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Campaign to STOP the National Identity Card

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What Big Brother Has in Store For Us

The arguments against a National ID card stand alone, without this section.

In this section, we make some predictions about what might be coming our way in terms of Big Brother state control, and further erosion of our privacy and freedom. It may be that not all predictions come true, of course. We have not included predictions which we consider to be ‘fantastic’ or highly unlikely. We feel sure that reading the ‘Future Headlines’ will make you uneasy as they will sound all too familiar.

All of these predictions could easily happen and the signs are already there in many cases, that the process is underway.

There are two main reasons for the state to attack freedom and privacy.

Benevolent: Misguided but well-meaning government gradually eroding our freedoms and privacy because they mistakenly (but honestly) believe it will result in a massive reduction in crime and terrorism.

Malevolent: Government motives ranging from **self-serving and power-seeking**, all the way through to **despotic and dictatorial**.

At the time of reading this, the current government could lie anywhere on that continuum. We will leave the reader to discern the motives of whatever government is currently in power and ask themselves if they believe governments to have their best interests at heart.

However, all governments of all persuasions (benevolent and malevolent) in all countries **constantly seek increased power and control** – often, by the way, for genuinely benign reasons, but often not. Successive governments-in-waiting in the UK have chattered about ‘rolling back the frontiers of the state’ – but each elected government has done the exact opposite when in power – introduced more laws, higher taxes, more centralisation and stripped away more freedoms.

It is central to our argument that a National ID Card and its associated Citizen Monitoring Database are the ultimate enabling tools for corrupt regimes.

This government may be benign – but the next? And the next *fifty* governments?

Setting The Scene For Freedom Removal

In order to restrict privacy and remove liberty, the state needs a reason or reasons. It does not matter if the reason is factual (benevolent government) or entirely false, spurious or not based on fact (malevolent government). What is important is that the people believe it. **You cannot remove freedom and control people without their permission** – at least, not for long. (It is a well known fact that all prisons are governed with the permission of the prisoners. Without this, they would be totally ungovernable.)

Here is the main reason which the state have used in the past and will use again.

The Illusory Search For Total Security, Total Protection and a Crime-Free Society

We all want a safe and secure society. We are all willing to sacrifice *some* of our more insignificant liberties if large gains in security result. The error is if one believes that total eradication of crime and terrorism is possible – it is not.

We believe in finding a correct balance between preserving our freedom and privacy on the one hand, and satisfying our desire for safety and security on the other.

Such a balance requires wise, benevolent government and constant vigilance from the population. **We must be willing to challenge those who would violate our freedom and privacy for their own political or financial gain.**

The Price of 0% Crime is 100% Dictatorship

In reality, 100% dictatorship would probably only result in 50% of the current crime level.

0% crime is a total, mythical fantasy.

The main reasons the State use to destroy freedom are all subsets of the (fantasy) desire for ultimate safety and security.

Both benevolent and malevolent states seek to reduce freedom by ‘back door’ methods. Benevolent governments do this because they fear loss of votes, malevolent governments do this because they fear civil disobedience. The result is often the same – **the obfuscation of the real motives and the real impact of the legislation.**

The method goes something like this (with variations, of course):

1. Create a problem where non previously existed, or
2. exaggerate an existing problem.
3. Ensure that great fear spreads throughout the population about this ‘problem’.
4. ‘Reluctantly’ bring in draconian powers as a solution to combat the problem.
5. Ensure that they ‘spin’ the story so that anyone *opposing* the new laws seems *in favour* of the problem.
6. Assure a nervous population that the powers are temporary and restricted.
7. Wait until the fuss has died down and then make the same powers permanent and widespread.
8. Start the next round of seeking increased powers and less liberty.

This is called the HEADACHE-ASPIRIN method. In it, you create a headache or exacerbate an existing one. When everyone is focused on the pain, you produce an Aspirin. The grateful population seize upon it.

The state have a limited supply of ‘headaches’ but there are good old stand-byes and never fail to evoke fear in the people. (Note, we are not saying that these problems are not real – it is the scale which is exaggerated for the motive of gaining more control over people.)

For Example:

Protecting The Kiddies

Evil Terrorist About to Strike

Criminal Gangs

Innocent People Getting Shot, Mauled by Dangerous Dogs Etc.

Insane Drivers on Our Streets

Muggers Lurking on Every Street Corner

Fraudsters Waiting to Steal Our Money

Money Launderers Raking In Tens of Millions

Drug Dealers Corrupting Society

And so forth.

All of these are real problems which affect society to a certain, limited extent. The problem comes when ill-intentioned governments use our justified fears to manipulate us.

Future Predictions Mainly Based on National ID Card

- ID card will be brought in by stealth. Government will NOT be up-front about their real intentions. They will hide behind the smoke-screen of ‘trials’ and ‘feasibility’ studies.
- ID card will be introduced to ‘soft’ targets first. Thus, Social Security Claimants (“You want the money? You have to get a card.”) Then asylum seekers, then criminals, then drivers.

- When millions are ‘softened up’ to the card, government will wait for the right time (e.g. a terrorist incident) and then ‘reluctantly’ make it compulsory for all.
- Population will be soothed by having very little contentious data on the card to start with, and very strong safeguards.
- Once the Citizen Monitoring Database is in place, and not having a card becomes a criminal offence, then it will star..t.

The following predictions have been written in the form of newspaper headlines and short editorial.

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“ID Laws Not Strong Enough, Claims Police Chief.”

The Chief Constable of Greater Manchester claims that tens of thousands of people in the UK still do not have a National Identity Card, despite this being a criminal offence, punishable by £2,000 fine or 3 months prison. “They are getting away Scot free,” claims Jack Smith. “These people are laughing at the law and making a mockery of the ID card scheme which is there to protect us all.”

Three months later, a law was introduced increasing the penalties to £10,000 and a year imprisonment. Also traffic wardens, police, post-office workers, VAT inspectors, Social Security Staff and Solicitors were all required to see valid ID prior to dealing with customers, **regardless of whether they were claiming services.**

“Lack of Health Data on National ID Card Costing NHS £2 Billion a Year” – New Shock Report

Poor record-keeping, together with lost and deleted files is costing an estimated £2 BILLION pounds a year in lost productivity, a new report claims. “It can take days to locate a patient’s file,” says Dawn Hargreaves, a SRN at a major London Hospital. “Also, if an ambulance goes out to pick up an unconscious person, we have no idea what drugs to give him – he could be allergic, diabetic, anything.”

The report follows calls to have basic health information added to the National Identity Card and added to the controversial Citizen Monitoring Database which so far, only contains name, address and date of birth. Civil Liberties groups are protesting, but James Porter, junior Health Minister said: “I do not see a problem with this. It will save billions, and more importantly, it will save lives.”

Six months later, legislation was passed enabling certain, limited health information to be added to the ID card on a voluntary basis. E.g. ‘at risk’ people could elect to have their medical information added to the card.

“Take Up of Voluntary Medical ID Data ‘Woefully Inadequate’ Claims Minister”

London, Thursday. Health Minister James Porter has slammed the poor take-up of the voluntary scheme to add health records to the National Identity Card. Under the

scheme, 'at risk' patients (diabetics, etc.) could add medical details to the card, giving them fast access to health services in the case of an emergency. "I can only describe the take-up as pitiful," claims Porter. "This is costing the country a small fortune in delays and mix-ups. More importantly, it is costing hundreds of lives each year." Pressed about whether he was considering making the addition of health data compulsory for all, Mr Porter said: "I have not ruled this out." Civil Liberty group 'Liberty' has called any plans for compulsion a "huge infringement of personal freedom." Asked to comment, James Porter said: "I am more interested in the freedom of people not to die due to delays in getting them treatment."

Shortly after, the government passed a Bill requiring the NHS to add all medical records to the National ID Card Database.

“Paedophiles Continue to Work With Children”

According to a recent BBC1 documentary, in which an undercover reporter posed as an applicant for a Children's Home job, paedophiles still have relatively easy access to vulnerable children. The solution, according to Rick Smith of the group *Child Care Action* is to amalgamate the National Paedophile Register with the National Citizen Monitoring Database – and put details on every paedophile's ID card.

"It can take weeks to do a search on every employee," complains Jill Saunders, care home assistant. "By the time the details are back, we could have employed the person. If their convictions were on the ID card, we could scan the card immediately."

Children's Minister Julian Davies commented: "This is certainly an idea we would view favourably. Nothing is more important than protecting our children. If you have nothing to hide, you have nothing to fear."

Legislation was introduced making it mandatory for all paedophiles to have a special code added to their file and ID card notifying 'authorised users' of this fact.

“163,419 New Criminals Created Last Year”

Recently released Government statistics show that 163,419 people were fined or imprisoned for failure to apply for the National Identity Card, earning each one a criminal record. Many are protesting on the civil liberties issue. "This is supposed to be a National scheme, not a voluntary scheme," stated Harry O'Brian, head of technical services for the Citizen Monitoring Database. "We expect, and will eventually get, 100% compliance."

“A Paedophile Register? Why not a Burglar's, Muggers, Rapists and Violent Offenders Register?”

In a move likely to anger Civil Liberties Protestors, the government has unveiled controversial new plans to extend the National Paedophile Register to include many other classes of offence. Last Autumn, in the wake of the BBC undercover documentary "Who's Looking After Your Kids?" legislation was passed forcing paedophiles to add details of their convictions to the Citizen Monitoring Database

(and hence on to their ID card). Now, a government Crime Think Tank is proposing the same for burglars, muggers, rapists and other serious offenders.

The employers federation 'Employ' hailed the idea. "Our members would certainly want to know if they were employing a violent offender. We have a duty to protect our employees in the work-place and at the moment we have no idea at all of any previous convictions amongst our staff."

The move was also welcomed by the public. In a recent ICN poll, 87% of people said they would want to know if they lived close to a violent person, a rapist, a mugger or burglar. A police spokesman said: "Only criminals could fear having this data added to their card. The law-abiding citizen has no need to worry."

The addition of all serious criminal convictions to the National ID Card was mandated shortly thereafter.

“A Step Too Far? Now Insurance History and Driving Convictions to be Added to the ID Card”

In a shock move, the government has announced that from February, the considerable file now held on each one of us on the Citizen Monitoring Computer is to be swelled even further. The file already contains our name, address, date of birth, full health history and any criminal convictions. Now, all details of past insurance claims, and all driving convictions including minor and expired offences are to be added to our file. The insurance industry is currently reeling under a barrage of expensive claims due to the recent terrorist attacks in Central London – ironically, the same attacks that Identity Cards were supposed to stop. They are seeking to cut costs and have appealed to central government to help.

"It's either this, or the collapse of the insurance industry," claims one anonymous, but clearly worried insurance spokesperson. "We suffer over ten billion pounds worth of bogus claims each year – it's got to stop. This would mean cheaper insurance for the honest people. Bona Fide claimants have absolutely nothing to fear from this idea – it is only cheats we are after."

The Federation of Car Hire Companies (FCHC) agrees: "Each year we lose an estimated £300 million due to not being able to check the driving record of people we hire cars to. This has got to be a step in the right direction."

Legislation was passed later that year requiring all insurance claims and full driving record to be added to the Citizen Monitoring Database.

“How Far Away is a Cashless Society?”

An article in last week's *Economic News* indicated that we could be far closer to a totally cashless society than we think.

Each year, the government lose an estimate £67 BILLION of tax revenue due to the 'black economy' – that's "cash in the back pocket", to you and me. It's money which could be spent on hospitals or improving our infrastructure. More billions are moved around as the undetectable proceeds of crime and drug dealing. Add to that the

estimated £9 BILLION in counterfeit money currently in circulation, and you have some compelling reasons to get rid of the green, folding stuff.

If cash were abolished, according to David Foley, the world would be a richer, safer, place. Strangely enough, we already have in place a mechanism to get rid of cash in the form of the National Identity Card. "If our bank records were added to the card," claims Foley "you would have an instant and totally secure way of transferring money or paying for services." Foley envisages a country in which all purchases, even the humblest, were paid for by the ID Card. And if I want to give money to you? Simple, we both insert our cards into a new-style 'IDcash' machine, have our iris scanned (just like we currently do to access all public transport, withdraw money, access health care etc.) type in the amount, and VOILA! - one transfer from my card to yours. Totally secure, totally safe.

Finance Minister Avril Johnson commented: "It's an interesting idea, but we have no plans to introduce this at present."

Over the next months, the following series of headlines appeared:

“Government ‘Thinking’ About Cashless Society Idea”

"The only people who might oppose this would be criminals, tax-evaders, fraudsters, drug-dealers and money-launderers."

“Government to Trial Cashless Society in Birmingham”

The trial has gone very well, People seem to like it. "If it cuts down on mugging, I'm all for it," said 67 year old Doris Letby of Newgate.

“ID ‘Cash’ the Ultimate Anti Tax Evasion Tool”

"There will no longer be anywhere for tax-evaders to hide. The government hope for 100% tax compliance within 3 years."

“All Internet Purchases to be by ID Card From Next Year”

“Utility Companies No Longer to Accepting Cash Payments”

"Cash puts our staff at risk of robbery and it is hugely expensive to count, store, sort and bank. This will mean cheaper bills for us all."

“Counterfeit Tidal Wave Makes Cashless Society Inevitable”

“Cash to be Abolished In Two Years”

“CASH COUNTDOWN! Six Months to Exchange Your Cash For ID Credits. ‘Under-the-Mattress’ Savers Warned.”

“Last Farewell to Cash”

“The Last Tenner? Hundreds Turn Out to See Bank of England Shred the ‘Last’ Ten Pound Note in Circulation.”

A short while later...

“Security Services Have Accessed Our Purchase Records ‘For Years’ Claims Insider”

Ever since cash was abolished and ID credits bought in, Civil Liberties campaigners have warned that this would give ‘Big Brother’ unprecedented powers to monitor and track us by our purchases. Now it seems there might be some truth in their concerns.

An ex-MI5 agent has claimed that he used to ‘routinely’ access the Citizen Monitoring Database looking for terrorist suspects, despite government claims to protect our privacy. “It’s really amazing what you can tell by looking at someone’s purchases,” claims Martin Hunter. “I could tell where you are right now – for example, in a certain pub. I can even tell what make of beer you are drinking and how many pints you’ve had! If you are thinking of driving home, I can tell if you are over the limit – not that that was my province.”

Hunter used to set complicated automatic ‘Terrorist Profile Algorithms’ or TPAs into motion. They would scour tens of thousands of citizen records every minute, looking for ‘suspicious’ activity. When asked what he meant by ‘suspicious’, Hunter responded: “These algorithms are really very, very complicated and I can only give you a hint. Let’s say you have recently bought a plane ticket to a Muslim state, purchased a copy of ‘Guns and Ammo’ magazine in the last three months, done a lot of UK travelling, have a high telephone bill, attend a Mosque, rent violent movies, watch foreign TV stations – that sort of thing. None of these things taken in itself amounts to much, but add 100 or more suspicious things and you have someone

who doesn't quite 'smell' right We'd open a file on that person and keep a careful eye on them." Asked how many files he had opened on citizens in the last year of his job, Hunter was cagey. "I don't know. Hundreds? Thousands possibly."

The next three headlines speak for themselves...

“Parliament Bombers Used Fake National Identity Cards to Gain Access to Westminster Palace”

“Counterfeit ID Card Ring Discovered in Taiwan”

“Drug Lords Now Making More on Counterfeit ID Than Drugs, Claims Report”

Back to the future....

“Police Seek Access to ID Purchase Records”

The Home Secretary has proposed sweeping new powers to give the police access to our purchase records held on the National Citizen Monitoring Computer. It is common knowledge that since the abolition of cash, all of our purchases, even the most trivial, have been stored on our 'citizen file'. The file contains the date, time, place of purchase, item purchased and amount paid – yes even something costing 5p is on your file.

Since the MI5 Hunter trial last year, it has been known that Security Services routinely access these files looking for Terrorist 'profiles'. Now police are demanding the same powers in their fight against crime. The advantages are spelled out by Police Superintendent Charles Major. "Imagine there has been a sexually motivated murder. At the moment we have to spend thousands of police man-hours doing house-to-house searches and interviews. Imagine we could tap into a computer and get a list of all men who were in a five mile radius of the crime at the time it was committed. Further more, we could sort by known offenders and purchase history – those men who regularly buy sex magazines, rent sex videos – that sort of thing. We could also check all alibis as we can tell everyone's exact movements by their spending."

“Now Police Set to Identify Criminals *Before They Strike*”

The police are hoping to develop criminal versions of the 'Terrorist Profile Algorithms' or TPAs currently used by MI5 to uncover suspected terrorists. Their first target

would be PPAs – Paedophile Profile Algorithms and then the inelegantly named VPPA – Violent Persons Profile Algorithm.

“It’s amazing how much someone gives away about themselves through what they purchase,” claims Dr Ali Dessai – advisor to the Metropolitan Police Authority. “Even little things are a give-away about the type of person you are.”

Dessai claims it is now possible to identify paedophile tendencies in people before they are even aware of it themselves. “Our tests show 95% accuracy in predicting abusive behaviour,” claims Dessai. Under such a system, ‘thought criminals’ would be given the opportunity of voluntary counselling. Those whose profiles showed no change after counselling may be incarcerated to protect children.

“It’s a whole new breakthrough in policing,” says Dessai. “Before, we used to have to wait until someone had committed a crime before we could do anything. Now we can catch the criminals before they can strike.”

“Criminal Purchase Profiles to be Used as Evidence in Court”

In an historic case, Judge John Borrowdale yesterday ruled that the contentious CPPA or Criminal Purchase Profile Algorithm could be used as evidence in support of a guilty verdict. For years the police have used the controversial Paedophile Protection Algorithm to identify potential child-molesters by their purchasing habits, often prior to the person even knowing he might become an offender. But only in the last year has the CPPA been used to track down potential criminals. Now an adverse or ‘suspicious’ purchasing profile can be disclosed to the judge and taken as evidence of guilt.

“Inland Revenue to be Abolished in all But Name Within Five Years”

Since the introduction of Electrocash and ID Credits, tax evasion has become a thing of the past. “It is now literally impossible to evade tax as the Inland Revenue can access every single transaction you make,” claimed a spokesman. All of us will have noticed that when paying money to each other via the IDcash machines, only the amount net of tax ends up being transferred. “We now take all tax, automatically at source – only a tiny handful of people now complete a tax return, there’s no point because we know everything already!”

The extra £80 billion raised each year and the dramatic drop in staff required means that the entire Inland Revenue can now be staffed by less than 100 people, excluding computer maintenance staff (estimated at 11,000). The current basic tax rate of 67% is seen by many as being too high – but now there is truly no place left to hide.

“Police Now Demanding Powers to ‘Freeze’ Citizens”

Gone are the days when police officers had to go to the bother of actually arresting a suspect for a crime. Now, at the touch of a button, police could ‘freeze’ any citizen and require him or her to report to a police station. Not literally freeze of course, but with the abolition of cash it is actually impossible to survive in our society without an IDCashCard. Even a packet of gum must be paid for with the card. It is impossible to travel (apart from walking) or access any service, public or private, without the iris scan which has become so much an irritating part of our daily lives.

So if you want to ‘arrest’ someone, all you need to do is freeze their ID card. Simple. No purchases are possible and life becomes rapidly unliveable. Sure, a few might hole-out for a day or even a week. But the police are a patient bunch. Eventually the citizen will dutifully report for interrogation.

“We have a particular problem with what the popular press call ‘thought criminals’, although I don’t like that term myself,” says Detective Rosser. “Profile Scans reveal they have criminal tendencies, but when notified, only about half turn up for the voluntary re-education classes. The others are getting away with it and could perform a criminal act at any moment. They are like time-bombs waiting to go off.”

The new technology would ensure that these ‘potentials’ as they are also known, were frozen out of society until they had undergone re-education, at which point their privileges would be re-instated.

“Non-Voters to Have Citizen Privileges Removed”

In a shock announcement, government Minister for Political Education Michael Donner stated the government’s intention to force everyone to vote in the next and subsequent General Election. Citizens would have 24 hours to vote on Polling Day. If no vote was registered, their citizenship would be revoked in a similar way that the police currently use to arrest suspects and ‘potentials’ until they voted.

“If you want the benefits and privileges of our society, you must also do your duty and vote. You can’t have it both ways,” stated Donner. Asked about what are commonly called ‘dissidents’ – people who thought that two parties **New Tories**, and **Newer Labour** were basically the same and did not want to vote for either, Donner was dismissive. “They will have to vote. They have a perfectly good choice at the moment, I’m sorry if anarchism is not one of them.”

Cynics have pointed to the all-time low voter turnout at the last election as deeply embarrassing to the legitimacy of government. Only 29% of people recently voted the New Tories into power.

“Super Miniature ‘Under The Skin’ ID Card to be Trialled”

Say goodbye to those irritating iris scanners which ask you three times for a scan and then give up, forcing you to wander around looking for a working machine. Now, they could be a thing of the past. A Cambridge company, InjectaChip, has announced a National identity card the size of a grain of rice. Powered by body heat and the faint solar radiation which penetrates the skin's surface, the chip can contain 100x the information currently held on the ID card. Such a device can be implanted under the skin and sealed in such a way that it is impossible to remove or tamper with. Forgotten or lost ID cards, with the constant threat of a prison term, would be a thing of the past as well. The new chip is set to go on trial within the month.

“ID Chip to be Implanted at Birth”

Following InjectaChip's highly successful trial of their 'under the skin' biometric chip, the government are set to announce legislation for the new standard to be implemented within three years. They describe the operation as totally painless and quick, giving people freedom to move around without worrying about carrying ID. "We want more freedom for people," a government spokeswoman claimed. The chip is to be injected into the scalp, under the hair line. The brain, apparently, gives off more heat than any other part of the body, and this is required to power the chip. A spokesperson admitted that bald people might have an 'insignificant bump' after having the chip implanted, but those of us with a full head of hair would notice nothing. Implantation would do away with the much complained-about iris scan. The chip can be detected from up to 10 meters away, and the data read by a small and cheap hand-held scanner. Moves are afoot to implant the chip into all new born babies starting from next August.

“Government Denies Brain Chip Can be Triggered to Produce Unconsciousness”

The government have been asked to come clean about rumours that Injectachip's bio brain chip which we now all have, has a secret 'back door' allowing government agents to send an electrical signal into a target brain, causing immediate unconsciousness. Advocates have claimed this would be useful in detaining violent offenders, immobilising hostage-takers, etc. When asked for a comment, a Ministry of Homeland Security spokesman described the rumours as 'absolute nonsense'.

Government Admits Brain Chip Can be Triggered to Produce Unconsciousness

In a startling turnabout, caused by whistle-blower Derek Henderson, the government have admitted that the bio ID chip implanted in our heads has the capacity to render a victim instantly unconscious. "This would never be used against an innocent citizen and we do not want to be alarmist," an MOHS spokesman said. "This is for use in extreme hostage situations or with very violent people whom we cannot control, any

other way. If you are not violent, or a terrorist or hostage-taker, you really have nothing to fear. We have adequate safeguards in place to ensure that this can never be used accidentally. For example, two police officers have to both agree to the immobilisation before entering the Citizen ID Number.”

“Brain Chip Can be Tracked by Satellite”

The new generation bio ID implants can be tracked by satellite giving the government pinpoint information as to the whereabouts of each UK citizen. “In theory, we can tell where you are to within 10 meters,” said Gavin Butler, InjectaChip’s Head of Development. “But between you and me, it’s a bit weather dependent and 50 meters is probably a more accurate guess.”

Advocates hail the new technology as being indispensable in arresting criminals, finding lost children, and missing persons.

Research indicates that well over 80% of people who go missing actually want to stay missing, but a spokesperson for “Contact” a missing-persons bureau stated: “That’s ridiculous. Who could want to go missing deliberately from our society. It’s a wonderful society...”

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