

A New Proposal for Governing Britain

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We the government of Britain believe the British population through failures of past governments and the concomitant disintegration of society, disregard for the law, and disrespect of authority to be fundamentally untrustworthy, fraudulent, dishonest, and criminal, in rising levels of anti-social behaviour. No citizen can be relied upon to abide by the rules. We therefore aim to enforce those rules by means of the closest possible surveillance of all citizens and their movements. Initially, we intend to cover only activities outside the domestic dwelling, but there will be provisions later on to include all activity, whether within the home, or outside it.

How can we do this? The answer lies in the power of information technology. Over the past twenty years IT has made enormous strides. A single personal computer contains far more computing power than all the mainframes that existed in the 1950s. We intend to harness that power in order to enforce our rules and create a just, orderly and cohesive society.

Since most rule-breaking activities can be tracked or monitored by means of computer technology, that is exactly what we intend shall happen. Wherever it is possible to use technology to check on a citizen's prior, ongoing, or presumed future actions and behaviour, those checks will be made.

However, although we may not know what further advances in technology will yet materialise, what we can be sure of is that it will be essential to know who and

where every citizen of this country is at all times, and this can only be achieved by a compulsory National Identity card that hooks into a new, clean database that is maintained to the highest standard. (We have since discovered that the cost of a new, clean database would be prohibitive, hence we have changed the plan to reuse existing databases. However, this should not be construed by the public as a reduction in the efficacy of what is being proposed.)

While we may currently suggest that the identity card will not be compulsory to *carry*, we can change this at any time in the future by means of an Order in Parliament through the Statutory Instrument process. If we urge the general public that compulsion is necessary as an essential requirement in the war on terror, for example, this can be considered a minor issue and a mere formality at present.

As we create the National Identity Register (NIR), which is a new, clean computer database to be set up and maintained by government-approved contractors and based on existing databases, the key points which describe every citizen's identity will be recorded. In fact, we aim to have at least 50 items of personal data held on each and every citizen in the country. Failure to maintain that data and keep it up to date will render a citizen liable to a significant fine with other repercussions should the fine not be paid. It is envisaged that the data will eventually include various forms of biometric information, such as iris scans, fingerprints, facial mapping and DNA. Indeed, the previous Prime Minister, Tony Blair, has called for all citizens' DNA to be stored, "regardless of whether they have ever been convicted of a crime."

Once we have a sizeable number of the population assimilated in this manner and we have issued an Order in Parliament to effect the compulsory carrying of the card and showing it on demand to any official, whether working for, or on behalf of, the government in whatever capacity, the next stages will become possible. Recording transactions of all kinds will be a trivial exercise as it will be a purely electronic, automated process. The identity card may be required at all retail or service points, as is currently done generally with credit, debit

or store cards, and the transaction will be immediately recorded in the citizen's record on the NIR.

If cash payment methods are slowly withdrawn over several years and electronic payment becomes first the norm, and then mandatory, with no cash in circulation or difficult to obtain (e.g. by deterring citizens from using cash through high penalty fees levied to withdraw money at ATMs or to pay bills other than by Direct Debit), all commercial interaction by the citizen will be recordable, whether he or she is buying goods and services online or at actual retail outlets or service points. In addition, use of the card can be made mandatory for gaining access to public libraries and buildings, hospitals, places of worship, government offices, and any other place deemed necessary to include.

As this data record for each citizen can be scanned by powerful software programs using artificial intelligence, fuzzy matching, probability/trend calculation, and other methods, it will be a simple exercise for data mining to pinpoint all kinds of potentially suspicious behaviour, such as:

- Purchase of certain household or agricultural chemicals
- Purchase of tools and equipment, including pliers, cutters, hammers
- Purchase of accommodation, whether renting, buying, or temporary residence in hotels, boarding houses, and holiday cottages
- Purchase and disposal of vehicles, guns, knives, and any other similar item
- Purchase of luggage of any kind
- Purchase of containers of any kind that could be used for suspicious purposes
- Purchase of alcohol when citizen is underage or associating with any underage citizen who has had previous known access to alcohol
- Purchase of condoms or any other contraception when citizen is underage
- Purchase of morning-after pill when citizen is underage
- Purchase of cigarettes within an area covered by a smoking ban
- Purchase of domestic heating oil or paraffin liable to be used illegally, such as for fuelling vehicles for non-agricultural use
- Purchase of sexual content
- Purchase of political content
- Purchase of certain newspapers, journals and books
- Purchase of membership to any organisation, club, or association
- Purchase of unusual substances, ingredients, recipes or instructions
- Purchase while disqualified of vehicles, fuel, components, or accessories
- Travel outside home area unless to or from employment where citizen is of working age
- Excessive travel for unexplained reasons, or unusual journey patterns or modes of transport
- Curtailing travel before allotted destination, or failure to use pre-booked tickets
- Failure to return from destination as per return ticket allocation

This partial list only covers some of the important areas we shall be including, however further refinements to the system may use silent Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology, possibly built into the card from the outset, to:

- Detect any citizen entering or frequently being within the confines of a meeting hall, place of worship, cinema, entertainment centre, theatre, or any other similar venue

- Detect unjustified loitering inside or outside schools, or in parks, or on beaches, or in any other area designated as potentially suspicious, such as protesters congregating within sight of a military base or in other proscribed areas such as Whitehall
- Detect presence of citizens in certain localities within towns, cities, airports, railway hubs, and major shopping centres

The above can be achieved through remote scanning by means of a system of scanning points similar to blanket coverage by High Definition CCTV camera, and by mobile scanning points carried by Community Support Officers or other authorised officials, temporary staff, and employees from suitably vetted private firms. All details will be stored in the citizen's record on the NIR, which will be used to continually refine the model of behavioural patterns for that citizen and kept in coded, abbreviated form to reduce the amount of data held in total. Any scanning point which fails to detect the presence of a card where one is assumed will immediately and automatically alert the security services. Visitors to Britain will be issued with temporary identity cards free of charge.

Over time we will be able to clamp down on nearly all criminal behaviour and punish this electronically by levying suitable fines, which will be automatically deducted the next time the identity card is used for any purpose. In conjunction with automatic number plate recognition, CCTV, and other technology, such as DNA profiling, facial mapping, and voice pattern recognition, we will increase our ability to control and guide the population to such an extent that a police force in the traditional manner will be less and less necessary.

Even most prisons and other places of incarceration may not be required in the long term, as the minor antisocial behaviour that leads to criminal activity would be traceable, detected early and obliterated. Over time, the enormous costs of criminal activity will be greatly reduced, allowing the government to put more money into caring for the elderly, helping youngsters

to find work, or reducing the council tax. **If citizens default on fines they may be liable** to tagging, house detention, or electronic endorsements added to the identity card to ensure that they comply with the legal process we deem necessary to counteract any opposition. Card endorsements will be carried out electronically and will restrict the citizen's use of the card for a designated period of time. For example, travel to work via public transport might be curtailed for one month, thus necessitating the citizen to find alternative, legal methods of travel or risk losing his or her employment, which in itself would be tantamount to self-induced constructive dismissal. No unemployment benefit or other benefit would be payable under such conditions, as the citizen would be deemed culpable and therefore to have renounced his or her right to state support.

We do not see a requirement for courts, magistrates, judges, or juries in the long term, as all the evidence of criminal behaviour or inferred or implied criminal behaviour in the cases which employ entrapment procedures will be present and verifiable on the citizen's unique NIR record. No plea of innocence would therefore be entertained and would anyway be construed as further evidence of proscribed behaviour.

By these means we are certain that the identity card and associated surveillance technologies will cause the British nation to comply with all rules as laid down by Parliament or ministers. We will thus save the exchequer considerable amounts of revenue, and the country will inevitably become a happier, better place as a result. An ordered society is always a happier society. People from abroad will want to visit Britain again as we make it the place of choice for all tourism, which we see as Britain's major export and revenue earner over the coming decades.

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