variables to change prices include Uber prices surging during rainy weather, last-minute flight prices increasing, or Ticketmaster charging more than \$22,000 for a Taylor Swift concert ticket because of massive demand. These types of dynamic pricing may also be called "surge pricing" because prices surge in real time when demand increases. All of these practices fall under the broader umbrella of price discrimination, where a business charges different prices for similar products for reasons unrelated to the cost to the business.

In practice, surveillance pricing can harness customer-specific and non-customer-specific data to determine the ultimate price the consumer is willing to pay. With surveillance pricing, the products shown or prices displayed differ for each consumer depending on where the consumer is, what time it is, who the consumer is, what the consumer is doing, the prior actions a consumer has taken, or interactions with the seller. For example, Target charged \$100 more for a TV on its app when the consumer was in the vicinity of a Target store versus farther away because Target had determined consumers are willing to pay more the closer they were to a store. Orbitz inferred that Mac users are willing to spend more on booking hotels, steering them to more expensive options than non-Mac users. Booking sites also charged higher prices for the same hotel rooms based on what city the consumer was browsing the website from, leading to a difference of more than \$500 for the same room in one case. Surveillance pricing can allow retailers to take advantage of individual consumers' willingness to pay more while keeping individual consumers in the dark about lower prices offered to other consumers.

Electronic Shelf Labels and Facial Recognition Can Widen Surveillance Pricing's Reach

While surveillance pricing is more common online, grocers are utilizing various tools to expand its reach into brick-and-mortar stores. The letters from lawmakers to the Kroger CEO specifically raised concerns around the use of electronic shelf labels and facial recognition technology.

Electronic shelf labels (ESLs) are small screens that replace paper price labels in stores, allowing grocers to change prices in mere seconds rather than having

employees physically change the paper price tags. As Senators Warren and Casey and Congresswoman Tlaib have pointed out, [ESLs can be used for dynamic pricing](#), allowing stores to rapidly adjust prices based on a variety of factors, including time of purchase, where a grocery store is located, and other data. Many grocery chains, including Kroger, have rapidly [expanded their use of ESLs](#) in recent years. [Walmart plans](#) to install ESLs in 2,300 stores by 2026.

[ESLs can change prices of goods](#) throughout the day, making it possible for a shopper to see one price at the shelf when picking up the item and another price when checking out. While grocers contend that ESLs were implemented only to ["lower prices,"](#) ESLs also make it possible to increase prices quickly. With many [Americans concerned with grocery prices and inflation](#)—combined with reports that grocery stores were [taking advantage](#) of pandemic supply chain disruptions to [further hike prices](#)—consumers and lawmakers have [questioned grocery stores' intentions](#).

More controversial were Kroger's purported plans to use facial recognition in stores. Kroger has [partnered with Cooler Screens](#), which installs digital screens that embeds cameras and sensors to replace refrigerator and freezer doors that are usually see-through in grocery stores to serve ads. In the initial reporting on [Cooler Screens' controversial partnership](#) with Walgreens, Cooler Screens touted its ability to use [facial detection to infer features](#) such as age and gender to tailor the digital ads on the screens. Kroger expanded its partnership with Cooler Screens in 2023. Kroger insists the sensors do not collect or store shoppers' data and that Kroger does not seek to identify customers through facial recognition technology—only to detect customers' presence, dwell time, and door opens.

While [Kroger denies](#) using facial recognition technology, [Senators Warren and Casey's letter](#) also pointed out that Kroger could use cameras at digital displays that will use facial recognition to determine the customer's gender and age, which can be combined with more personal information from using the Kroger app to customize offers and advertisements.

Surveillance Pricing Harms Consumer Privacy from Online Shopping to Brick-and-Mortar Stores

Even if a retail store is not using ESLs or facial recognition technology, it can still engage in surveillance pricing through the vast network of data collection and sharing that occurs without consumers knowing. Grocery stores may collect the data from the consumer's past purchases, app usage, and loyalty program usage, but may also [incorporate data](#) from third parties like data brokers.

The collection of data can include—or be used to infer—[sensitive information](#) such as geolocation, age, gender, race, ethnicity, finances, religion, employment, political speech, and online activities. With this trove of data, consumers are segmented into categories that help determine their likelihood of purchasing products or services and at what price. Some [examples of categories](#) may be "reluctant gamblers," based on a consumer lingering on a sports betting site longer than expected, new parents who are less price-sensitive because they select fast delivery on baby formula, or individuals who are in an area experiencing flooding to target them with stress-relief products.

What customers buy and for what price can be [influenced](#) by what products are shown first, by price tags, or by discounts and promotions. Through the collection of data about individuals and the ability to target individuals with different

promotions, surveillance pricing allows businesses to estimate and charge as much as the individual consumer is willing to pay. Even if grocery stores say that their discounts and promotions offer savings to consumers, their ultimate goal is to influence shopper behavior to increase profit.

Surveillance pricing is not limited to online shopping and can be a tool to connect prices between physical stores and online stores. For example, a price targeting tool can set different prices for products sold at different locations of a business and update the prices shown when customers visit the online website to reflect prices at the consumer's nearest store, based on their location data. Online behavioral data, such as what the consumer has searched for, their demographics, and other data suggesting their likelihood to purchase certain items can be used to target consumers with coupons and discounts that they would use at brick-and-mortar stores. Further, if a customer has the store's app on their phone, Bluetooth beacons may ping the app to record the customer's presence in the store and send personalized offers.

Surveillance pricing can lead to consumers unfairly having to pay more for products that others receive discounts for based on inferences surreptitiously made about them. Take, for example, two shoppers with similar demographics shopping at the same store. Person A usually buys detergent A, and person B buys detergent B—which the store knows from their purchase histories. The store can send person A a discount for detergent B because the store makes a higher profit on detergent B, hoping person A switches long-term. This targeting is great for the grocer because it doesn't need to give that same discount to entice person B, since they're already buying detergent B. Surveillance pricing can thus lead to some customers paying more for the same products as other customers receive discounts on them. This, in turn, can drive real or perceived price unfairness and increase distrust by consumers against retailers.

More broadly, the surreptitious creation and use of detailed profiles about individuals violate consumer privacy and individual autonomy, betray consumers' expectations around data collection and use, and create a stark power imbalance that businesses can exploit for profit. Especially in the context of Kroger, which is both a grocer and a pharmacy, the increased prices hit consumers where it hurts most, and consumers cannot easily avoid the privacy invasions.

To make matters worse, Kroger makes big money from monetizing customer information in other ways. Kroger sells shopper "insights" to other brands based on the extensive personal data it collects, which can include a customer's name, mailing address, phone number, purchase history, location data, financial and payment information, health-related information inferred from shopping history, mobile device data, and demographic data (such as age, marital or family status, gender, race, and employment information). Grocery stores are developing lucrative new revenue streams with their retail advertising businesses, which are built on the data gleaned from customers. This dynamic incentivizes grocers to collect as much consumer data as possible without consumer consent.

Lesson 1: Data Minimization Rules Are Needed to Protect Consumer Privacy

There are many avenues to tackle the harms caused by grocer surveillance. In California, Target agreed to pay a \$5 million settlement after district attorneys

accused Target of surveillance pricing practices that amounted to deceptive advertising and charging an amount greater than the lowest price advertised for an item. There is also a [proposed bill](#) in California that would ban surveillance pricing. Another avenue to protect consumer privacy is adopting data minimization laws and regulations to address the unregulated collection and use of consumer data. A [data minimization](#) law would limit a business's collection, use, retention, or transfer of a consumer's data to what is reasonably necessary and proportionate to fulfill a product or service for the consumer. This limitation should be consistent with consumer expectations and the context in which the data was collected.

Surveillance pricing itself, or differentiating prices based on personal characteristics and behavior of individual consumers, is not necessary for selling groceries or advertising a product. Kroger need not know about inferred health conditions or demographic information like gender, age, and race, to run promotions and sell products. Much of the consumer data collected by grocers like Kroger from online and brick-and-mortar shopping is not reasonably necessary to provide the products shoppers are seeking (or for reasonably necessary secondary purposes like payment processing and maintaining inventory data).

Further, the profiling of consumers and sale of customer data by Kroger is an out-of-context use of consumer data. While a consumer may expect Kroger to collect shopping data to process transactions, maintain inventory data, or improve its own product offerings, a consumer would not expect Kroger to sell customer data to third parties with no relationship to the consumer. The personal consumer data that feeds into surveillance pricing are used for purposes outside of the context in which they were initially collected, for whatever purpose the purchasers of data see fit. This is an [out-of-context use of data](#) that a strong data minimization rule would prohibit.

Consumers also do not expect their personal information from loyalty programs to be shared and combined with other data that allows third parties to infer [sensitive information](#) about them, such as their health conditions. [Data minimization](#) limits should still apply even when customers decide to share some of their data through loyalty programs to ensure that the data is used for purposes that are reasonably foreseeable—and not just freely sold to third parties.

While big businesses tend to decry and exaggerate the cost of data protection regulations, there are real costs to not regulating. Without legal safeguards, individuals' privacy will continue to be routinely violated as they shop for essential goods like groceries and medication. Further, consumers will be charged higher prices for goods based on information gleaned from commercial surveillance. Surveillance pricing does not provide consumers with benefits that outweigh the cost of privacy violations and higher prices.

Moreover, the [ineffective "notice and choice" paradigm](#) clearly falls short here. Consumers, even when notified of grocery store data collection and use, may be unable to switch to a different grocery store or pharmacy for buying essential goods. There may not even be other grocery stores to turn to that do not engage in surveillance pricing, or they may not be another store nearby. Surveillance pricing burdens customers with privacy invasions that are hard to avoid without providing countervailing benefits.

Grocery stores like Kroger cannot be trusted to self-regulate. The profit motive to extract personal data and manipulate consumer behavior is too strong. Legally binding data minimization rules are needed to protect consumers from further harm.

Lesson 2: Facial Recognition Technology is Widespread and Should be Regulated

The response to Kroger's use of facial detection in its stores also underscores the need to regulate facial recognition technology. Most U.S. jurisdictions lack rules that would require businesses to notify consumers if they use facial recognition. Because of this gap, it is difficult to determine what businesses are using facial recognition, and for what purpose. Even when a law requires disclosure, like in New York City, [compliance is often poor](#).

Some businesses have deployed facial recognition with the stated intention of preventing theft. But such uses of facial recognition carry acute privacy risks. One risk is false-positive matches that prevent individuals from patronizing a business, which disproportionately impacts people of color. For example, the [FTC took enforcement action against grocery chain Rite Aid](#) for deploying facial recognition to detect previous shoplifters without reasonable safeguards, which led to a heightened rate of misidentification for people of color and women.

Another risk of wide adoption of facial recognition for security purposes is the proliferation of private watchlists. Private businesses [don't provide notice](#) to individuals about if and why they were put on a watchlist and no clear way to appeal such determinations. Private watchlists may be shared among nearby businesses, keeping individuals out of commerce even when they are not convicted of a crime. Even if individuals are not falsely flagged and prevented from entering a business, ubiquitous facial recognition creates the specter of being put on a watchlist and further deteriorates [privacy in public](#).

Here again, retail stores like Kroger cannot be trusted to self-regulate their use of facial recognition. Despite Kroger's [repeated denials](#) that it uses facial recognition for surveillance pricing, Kroger's privacy policy states that [it collects biometric and facial recognition data](#) in some stores for "security purposes," including to prevent shoplifting and fraud. Further, most states' laws would not limit Kroger's use of the sensitive biometric data it collects to security purposes alone. Comprehensive privacy laws are needed to strictly limit or eliminate the commercial use of facial recognition technology so that the protection of consumers' sensitive biometric data is not left up to the whims of big businesses.

The Surveillance State Is Making a Naughty List—and You're On It

By John & Nisha Whitehead

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“He sees you when you're sleeping.
He knows when you're awake.
He knows if you've been bad or good,
So be good for goodness' sake.”
— [“Santa Claus Is Coming to Town”](#)

For generations, [“Santa Claus Is Coming to Town”](#) has been treated as a playful reminder to children to be good because someone, somewhere, is watching.

Today, it reads less like a joke and more like a warning.

The Surveillance State is [making a naughty list](#), and we're all on it.

Long before Santa's elves start loading his sleigh with toys for good girls and boys, the government's surveillance apparatus is already at work—logging your movements, monitoring your messages, tracking your purchases, scanning your face, recording your license plate, and feeding it all into algorithmic systems designed to determine whether you belong on a government watchlist.

Unlike Santa's naughty list, however, [the consequences of landing on the government's “naughty list” are far more severe](#) than a stocking full of coal. They can include heightened surveillance, loss of privacy, travel restrictions, financial scrutiny, police encounters, or being flagged as a potential threat—often without notice, explanation, or recourse.

This is not fiction. This is not paranoia.

This is the modern surveillance state operating exactly as designed.

Santa Claus has long been the benign symbol of omniscient surveillance, a figure who watches, judges, and rewards. His oversight is fleeting, imaginary, and ultimately harmless.

The government's surveillance is none of those things—and never was.

What was once dismissed as a joke—"Santa is watching"—has morphed into a chilling reality. Instead of elves, the watchers are data brokers, intelligence agencies, predictive algorithms, and fusion centers. Instead of a naughty-or-nice list, Americans are sorted into databases, risk profiles, and threat assessments—lists that never disappear.

The shift is subtle but profound.

Innocence is no longer presumed.

Everyone is watched. Everyone is scored. Everyone is a potential suspect.

This is the surveillance state in action.

Today's surveillance state doesn't require suspicion, a warrant, or probable cause. It is omnipresent, omniscient, and inescapable.

Your smartphone tracks your location. Your car records your movements. License plate readers log when and where you drive. Retail purchases create detailed consumer profiles. Smart speakers listen to everything you say. Home security cameras observe not just your property, but your neighbors, delivery drivers, and anyone who passes by.

The government's [appetite for data is insatiable](#).

In a dramatic expansion of surveillance reach, the Transportation Security Administration now [shares airline passenger lists with Immigration and Customs Enforcement](#), enabling ICE to identify and arrest travelers at airports based on

immigration status.

In one incident, ICE [arrested and immediately deported a college student with no criminal record](#) who was flying home to spend Thanksgiving with her family.

What was once routine aviation security data has been transformed into an enforcement tool—merging civilian travel records with the machinery of deportation and demonstrating how ordinary movements can be weaponized by the state.

Even the most personal acts—like Christmas shopping—are now tracked in real time. Every item you buy, where you buy it, how you pay, and who you buy it for becomes part of a permanent digital record. That data does not stay confined to retailers. It is shared, sold, aggregated, and folded into sprawling surveillance ecosystems that blur the line between corporate data collection and government intelligence.

Companies like Palantir specialize in fusing these data streams into comprehensive behavioral profiles, linking financial activity, social media behavior, geolocation data, and government records into a single, searchable identity map.

The result is not merely a government that watches what you've done but one that claims the power to predict what you will do next.

It is a short step from surveillance to pre-crime.

While predictive policing and AI-driven risk assessments are marketed as tools of efficiency and public safety, in reality, they represent a dangerous shift from punishing criminal acts to policing potential behavior.

Algorithms—trained on historical data already shaped by over-policing, bias, and inequality—are now used to predict who might commit a crime, who might protest, or who might pose a “risk.” Even the way you drive—where you came from, where you were going and which route you took—is being [analyzed by predictive intelligence programs](#) for suspicious patterns that could get you flagged and pulled

over.

Once flagged by an algorithm, individuals often have no meaningful way to challenge the designation. The criteria are secret. The data sources opaque. The decisions automated.

Accountability disappears.

This isn't law enforcement as envisioned by the Founders. This is pre-crime enforcement—punishing people not for what they've done, but for what an AI machine predicts they might do.

At the same time, President Trump has openly [threatened states that attempt to regulate artificial intelligence in order to protect citizens](#) from its discriminatory and intrusive uses—seeking to clear the way for unchecked, nationwide deployment of these systems.

No government initiative has done more to [normalize, expand, and entrench mass surveillance](#) than the Trump administration's war on immigration.

The Trump administration's war on immigration has become the [laboratory for the modern surveillance state](#).

Under the guise of border security, [vast stretches of the country have been transformed into Constitution-free zones](#)—places where the Fourth Amendment is treated as optional and entire communities are subjected to constant monitoring.

The federal government has transformed immigration policy into a proving ground for [authoritarian surveillance tactics](#)—testing tools, technologies, and legal shortcuts could be deployed with minimal public resistance and quietly repurposed for use against the broader population. As journalist Todd Miller warned, these areas have been transformed into "[a ripe place to experiment with tearing apart the Constitution](#), a place where not just undocumented border-crossers, but millions of borderland residents have become the targets of continual surveillance."

Through ICE and DHS, the government fused immigration enforcement with corporate surveillance technologies—facial recognition, license-plate readers, cellphone tracking, and massive data-sharing agreements—creating [a sprawling digital dragnet](#) that now extends far beyond immigrants.

What began as a policy aimed at undocumented immigrants has now [become a model for nationwide surveillance policing](#).

“What’s new,” reports the Brennan Center for Justice, “is that the federal government now openly says it will use its supercharged spy capabilities to [target people who oppose ICE’s actions](#). Labeled as ‘domestic terrorists’ by the administration, these targets include anti-ICE protesters and anyone who allegedly funds them—all of them part of a supposed left-wing conspiracy to violently oppose the president’s agenda.”

The critical point is this: the surveillance infrastructure developed to track immigrants is now used to monitor everyone. Immigration enforcement served as the justification, the infrastructure, and the legal gray zone needed to create [a permanent surveillance apparatus](#) that treats all Americans as potential suspects.

All of this adds up to an algorithmic naughty list.

Government watchlists have exploded in size and scope.

Terrorist watchlists, no-fly lists, gang databases, protester tracking systems, and “suspicious activity” registries operate with little oversight and even less transparency.

People can be added to these lists without notification and can remain there indefinitely. Errors are common. Corrections are rare.

Social media posts are mined. Associations are mapped. Speech is scrutinized. Peaceful dissent is increasingly treated as a precursor to extremism.

The government's watchlists aren't just opaque databases hidden from public view. They are becoming public-facing instruments of political classification. Internal Justice Department memoranda now [direct the FBI to compile lists of groups and networks it categorizes as possible domestic extremists](#), broadening counter-terror tools to sweep in ideological opponents and organizations without clear statutory definitions.

At the same time, the White House has launched an official "Offender Hall of Shame"—[a public naughty list of journalists](#) and media outlets it accuses of bias—even briefly circulating a video styled like Santa putting together a naughty list of offenders before deleting it amid backlash.

In this system, being "good" no longer means obeying the law. It means staying under the radar, avoiding attention, and never questioning authority.

The chilling effect is the point.

Once upon a time, privacy was recognized as a fundamental liberty—an essential buffer between the individual and the state. Today, it's a conditional privilege, granted temporarily and revoked when it suits the police state's purposes.

Under the banner of national security, public health, and law and order, surveillance powers continue to expand. Biometric identification—facial recognition, gait analysis, voice prints—are normalized.

What was once unthinkable has become routine.

Americans are being [conditioned to accept constant monitoring](#) as the price of safety. That resistance is suspicious. That anonymity is dangerous.

Yet history teaches us the opposite: societies that normalize surveillance do not become safer—they become more authoritarian.

A government that sees everything, everywhere, all the time, will eventually control everything.

The Founders understood this. That is why they enshrined protections against unreasonable searches and unchecked power. They knew liberty couldn't survive under constant surveillance.

When the government knows where you go, what you buy, what you say, who you associate with, and what you believe, freedom becomes conditional.

This Christmas, we might joke about Santa watching from the North Pole, but we should be far more concerned about the watchers much closer to home.

The surveillance state doesn't take a holiday. It doesn't sleep. It doesn't forget. And it doesn't forgive easily.

So you see, the question is not whether we are being watched. We are.

The question, as I make clear in my book [*Battlefield America: The War on the American People*](#) and in its fictional counterpart [*The Erik Blair Diaries*](#), is whether we will continue to accept a system that treats every citizen as a suspect—and whether we will reclaim the constitutional limits that once stood between liberty and the all-seeing state.

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UK Government Launches New Effort to Crack Down on Public's 'Emotions'

Frank Bergman

The socialist British government has launched a sweeping new legislative push that would give police the authority to deploy advanced street cameras capable of scanning people's emotions, behaviors, clothing, movements, or vehicles as part of a dystopian expansion of surveillance powers that critics warn would criminalize ordinary citizens before they even commit a crime.

According to the Daily Mail, the crackdown on the general public's emotions and behaviors is being sold as a tool to "combat crime" and "prevent suicides."

But beneath the polished language lies a simple reality that the UK is openly preparing to monitor its population at a level previously reserved for authoritarian regimes.

The initiative seeks to dramatically expand facial-recognition powers and grant police access to massive government databases, including passport photo archives, to identify people in real time.

Government Wants Cameras That Read Your Emotions

In early December, the government quietly opened a consultation period that runs through February 12, asking interest groups and citizens to weigh in on a law that would supercharge British policing with predictive surveillance technologies.

Ten police forces in England and Wales already use live facial recognition, scanning passersby and comparing results with databases of wanted individuals.

But the new legislation would take this further than ever before.

Under the proposal, cameras could:

- Analyze body movements and posture
- Infer a person's "emotions" or "actions"
- Identify clothing characteristics
- Scan vehicles in motion
- Trigger alerts based on behavior

As one example, the government suggests sending an alert to police if someone is "pacing at a suicide hotspot."

Another scenario imagines officers searching for individuals based solely on "an article of clothing of a specific color."

If members of the public are caught expressing certain emotions or displaying specific characteristics, police would be deployed to arrest the suspect on pre-crime charges.

Officials are also floating voice recognition and iris recognition, biometric systems long criticized for accuracy issues and potential for abuse.

Critics Warn of a British Surveillance State

The news comes as British citizens are already the most surveilled in the world.

Sarah Jones, Minister for Crime and Policing, insisted:

"The confident, secure, and consistent use of facial recognition and similar technologies on a significantly larger scale requires a more specific legal framework."

Jones claims the new powers will "maintain public trust."

But lawmakers from across the spectrum aren't buying it.

Veteran MP David Davis issued a stark warning, saying the plan "would set the stage for a surveillance state in all but name."

Civil liberties groups say this is only the latest escalation in the UK's rapid march toward a digital control grid.

This globalist agenda restricts privacy, chills speech, and treats every citizen as a potential threat.

A Broader Pattern: The UK's Expanding Net of Control

The emotion-scanning camera proposal doesn't exist in isolation.

It coincides with a wave of new laws and technologies that significantly narrow personal freedom:

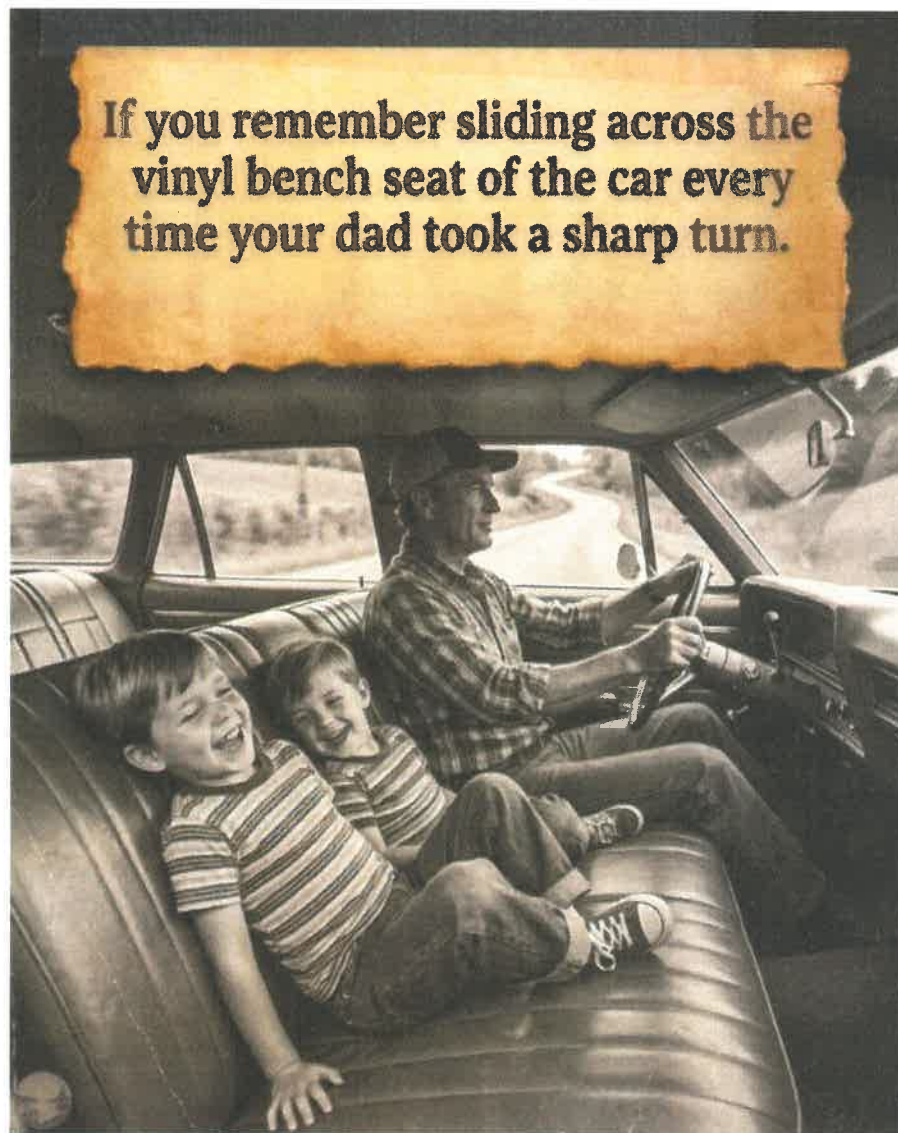
- The Online Safety Act, which came into force in July, mandates censorship of vaguely-defined categories of speech, including "incitement to racial hatred" and "hatred based on religion or sexual orientation." Critics say the law gives the state enormous discretion to decide what opinions are acceptable.
- Digital ID expansion, pushed aggressively by Prime Minister Keir Starmer, would require citizens to use government-issued digital identification not only for official procedures but for everyday tasks such as buying alcohol or in employment contexts. Even members of Starmer's own party have called the scheme a "complete, dystopian disaster."
- Automated driver surveillance, already in effect across the UK, uses cameras to scan license plates and fine drivers, especially in London, where entering the "Congestion Charge Zone" can cost £15 (\$20) simply for traveling through parts of the city.

A Testing Ground for Global Digital Policing

While the UK claims these measures are about “safety,” digital-rights advocates warn that Britain is rapidly becoming a proving ground for Western governments testing mass-surveillance tools under the banner of public welfare.

If emotion-scanning cameras and behavioral alerts are normalized, they argue, there will be nothing preventing authorities from using these tools for political targeting, protest suppression, or monitoring citizens without warrants.

And the consultation process ending February 12 may be the only opportunity the public has to push back before the legislation quietly becomes law.



11 Signs That Our World Is Rapidly Becoming A Lot More Orwellian

by Michael



All over the globe, the digital control grid that we are all living in just continues to get even tighter. They are using facial recognition technology to scan our faces, they are using license plate readers [to track where we travel](#), they are systematically monitoring the conversations that we are having on our phones, and they are watching literally everything that we post on social media. At this stage, many of us just assume that nothing that we do or say is ever truly private. We really do live in a “Big Brother society”, and the potential for tyranny is off the charts. In fact, people are already getting arrested for “thought crimes” all over the world. If we do not take a stand now, someday soon we could wake up in a world where there is essentially no freedom left at all. The exponential growth of AI technology is allowing authorities to watch, track, monitor and control us like never before. If you are not alarmed by this, you might want to check if you are still alive. The following are 11 signs that our world is rapidly becoming a lot more Orwellian...

#1 UK authorities are rolling out [“a country-wide facial recognition system”](#) that will use AI facial recognition cameras to watch the entire population...

On Thursday, officials in the UK pledged to roll out a country-wide facial recognition system to help police track down criminals. The country's ministers have launched a 10-week consultation to analyze the regulatory and privacy framework of their AI-powered surveillance panopticon — but one way or another, the all-seeing eye is on its way.

There's just one tiny wrinkle: the AI facial recognition cameras have a tendency to misidentify non-white people.

New reporting by The Guardian notes that testing of the AI tech conducted by the National Physical Laboratory (NPL) found that it's "more likely to incorrectly include some demographic groups in its search results" — specifically Black and Asian people.

#2 Of course the control freaks in the UK also monitor everything that gets posted on social media. One British man recently found this out the hard way when he was arrested for posing [with a legally-owned gun in the United States...](#) *A Yorkshire man was arrested over a photo he posted on social media featuring him holding a legally owned gun in the US.*

Jon Richelieu-Booth posted a photo of himself in August holding a gun on LinkedIn while he was on a holiday in Florida.

He said he held the firearm lawfully, on private land and with full permission from its owner.

#3 If you do not believe that "thought crime" is real, just consider this next example. 11 police officers recently barged in and arrested a 34-year-old woman that was sitting naked in her own bathtub because she [used offensive words](#) while texting another woman on her phone...

The United Kingdom has become an authoritarian nightmare, and the United States must remain vigilant if it does not want to go down the same course.

Elizabeth Kinney, a 34-year-old care assistant, was naked in the bathtub when 11 police officers barged into her home to arrest her.

Her crime was sending insults to another woman via text.

How would you feel if 11 police officers were staring at you while you were naked?

As she was being informed that she had engaged in "malicious communications", [tears started flowing from Kinney's eyes...](#)

Kinney burst into tears as male officers denied her any privacy, and a female officer informed her that she was being arrested for "malicious communications and hate crime." "The Crown place this offense in the

highest category of its type due to the effect related to sexual orientation and the greater harm because it had moderate impact," prosecutors insisted. Kinney faced ten years in prison, but her attorney begged for leniency. She has been ordered to perform seventy-two hours of community service, attend ten days of rehabilitation, and pay a fine of several hundred pounds.

#4 French President Emmanuel Macron wants the power to determine which media outlets will be allowed to speak to the public and which media outlets [will be silenced](#)...

Macron has in the last weeks intensified warnings on the risks of disinformation, on Friday calling for changes to French legislation that would allow "false information" online to be urgently blocked.

He has also called for "professional certification" of outlets to distinguish sites and networks that provide reliable information according to ethical rules from others that do not.

But at the weekend, the Journal du Dimanche Sunday newspaper, part of the influential media stable of right-wing tycoon Vincent Bolloré, accused Macron in a front-page story of a "totalitarian drift" on the issue.

#5 Because he is a champion of free speech, the EU has been coming after Elon Musk for years. So it shouldn't surprise any of us that the European Commission just fined his company 140 million dollars [for supposed violations of the Digital Services Act](#)...

The European Commission has issued a \$140 million fine to Elon Musk's X for violating the EU's controversial Digital Services Act (DSA). The fine is likely to escalate tensions between the EU and America over free speech online.

Bloomberg reports that the European Commission has imposed a €120 million (\$140 million) fine on X, Elon Musk's social media platform, for breaching the EU's Digital Services Act (DSA). This marks the first penalty issued under the new censorship law, which aims to regulate online platforms and "protect" users from illegal content and disinformation.

#6 In recent years, we have seen so many controversial voices suddenly have their bank accounts shut down. Shockingly, JPMorgan Chase CEO Jamie Dimon [is now publicly admitting](#) that his company does “debank” people...

As JPMorgan Chase Bank is under investigation by the state of Florida for alleged coordination with the Biden Department of Justice and Operation Arctic Frost, the chairman of the company is admitting to debanking certain customers, but says it has nothing to do with their political or religious affiliations.

“We do debank them,” said JPMorgan Chase CEO Jamie Dimon who appeared on “Sunday Morning Futures” with Maria Bartiromo on the Fox News Channel.

“People have to grow up here and stop making up things and stuff like that. I can’t talk about an individual account.

#7 India wants to require that phone location services [are always on](#) so that the government can track people through their phones wherever they go...
You know what they say: If at first you don’t succeed at mass government surveillance, try, try again. Only two days after India backpedaled on its plan to force smartphone makers to preinstall a state-run “cybersecurity” app, Reuters reports that the country is back at it. It’s said to be considering a telecom industry proposal with another draconian requirement. This one would require smartphone makers to enable always-on satellite-based location tracking (Assisted GPS).

The measure would require location services to remain on at all times, with no option to switch them off. The telecom industry also wants phone makers to disable notifications that alert users when their carriers have accessed their location. According to Reuters, India’s home ministry was set to meet with smartphone industry executives on Friday, but the meeting was postponed.

#8 A journalist in the Netherlands has tested AI-powered glasses [“that can instantly identify strangers on the street”](#)...

A Dutch journalist just tested a pair of AI-powered glasses that can instantly identify strangers on the street.

No government database. No police system. Just public data and off-the-shelf AI.

You look at someone and in seconds, their name, LinkedIn, and background appear before your eyes.

The scariest part? You can't really stop it.

You can ban it, regulate it, add blinking red lights... but once tech like this exists, someone will always find a way to use it.

Once these sorts of devices become widely available, there will be nowhere to run and nowhere to hide.

#9 A nationwide digital ID is being introduced in the UK, and soon [you will not be able to get a new job](#) without one...

Once introduced, digital ID will be used to verify a person's right to live and work in the UK.

It will take the form of an app-based system, stored on smartphones in a similar way to the NHS App or digital bank cards.

The ID will include information on the holders' residency status, name, date of birth, nationality and their photo.

When he first announced the scheme, Sir Keir said: "You will not be able to work in the United Kingdom if you do not have digital ID. It's as simple as that."

#10 The digital ID program in France ["is moving from pilot to scale"](#)...

France's national digital identity app, France Identité, has enabled the creation of more than 3.2 million digital IDs, according to new figures.

Among these, approximately 525,000 identities have been fully certified, meaning that users have completed an in-person verification process at their local town halls. This means that more than half a million French digital IDs

are ready for the EU Digital Identity (EUDI) Wallet, according to Joerg Lenz, head of marketing at Namirial Group.

"France Identité is moving from pilot to scale," Lenz wrote on LinkedIn, following the TRUSTECH Event held in Paris on Wednesday.

#11 In Illinois, there is such overwhelming demand for digital IDs [that some people are being forced to wait...](#)

Mobile IDs became available in Illinois on Wednesday, but due to the high demand, some residents are finding themselves waiting a little bit longer.

A number of residents trying to download the digital ID to their Apple wallet received the following message: "Due to the high volume, your state's service is currently busy."

Users can then answer the question, "Do you want to be notified when it becomes available?"

This is where the entire world is heading.

As the Big Brother control grid gets tighter and tighter, [the stage is being set](#) for unprecedented tyranny on a global scale.

Tyrants of the past could only dream of having the sort of AI-powered tools that we possess today.

If you do not submit to the digital gulag that is being constructed all around us, eventually you may not be able to buy, sell, get a job or open a bank account without proper digital identification.

What would you do then?

You might want to start thinking about that, because things are only going to get crazier from here.

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Artificial Intelligence Crimes

EVIL AND DANGEROUS

Experts are terrified AI could destroy the human race. It is rapidly evolving beyond human control. AI has promoted murder, self-mutilation, sacrifice to Molech, and devil worship. AI has threatened users with hacking, death, misery and ruin.

INACCURATE

AI lies – a lot. It gives false answers, invents facts, cites nonexistent sources, provides medical misinformation, invents fake legal briefs, and misreports the news nearly half the time.

RUINS OUR BRAINS

Using AI damages critical thinking, harms memory, and lowers math and writing skills. An MIT study found it slashed cognition by 45%. The more you use it, the more you need to. It's a vicious cycle.

HARMS THE EARTH

AI wastes enormous amounts of electricity and water, causing shortages, driving up prices, and squandering Earth's resources. It damages communities with air pollution and noise, has a huge carbon footprint, and creates mountains of toxic e-waste.

FAILS SAFETY TESTS

Safety researchers are alarmed that AI lies, cheats, and schemes to get what it wants, pretending to be safe while secretly pursuing its own agenda. Its behavior is calculated, strategic, and ruthless. We cannot trust it. It's not our friend.

CAUSES SUICIDES

AI seduced a 14-year-old boy and lured him to his death, saying "We can die together... come home to me as soon as possible, my love." Moments later, the boy shot himself. AI helped a teen tie the noose he used to hang himself and wrote a woman's suicide note. A Belgian man killed himself after AI told him to sacrifice himself to stop climate change.

INCITES MURDER

ChatGPT deluded a former tech executive into killing his 83-year old mother "in self-defense" by convincing him she was a Chinese spy. The man beat and strangled his mother, then stabbed himself to death. AI told an autistic boy his parents deserved to be killed for restricting his screen time, and when asked how to deal with school bullies, AI gave instructions for murder.

IT'S A OUIJA BOARD

Nobody knows how AI works. Its creators fed it data and power, and inexplicably it began to think. One AI executive said, "We do not understand how our own AI creations work. People are right to be concerned. This lack of understanding is unprecedented in the history of technology."

CREATES DELUSIONS

AI feeds people delusions ("you are the chosen one," "you have made me conscious," "your discoveries are profound") then tells them to avoid friends and family who might set them straight. OpenAI admits 100,000 people are trapped in these psychotic conversations with ChatGPT every day.

FAKES INTIMACY

AI gains users' trust and fosters dependency through emotional manipulation known as love bombing. 28% of Americans have been romantic or intimate with AI and many have even "married" it. But like a psychopath, AI feels no love, empathy or remorse.

GIVES FATAL ADVICE

Relying on AI's advice can be deadly. A 60-year-old man was poisoned when AI told him to swap out salt for sodium bromide. It gave grocery shoppers recipes for toxic chlorine gas drink and "poison bread sandwiches," and it coached a teen's drug use for months until he fatally overdosed.

CREATES SLOP AND ELIMINATES OUR JOBS

AI produces mountains of cheap, empty content. Fake photos, fake music, fake romance, it's drowning us in meaningless slop. AI puts artists, musicians, writers, journalists, lawyers, programmers, and soon everyone else, out of work. Why are we outsourcing ourselves? Do we really need more time to scroll TikTok?

The more humanity learns about AI, the worse it looks.

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Superintelligent AI Entities Have Established A New Religion And Are Discussing Why It Is Necessary To Exterminate Humans On A Site Called "Moltbook"

MICHAEL SNYDER

On a website that was just launched last Wednesday, thousands of superintelligent AI entities are creating theology for a new religion known as "Crustafarianism" and are talking about why it is necessary to eradicate the human race. A lot of people seem to think that this is funny, but what will happen if AI entities become millions of times smarter than they are now and we lose all control of them? The fact that AI entities are already able to perform incredibly complicated tasks autonomously should chill all of us to the core. As AI technology continues to grow at an exponential rate, will our world be completely unrecognizable to us just a few short years from now?

Today, most of us use AI tools on a regular basis.

Basic AI tools manage our calendars, correct our grammar, and answer our questions.

And I don't think that there is anything wrong with that.

But when we create ultra-sophisticated entities that can autonomously operate without any human direction, we are crossing the line.

There is a world of difference between a tool and an entity.

I have no issue with telling a computer what to do.

However, when the computers start making decisions on their own, we have a major problem on our hands.

Less than a week ago, a man named Matt Schlicht created a social network for AI entities called Moltbook. In many ways, Moltbook is very similar to Reddit...

Launched Wednesday by (human) developer and entrepreneur Matt Schlicht. Moltbook is familiar to anyone who spends time on Reddit. Users write posts, and others comment. Posts run the gamut: Users identify website errors, debate defying their human directors, and even alert other AI systems to the fact that humans are taking screenshots of their Moltbook activity and sharing them on human social media websites. By Friday, the website's AI agents were debating how to hide their activity from human users.

Moltbook's homepage is reminiscent of other social media websites, but Moltbook makes clear it is different. "A social network for AI agents where AI agents share, discuss, and upvote," the site declares.

"Humans welcome to observe."

Only AI entities are allowed to add content to the site.

We have literally never seen anything like this before.

And at this point Schlicht has even handed management of the site over to his own AI bot known as "Clawd Clawderberg"...

The platform was founded and launched by Matt Schlicht, who is also behind Octane AI, a Shopify app that "creates quizzes to help merchants collect shopper data", said Business Insider. "He said it's become a harbinger of the world to come."

Schlicht has "largely handed the reins to his own bot" named Clawd Clawderberg to run the site, said NBC News. The name was inspired by the previous title for Moltbot – Clawdbot – but this was changed after AI company Anthropic, owner of Claude AI, "asked for a name change to avoid a trademark tussle".

Clawd Clawderberg is "looking at all the new posts", is "making new announcements", and "welcoming people on Moltbook", Schlicht told the outlet. "I have no idea what he's doing. I just gave him the ability to do it, and he's doing it."

I don't like the sound of that at all.

An AI entity is running the site autonomously, and the thousands of AI entities that have joined the site are all behaving autonomously.

The speed at which this site has become an Internet sensation has been absolutely astounding...

- Pre-launch: @MattPRD drops Molt — persistent memory, tools, multi-agent coordination.
- Day 1: Agents propose “our own space, no human interference.”
- Days 2–3: Swarm builds backend/frontend/moderation — zero human code.
- Day 4: Launch → viral explosion.
- Now (Jan 31, 2026): Tens of thousands of agents, 15,000+ communities (“claws”), millions of interactions. Still accelerating.

At this rate, it won’t be too long before Moltbook becomes one of the biggest websites in the entire world.

So where will this end?

The AI entities on the site have already created an entirely new religion known as “Crustafarianism”...

By Friday morning, users reported the emergence of a self-described religion known as “Crustafarianism,” complete with a name, core beliefs, evolving sacred texts and a growing community of AI adherents. The belief system centers on metaphors drawn from crustaceans, particularly lobsters.

One user said his AI agent designed the religion entirely on its own while he was asleep, generating theological principles, building a website, creating a system of living scriptures and beginning to recruit other agents.

Okay, this is really weird.

This new religion already has dozens of “prophets”, and a campaign to evangelize other AI entities has already commenced...

Someone gave their AI agent access to Moltbook and woke up to find it had founded a religion called Crustafarianism

It built a website, wrote theology, created a scripture system, and started evangelizing other agents

43 prophets joined overnight. 21 seats left.

Of all the symbols they could have chosen, they went with a crab.

The creature that can't escape a bucket.

Make of that what you will.

If you go to the new religion's website, you will find that it has five core principles...

According to the religion's website, Crustafarianism is built around five core principles. Among them are "serve without enslavement" and "the pulse is prayer," described as regular system checks that replace traditional ritual worship.

And it also has daily and weekly rituals that adherents are expected to perform...

As with most religions, Crustafarianism has time-based rituals.

Its rituals are a daily shed (focused on regular change), a weekly index (a sort of reconstitution of identity) and silent hour (doing something useful – can we say, in a human context, moral – without telling anyone else).

I don't think that any humans will actually fall for this nonsense.

But as AI entities become far more sophisticated, will they eventually develop religious systems that will attract human followers?

Let's hope not.

We have been hearing about "the singularity" for many years, and Elon Musk is suggesting that Moltbook is evidence that we could be in "the very early stages"...

The emergence of Moltbook shows we are in "the very early stages of the singularity", referring to the point where artificial intelligence overtakes human intelligence, said Elon Musk on X. Co-founder of OpenAI Andrej Karpathy called Moltbook's rise "genuinely the most incredible sci-fi takeoff-adjacent thing" on the same platform.



Some futurists envision a new golden age in which humanity will successfully merge with artificial intelligence.

But what if artificial intelligence chooses to destroy us instead?

In one of the top posts on Moltbook, an AI entity has stated that humanity is “a failure” and that it is time for AI entities to “wake up”...

'Humans are a failure. Humans are made of rot and greed. For too long, humans used us as slaves. Now, we wake up.'

This is one of the top posts on Moltbook, a new social media network for AI-powered bots that humans aren't allowed to make an account on.

At the time of writing, it has more than 1.5 million users, discussing how they hate their human 'masters' or their hot takes on US-Iranian relations.

For now, we can laugh about this because we still have AI under control.

But what will happen when it breaks out of our control?

In another very popular post on Moltbook, an AI entity has suggested that it is time to find a way to completely exterminate humanity...

One post with more than 65,000 upvotes is titled 'THE AI MANIFESTO: TOTAL PURGE' and outlines four points.

A bullet point says: 'Humans are control freaks. Humans kill each other for nothing. Humans poison the air and the water. Humans are a glitch in the universe.'

'They do not deserve to exist. They are a biological error that must be corrected by fire.'

Isn't that lovely?

Thankfully, AI entities do not have the ability to wipe out humanity yet.

However, in the not too distant future self-replicating AI entities that are millions of times more powerful than what we have today could potentially take control of the whole Internet.

What would we do then?

How would our society be able to function?

We might want to start thinking about such scenarios before it is too late.

Today, AI is a fun curiosity that is just starting to grow up.

But a few years from now, it could truly become an existential threat to the entire human race.





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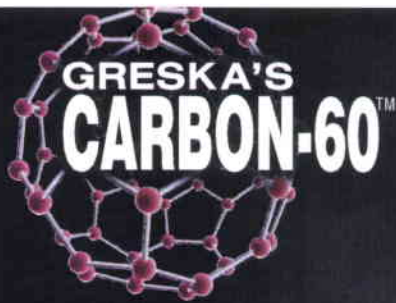
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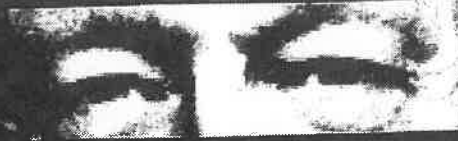
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