

Chapter I

Bye Bye Privacy

"The real choice is liberty versus control. Tyranny, whether it arises under threat of foreign physical attack or under constant domestic authoritative scrutiny, is still tyranny. Liberty requires security without intrusion, security plus privacy. Widespread police surveillance is the very definition of a police state. And that's why we should champion privacy even when we have nothing to hide."

- Bruce Schneier

As 2009 is upon us and 2008 is history, we reflect on the past and future of privacy. As we have consistently maintained, a good look at the past is an excellent barometer for the future!

To say the recent intrusions into our privacy and civil liberties have been of Titanic proportions would be an understatement. These losses are likely permanent and never to be replaced, at least in our lifetime.

The fact of the matter is that very few persons care about their loss of privacy and civil liberties. Privacy is a bit like your health, you don't think much about it until it's gone.

When a recent study shows that most persons would torture another person if ordered to, for the sake of fighting terrorism, it's apparent that the loss of one's privacy and their civil liberties are of little concern to the vast majority.

According to a study by researchers at Santa Clara University in California most would torture another person if ordered to.

The experiment partially explains why prisoners have been abused at the hands of American troops at the U.S. run Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq.

70 per cent of volunteers after being encouraged by authority to administer electric shocks did so even when an actor working in the study expressed being in pain. Source - <http://timeinmoments.wordpress.com/2008/12/22/study-shows-most-would-torture-another-person-if-ordered-to/>

During the past decade or so, these horrific intrusions into our privacy plus the loss of our civil liberties have increased exponentially, especially since George W Bush, Tony Blair et al came to power and the 9/11/2001 disasters. However the theft of privacy began long before 9/11.

During the Clinton years, and before, in addition to the numerous Terrocratic privacy encroaching programs created, we saw the introduction of clipper chips, CAPPs I (Gore's pet project,) the proliferation of CCTV's, Hillary's "Health Identifier Scheme," serious FBI and other governmental agencies surveillance into not only of people of "interest" to J. Edgar Hoover et al, but the spying on everyday American's and visitors from abroad.

Since 9/11 amongst the many intrusive programs and agencies created, we've seen the excogitation of the Total Information Awareness System, the Department of US Homeland Security, Amerika's version of the Gestapo, CAPPs II, DRAPA, FEMA, Real ID and numerous other intrusive programs and agencies ad nauseam.

The TSA or Transportation Security Administration is a part of the US Dept. of Homeland Security. TSA's "Secure Flight Program" sees to it that passengers on their "no fly" list are denied boarding passes as the people on these lists have been tagged as a danger to the flying public, albeit not dangerous enough for arrest or trial. As a consequence, thousands of US citizens are not permitted to fly within or to leave the United States [correct spelling] without special handling, i.e. extra searches and certain delays and much inconvenience, each and every time they wish to travel by an air carrier. This no fly list is rapidly approaching 1 million persons. Amongst the numerous innocent persons, who in nearly all cases are unable to get their names off this list, are David Nelson [think Ozzie & Harriett 1950's TV series] and Senator Edward Kennedy. Try getting your name off this list is nearly impossible unless you're a US Senator!

The first surprise, but not really, with the "Secure Flight program" was the sheer size of it. In paper form it is more than 540 *pages* long. Note that I write five hundred and forty [540] pages long and not 540 words!

In contrast the Lord's Prayer is just 56 words. Lincoln's Gettysburg address is 268 words and the US Declaration of Independence just 1322 words. The U.S. Government's regulation on the sale of cabbages..... 26,911.

Clearly government agencies and programs have gone way overboard and lost any remaining semblance of common sense. Ditto for big business' and the government's theft of your rights and privacy! Common sense has been lost in a barrage of regulations and compliance requirements where, like the famous Energizer Battery commercials, they just keep on going and going, growing and growing. Most of these programs are under penalty if you fail to comply with them, all for the sake of saving you from the bad guys.

For example before 9/11 the government's list of suspected terrorists banned from air travel totaled just 16 names; today there are 44,000. And that doesn't include people the government thinks should be pulled aside for additional security screening. There are another 875,000 people on that list and growing.

Jack Cloonan a twenty-five-year veteran of the FBI who was a special agent for the Bureau's Osama bin Laden unit from 1996 to 2002, says in the headlong rush to get a "NO FLY List" they forgot quality control. "And, we forgot what this was about. This is to prevent an Islamic terrorist who is associated with al Qaeda from getting on a plane. It lacks efficiency and, it makes us, look ineffective and ill equipped," he says.

It also has created enormous frustration and aggravation for tens of thousands of innocent travelers who have the misfortune of sharing a name with someone on the list and some of the names are among the most common in America. Like Gary Smith, John Williams or Robert Johnson.

The list doesn't appear to be a very dangerous group, so says CBS' 60 Minutes. There is a politician, a soccer coach, businessmen, even a member of the military. Yet they say they are pulled aside and interrogated, sometimes for hours until someone at the Transportation Security Administration decides they are not the Robert Johnson on the No Fly List. And they say it happens nearly every time they go to the airport.

"Oh at least at least 15 to 20 times. At least," one of the Robert Johnsons told CBS news.

"Probably for close to 100 segments, every time I would go to get onto an airplane, I would have to go through the process," another says.

"I had my military ID and you know, I go on military bases all the time," Robert Johnson says. "So I can get on any base in the country, but I can't fly on a plane, because I am on the No Fly List."

The Robert Johnson meant to be on the No Fly List would seem to be the known alias of a 62-year-old black man who was convicted of plotting to bomb a Hindu temple and a movie theatre in Toronto. After serving 12 years, he was deported to Trinidad. But the airlines ticket agents don't have any of that information on their computer screens. They just have the name, not even a date of birth.

"There's gotta be some common sense in there. Somebody behind that desk has to say, 'This isn't the guy they're looking for.' Come on," one remarks.

And there is not much they can do about it. Right now their only recourse is to apply to get on another list of people who shouldn't be on the list. Donna Bucella of the Terrorist Screening Center says the inconvenience is regrettable, but it's a price society and anyone named Robert Johnson has to pay for security.

"Well, Robert Johnson will never get off the list," Bucella states.

And she acknowledges that the inconvenience won't go away. "Well, they're gonna be inconvenienced every time they try to go to the kiosk or try to do a curbside check-in because they do have the name of a person who's a known or suspected terrorist," she says.

But not all suspected terrorists are on the government's No Fly List. Joe Trento, while researching his book "Unsafe at Any Altitude" about airline security found what he thought was an obvious omission.

"Now Dawud Sallahuddin, real name David Belfield, lives in Tehran. He carried out the first assassination in Washington on behalf of Ayatollah Khomeini. Dressed up as a mailman and shot somebody. He's allowed to fly," Trento says.

Chapter II

Upholding the law

"Quis custodiet custodes ipsos? - Who watches the watchers?"

The US government and the people working for it, are sworn to uphold the law. In fact in many cases there have been many people working for the government who has broken US laws to implement or continue using and operating these intrusive, and IMO, illegal programs. Some of those people are high up the chain of command I might add.

"During the course of our ongoing review of the Secure Flight program, we found that TSA did not fully disclose to the public its use of personal information in its fall 2004 privacy notices as required by the Privacy Act. In particular, the public was not made fully aware of, nor had the opportunity to comment on, TSA's use of personal information drawn from commercial sources to test aspects of the Secure Flight program. In September 2004 and November 2004, TSA issued privacy notices in the *Federal Register* that included descriptions of how such information would be used. However, these notices did not fully inform the public before testing began about the procedures that TSA and its contractors would follow for collecting, using, and storing commercial data. In addition, the scope of the data used during commercial data testing was not fully disclosed in the notices. Specifically, a TSA contractor, acting on behalf of the agency, collected more than 100 million commercial data records containing personal information such as name, date of birth, and telephone number without informing the public. As a result of TSA's actions, the public did not receive the full protections of the Privacy Act.

Get that? The TSA violated federal law when it secretly expanded Secure Flight's use of commercial data about passengers. It also lied to Congress and the public about it."

Source http://www.schneier.com/blog/archives/2005/07/secure_flight.html

Then you have Echelon. Echelon is supposedly an ultrasecret surveillance network, conducted by the United States and four other English-speaking nations, to overhear and oversee communications and signals. As we have all read about Echelon and other surveillance programs having been used, illegally I might add, to listen in on American citizen's telephone conversations, clearly a violation of US law! This is still going on as I write these words.

What has been done about the people working to protect you, i.e. working for the government, who've broken these laws? Nothing dear readers, absolutely nothing! If it was you found breaking some obscure law, you'd be ground up into a fine grain of sand and blown away for the next 25 years in a tiny room, with a small window... if you were lucky!

Chapter III

The Surveillance programs

"People can always be brought to the bidding of the leaders. All you have to do is tell them they're being attacked and denounce the pacifists for a lack of patriotism and exposing the country to danger. It works the same way in any country."
- Hermann Goering (Second in command to Hitler)

VIPER

About a year or so back Federal air marshals started to expand their work beyond airplanes, launching counter-terror surveillance at train stations and other mass transit facilities like bus stations, etc. So called "Visible Intermodal Protection and Response" teams, or VIPER teams are permanently deployed to check ID's under the banner of counter-terrorism. See http://www.house.gov/list/press/pa13_schwartz/TSAVIPERProgram.html

The Black Widow

Probably the most secret, and dangerous, government surveillance program we know of is the Black Widow. The NSA's colossal Cray supercomputer, code-named the 'Black Widow,' scans millions of domestic and international phone calls and e-mails every hour. The Black Widow, performing hundreds of trillions of calculations per second, searches through and reassembles key words and patterns, across many languages.

In July, George W. Bush signed into law the FISA Amendments Act of 2008, which gives the NSA even more power to look for patterns that suggest terrorism links in Americans' telephone and Internet communications. Senator and soon to be President Barack Obama voted for this law.

The government is now permitted to conduct intrusive surveillance without ever telling a court who it intends to spy on, what phone lines and e-mail addresses it intends to monitor, where its surveillance targets are located, why it's conducting the surveillance or whether it suspects any party to the communication of wrongdoing.

This gives the word "dragnet" an especially chilling new meaning. So much for the land of the free!

DARPA, TIPS aka TANGRAM

Amongst the many other government surveillance programs that have eroded your privacy and civil liberties, there is TIA [Total Information Awareness.] In November 2002, the New York Times reported that the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (**DARPA**) was developing a tracking system called "Total Information Awareness" (TIA), which was intended to detect terrorists through analyzing troves of information. The system, developed under the direction of John Poindexter, then-director of DARPA's Information Awareness Office, was envisioned to give law enforcement access to private data without suspicion of wrongdoing or a warrant.

TIA purported to capture the "information signature" of people so that the government could track potential terrorists and criminals involved in "low-intensity/low-density" forms of warfare and crime. The goal was to track individuals through collecting as much information about them as possible and using computer algorithms and human analysis to detect potential activity.

The Federal Government's "Citizen Watch" program, **Operation TIPS** - Terrorism Information and Prevention System. Operation TIPS, the Justice Department's aborted plan, has now morphed into Tangram, the new government name, to utilize citizen informants. It might be a new name but you still have the same intrusions into your privacy. - <http://www.dojgov.net/TIPS-01.htm>

These types of programs and agencies certainly invoke the specter of the East German secret police, the Stasi, and communist Cuba's block watch system. The *Kempeitai* (Corps of Law Soldiers") was the military police arm of the Imperial Japanese Army. They were often known as Tokubetsu Koto Keisatsu ("Special Higher Police.") Then you had the Tokku. The Tokku, or The Thought Police as they were better known, were the Japanese equivalent of Hitler's Gestapo. In the early 1930's before WW2, the Tokku welcomed secret communications from its citizens about other citizens. They encouraged citizens to spy on each other.

Everyone has heard of the former Soviet Union's feared KGB, the Russian abbreviation of "Committee for State Security" and the horrors the KGB produced! KGB was their name and murder and torture was their game. Probably the worse was the Nazi Gestapo.

Education played a very important part in Nazi Germany in trying to cultivate a loyal following for Hitler and the Nazis. The Nazis were aware that education would create loyal Nazis by the time they reached adulthood. The Hitler Youth had been created for post-school activities and schools were to play a critical part in developing a loyal following for Hitler - indoctrination and the use of propaganda were to be a common practice in Nazi schools and the education system.

Enforcing a Nazi curriculum on schools depended on the teachers delivering it. All teachers had to be vetted by local Nazi officials. Any teacher considered disloyal was sacked. Many attended classes during school holidays in which the Nazi curriculum was spelled out and 97% of all teachers joined the Nazi Teachers' Association. All teachers had to be careful about what they said as children were encouraged to inform the authorities if a teacher said something that did not fit in with the Nazi's curriculum for schools.

Chapter IV

Its 1984 All Over Again!

"Relying on the government to protect your privacy is like asking a peeping tom to install your window blinds."

- John Perry Barlow

Back to the future. Today both the US' and UK' public school policy is seeing to it that your children are being brainwashed into spying on their friends and family a la Tokku style!

Source - <http://www.idea.gov.uk/idk/core/page.do?pageId=4890070>

Children as young as eight have been recruited by councils to "snoop" on their neighbours and report petty offences such as littering, the UK Daily Telegraph disclosed. – Source <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/2689996/Children-aged-eight-enlisted-as-council-snoopers.html>

Is history repeating itself? It's starting to look that way isn't it? Using children in such a manner as the above articles point out is reprehensible at best as well as being horribly despicable and downright immoral.

Many states, including Chile, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Romania and South Africa, have used secret police to control internal dissent. The former East Germany's much feared Stasi (State Security Ministry) controlled every aspect of life, including the postal service and communications industry. Before 20,000 Germans stormed its headquarters, it included an extremely loyal 10,000-man army alongside 86,000 regulars, and owned its own prisons, hospitals, and construction firms.

But we don't have to look to totalitarian states for cautionary tales. There's a long and troubling history of military surveillance in Amerika and the UK. That history suggests that you should loathe allowing the Terrocrats to access to your personal information.

In the United States, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has been accused of operating as a secret police force. Documents released under the Freedom of Information Act reveal a history of domestic political spying on famous authors such as Ernest Hemingway, Marilyn Monroe the movie actress, on civil-rights leaders such as Martin Luther King, Jr., and on a wide variety of legitimate organizations. These domestic counterintelligence programs (COINTELPROs) used infiltration, eavesdropping, and disinformation campaigns to harass and destroy such groups as the Black Panthers and the American Indian Movement.

Chapter V

The Agencies

"The real menace of our Republic is the invisible government which like a giant octopus sprawls its slimy legs over our cities, states and nation. At the head is a small group of banking houses... This little coterie...run our government for their own selfish ends. It operates under cover of a self-created screen...seizes...our executive officers...legislative bodies...schools...courts...newspapers and every agency created for the public protection."

- N.Y. Mayor, John Hylan

26 US Federal agencies!

Agency for International Development
Corporation for National and Community Service
Department of Agriculture
Department of Commerce
Department of Defense [EXIT Disclaimer]
Department of Education
Department of Energy
Department of Health and Human Services
Department of Homeland Security
Department of Housing and Urban Development
Department of the Interior
Department of Justice
Department of Labor
Department of State
Department of Transportation
Department of the Treasury
Department of Veterans Affairs
Environmental Protection Agency
Institute of Museum and Library Services
National Aeronautics and Space Administration
National Archives and Records Administration
National Endowment for the Arts
National Endowment for the Humanities
National Science Foundation
Small Business Administration
Social Security Administration

There are 26 US Federal Agencies; each agency has dozens if not hundreds of sub agencies and departments beneath them. For example the DEA, or Drug Enforcement Agency, is a component of the US Department of Justice. The FBI is another component of the US Department of Justice. Each is a huge bureaucracy within a larger bureaucracy, stacked with sub agencies and departments of all sorts over and beneath the component agency employing tens of thousands of government employees who are living off the public tit!

Worse, each federal and sub agency has tons of information on you, starting with the date, place and time of your birth, your religion, race, politics, where you live and have lived, your marital status, how much you earn, how you spend it, how much you owe, what your net worth is, what you own, how you acquired you assets, where and how you travel as well as a complete history of your medical records. The dates and surveillance covers every aspect of your day to day living as well as your entire life from the day you were born until

right up until today. In fact this information remains, probably, forever... even after your demise.

Sometime back we received an email from a subscriber who happened to be a junior, (e.g. John Doe, Junior.) John Doe Senior had IRS tax liens and debt problems from more than 50 years ago and that information was placed erroneously on junior's credit report in spite of the fact that senior had been dead for forty years and that it was entirely impossible for senior to apply for anything. As far as we know junior is still trying to get this erroneous and damaging information off his credit report. It's all there ready to access at the stroke of a computer key by the Terrocrats, identity thieves and others, especially big business, anywhere at any time, even after you're dead with all the correct or incorrect information about you. The real problem is that you'll never know what information, right or wrong, the Terrocrats have on you as it is a serious Federal offense to disclose such information under Patriot Acts I and II.

With government super computers being used along with thousands of government databases containing tens of billions of pieces of information on all American citizens and residents', profiling is right at the top of the list as being the most intrusive threat to your privacy in the history of mankind.

Chapter VI

Profiling is dangerous to your person!

"Privacy is essential to Liberty."
- unknown

Computer matching is intrusive. Proceed with caution.

"Computer matching and data profiling are powerful tools for business and government to manage relationships with clients and stakeholders. However, the practice poses challenges if not implemented with care and due regard for a person's privacy rights.

Computer matching is a technique where two or more databases are matched on the basis of personal identifiers (e.g., social insurance number, driver's license number, name and address, etc.). Each database is usually compiled for purposes other than the matching activity. The results of the matching activity may be used, for example, to identify individuals who might come under investigation for abuse of government programs.

Data profiling, on the other hand, is a matching activity on one or more databases to identify target individuals based upon characteristics other than personal identifiers (e.g., individuals that have a certain demographic or consumer profile). The results of the profiling might be used to introduce the individuals to a product or service that might be of interest.

A highly-publicized example of computer matching activity was that undertaken by the federal government when they paired customs records of Canadian travellers with employment insurance (EI) records in an attempt to catch EI recipients that might be leaving the country.

Individuals who have left the country are presumably not looking for work and that would disqualify them from EI benefits.

The Privacy Commissioner of Canada took the government to court over this practice, and it has been discontinued while the case is under appeal. However this is not the case in the United States [correct spelling.]

As taxpayers, we should all be concerned about abuse of government programs. Abuse of these programmes costs citizens millions of dollars in taxes, but the ability to do this analysis does not mean that we should. Opting in favour of increased computer matching and data profiling would make Canada a surveillance society, much like America has become.

Computer matching in general is intrusive from many perspectives. First, many individuals, most of whom have not done anything wrong, are subjected to an unreasonable search. Computer matching and data profiling are also intrusive because the information is often collected for purposes other than that of the matching activity, and because the individual has not consented to this new use of the information.

Computer matching and data profiling can be made less intrusive by adhering to a few principles. Identify the matching activities early in the project and design and obtain the individual's consent at the time the personal information is collected. If the matching activity is identified after the information is collected, consent is required for this new purpose.

Prepare a business case for the matching activity. Matching activities are more acceptable to the Canadians when the public benefits are substantial or where they support an important societal function such as certain law enforcement activities.

Verify the results of the matching activity before management actions are taken. In one American example, individuals that were identified in a computer matching activity were automatically disqualified from welfare benefits if they had bank accounts over a certain level. It turned out that many of these individuals continued to be eligible for welfare because the money was not theirs. For example, they may have been executors to an estate. Verifying the results of the matching activity would have revealed the error in the underlying assumptions.

Considering these factors will assist you in deciding whether to proceed with a computer matching or data profiling project." – Source
<http://www.itworldcanada.com/a/ComputerWorld/738301af-9045-4f5e-9d5a-e80f4a988eaa.html>

DHS

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) was created after 9/11 and employs tens of thousands of bureaucrats. The DHS has a "little-known screening system that creates risk assessments of travelers." Opponents of the Automated Targeting System (ATS) have cited numerous issues, including privacy concerns and claims that there is no way to correct erroneous information. Travel Weekly says the system works by giving DHS manifests listing cargo and travelers headed into the USA. The Department then checks those records and names against "any kind of terror watch list that we have," according to DHS spokesman Jarrod Agen. The DHS says it plans to keep the profiles in ATS for 40 years. Citing what it calls "a firestorm of protest over ATS."

Most certainly ATS is a good example of secret government profiling programs. People's email addresses, bank accounts, credit cards and past travel history are searched and the results are to be stored for 40 years. In other words, forever!

Other profiling programs are the Traveler Screening Program, The Clear program and the Registered Traveler Program. The RTP was temporarily halted after there was a Data Breach. Even worse The Clear registered traveler program suffered a security breach when a laptop was stolen. The laptop contains unencrypted personal information regarding approximately 33,000 travelers, including names and addresses, as well as passport and driver's license numbers.

So can you, do you, trust your government with your personal information? What should scare you most of all is the information the government has on you, right or wrong that you don't know about, that will, could hurt you at some future date.

Personally I see little difference in today's profiling of people who happen to be of the Muslim religion, a vegetarian or a person who likes to travel in first class and or request an aisle seat with what the Nazi's used to profile gay males and other 'undesirables' in the 1930's and 1940's, i.e. The Pink Triangle (German: Rosa Winkel.)

The Pink Triangles

"Ambiguously-worded laws can be used against the innocent any time."
- Greg Perry

The Pink Triangle was one of the Nazi concentration camp badges, used by the Nazis to identify male prisoners in concentration camps who were sent there because of their homosexuality.

Today's national REAL ID card (US drivers license with your social security number attached to it,) is also intended to be used for this purpose, i.e. to identify you, just as the Nazis used early IBM computer punch card technology to catalogue lists of homosexuals, gypsies and Jews, better known as "enemies of the state," before the round-ups began.

History has a funny habit of repeating itself. Study World War II closely on how IBM backed the Nazi Regime utilizing the Hollerith Machine. The Hollerith Machine was a punch card system that aided in cataloguing the population. This IBM technology gave the fascist, totalitarian state the much needed technology boost to increase its rate of human data processing. The goal was simple, extreme nationalism which called for the unification of all German-speaking peoples and eradicating the enemies of the state namely the Jews and other non-compliant races including gypsies and homosexuals amongst other 'enemies'. Most people today know of or about the holocaust the Nazi's created during the Second World War. The Jews of Europe were the primary targets. However it wasn't just the Jews and Gypsies that Nazi Germany wanted to ID and eventually eliminate.

The Nazi amendments to Paragraph 175, the sodomy provision of the German penal code, dating back to 1871, turned homosexuality from a minor offense into a felony and remained intact after the Second World War for a further 24 years.

Nazi IBM computer punch cards were first used to identify gay males who were then forced to wear what was to become known as "The Pink Triangles." This was the Nazi symbol of an inverted pink triangle used exclusively to denote and "identify" male homosexuals. Once identified by the computer punch cards, those so denoted, both gays and non-gays, innocent or guilty, were forced to wear and display The Pink Triangle. Between 1933 and 1945, 100,000 men were arrested under Paragraph 175. Some were imprisoned, others were sent to concentration camps. Only about 4,000 survived the war.

Fast forward to the year 2009 and you have IBM funding the parent company of the Verichip namely Applied Digital Solutions [ADSX]. The VeriChip Corporation is both FDA approved and patented with the owner of patent (#6,400,338) granted recently to VeriChip's manufacturer, Digital Angel Corporation, with worldwide patents pending. Read more about the Verichip in Chapter XVI following.

Section 44 of the Terrorism Act in Britain enables police to obtain the name and address details of anyone they choose, whether they are acting suspiciously or not. Those details remain on a database forever. To date, 150,000 names of political activists have been taken and this is a figure that will skyrocket once the post 7/7 figures are taken into account. At the height of the Iraq war protests in the UK, around a million people marched across the country. However, most of these people were taking part in a political protest for the first time and as a one off. Even if we take a figure of half, 500,000 people being politically active in Britain that means that the government has already registered around a quarter of political activists in the UK. - Source Chapter XV, The Pink Triangles
http://www.ptshamrock.com/secret/feb_2007.html

One of the major differences with today's profiling is that you don't know what you have been profiled with by the Terrocrats. Worse it is highly unlikely you'd ever find out what information they have profiled you with, whether the information is correct or not, as it is against US law [think Patriots Acts I and II] to disclose such information. You might learn

the hard way that you are on some list, but you'll never know what got you on that list, and/or what information about you is contained on those lists.

A democracy is based on transparency, equality and justice for all. No one, especially the government, should be above the law, But US laws have been changed by those in power to side step such inconveniences as the law.

A republic is a state or country that is not led by a hereditary monarch, but in which the people (or at least a part of its people) have an impact on its government (in the United States of America's terms "by the people, of the people, and for the people"). The word originates from the Latin term *res publica*, which literally translates as "public thing" or "public matter".

I wonder what Amerika's founding fathers' would think about the country they created two hundred and thirty three years ago?

Chapter VII

2009 and the beyond!

“Greetings, my friend. We are all interested in the future, for that is where you and I are going to spend the rest of our lives. And remember my friend; future events such as these will affect you in the future.”

- The Amazing Criswell, Plan 9 from Outer Space (1959)

So where are we today? Let's take a look. The US and world economies are in or near a depression. The USD is tanking after having lost more than 40 percent of its value in a few short years! Worse, millions of persons are unemployed and losing their homes. Millions more stand to lose their jobs, homes and families. Why? Whilst I'm not an economist, clearly the US, UK and other governments lying to their citizens about weapons of mass destruction (that never existed) as being their Raison d'etre for going to War in Afghanistan and Iraq, plus the horrific cost of the war on terror is certainly one reason. Remember what Franklin D. Roosevelt said:

“Don't forget what I discovered that over ninety percent of all national deficits from 1921 to 1939 were caused by payments for past, present, and future wars.”

It gets worse. The biggest names in business are near or in bankruptcy. Camera-maker Polaroid has filed for US Chapter 11 bankruptcy. Lehman Brothers and Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac plus Kmart and many other name brand companies have all filed for bankruptcy. Insurance giant American International Group (A.I.G.) is yet another fallen from grace company. A.I.G. and Washington Mutual, the nation's largest savings and loan, might falter.

The Treasury and Federal Reserve had already stepped in on several occasions to rescue the financial system, forcing a shotgun marriage between Bear Stearns and JPMorgan Chase last year (2008) and backstopping \$29 billion worth of troubled assets — and then agreeing to bail out Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac at YOUR (taxpayers,) expense! The mighty brokerage firm, Merrill Lynch was sold at a knock down price in order to avoid bankruptcy. Even the auto giants General Motors, Ford and Chrysler have or will file for bankruptcy, in spite of billions being thrown at them. Can you imagine that? The mighty American automobile giants falling along the wayside, just as did America's steel industry, shipping industry, electronic industry, music instrument industry in addition to dozens of other brand name and unknown American industries.

It remains to be seen whether the government bailout of the automobile industry will turn out for the best. However a fact that most overlook is that this US government bailout of the automobile industry also presents the largest expansion of government power and oversight in US history, which will have challenging effects on all.

IMO it is doubtful all three US automakers will survive in the long haul. Perhaps if they were to be bundled into a single company and workers and office employees agree to lower wages and cost cutting to what the Japanese pay, there might there be a chance of staying alive and remaining in business. Of course most important is that Detroit needs to produce automobiles the consumers want, not what they think the people want. Lest you think we're writing nonsense about the US automobile industry, take a moment and recall the British automobile bailout and the billions of pounds lost on the former British Leyland (BL) automobile company.

The Notoriety of British Leyland

British Leyland (BL), which was the result of industry consolidation during the 1960s, became the most famous of the U.K.'s lame ducks with a seemingly endless need for public money.

From its volume production plant at Longbridge in Birmingham, the birthplace of the U.K. motor industry, BL supported many thousands of industry suppliers. But its products could not effectively compete with those of Japan and other foreign suppliers.

Like the automakers in Detroit, the claim was that with just a little more government support, BL would turn the corner. But it never did. Eventually, the BL Empire, which received about GBP 1.4 billion of government equity between 1979 and 1983 alone, was dismembered; much of the infamous Longbridge site has subsequently become derelict.

The payback for taxpayers from BL has been miserable, with little of the industry remaining. Yet just as in Glasgow, the impact on the local city turned out to be smaller than expected, despite the ominous predictions. Modern Birmingham, now less dependent upon the motor industry, is more diversified--and more capable of absorbing today's major economic setbacks.

Detroit's DeLorean at Dunmurry

Equally high profile in the late 1970s were the efforts of successive governments to create a motor industry in Northern Ireland, when the sectarian disputes between Catholics and Protestants were near their height and exacerbating the industrial problems of the area. For those that may not realize it, Northern Ireland is a part of [not so] Great Britain, aka the United Kingdom, and is not a part of the Republic of Ireland.

A flamboyant former GM executive, the late John DeLorean, promised to bring his revolutionary winged car design to Northern Ireland, where a new factory at Dunmurry would provide some 2,000 jobs.

As the hype ran seriously ahead of the reality, DeLorean's vision crumbled, with just 9,000 cars--and many dissatisfied customers--being produced. The whole DeLorean episode cost the U.K. government an estimated GBP 80 million (in 1981 money).

In late December 2008 the dollar had one of its biggest one-day drops against the euro and fell to a 13-year low against the Japanese yen as near-zero interest rates and the Federal Reserve's plan to print vast sums of cash dilute the value of the greenback.

Hyperinflation a la Zimbabwean style is possible in the major western countries of the world. In late December 2008 the new Z\$10 billion note was worth US\$20. However the value of the Zim dollar depreciates 50% daily, until it will become worthless and a Z\$50 billion note will be needed to replace the worthless notes on hand as I write these words.

So you might be thinking, what does the above have to do with privacy? Simple; the cost of implementing governmental surveillance and other intrusive programs, agencies and personnel to save you from yourself and the bad guys has had a direct bearing on the economy and state of your and the government's finances.

The government figures for what they claim will be needed to bail out and save Amerika's, Britain's and other countries business', is a mere drop in the bucket as to what will really be

needed. The US stimulus package with a price tag that they say could top \$700 billion, could turn out to be a heck of a lot more than that! Soon to be President Barak Obama has pledged 3 million new jobs for Americans. A worthy goal and thought, but at what cost and what result? For more insight into this, see "New Deal Spending Programs Didn't Work Then And Won't Work Now" - <http://chrisberryonthe.net/2008/12/01/new-deal-spending-programs-didnt-work-then-and-wont-work-now/>

If you don't think the USD will be replaced with a new US currency; or if you feel that the USD depreciating or being depreciated until it's 90% of its current value is not possible; and if you think that hyper inflation a la Zimbabwean style is not possible, then just think about the American automobile industry!

Chapter VIII

Surveillance

"Our constitution is named a democracy, because it is in the hands not of the few but of the many. But our laws secure equal justice for all in their private disputes, and our public opinion welcomes and honors talent in every branch of achievement, not for any sectional reason but on grounds of excellence alone. And as we give free play to all in our public life, so we carry the same spirit into our daily relations with one another. . . . Open and friendly in our private intercourse, in our public acts we keep strictly within the control of law. We acknowledge the restraint of reverence; we are obedient to whomsoever is set in authority, and to the laws, more specially to those which offer protection to the oppressed and those unwritten ordinances whose transgression brings admitted shame."

- Thucydides (c.460 - 400 BC) Ib. II, Funeral Oration of Pericles, 37

Boffins in Ohio has taken another step towards the total global surveillance panopticon of the future, developing software which can autonomously track an individual through a city using CCTV cameras.

James W Davis, associate prof at the Ohio State computer science and engineering department, developed the new spyware with the aid of grad student Karthik Sankaranarayanan.

Davis and Sankaranarayanan's code works by using a pan-tilt-zoom camera to create a panoramic image of its entire field of view, and then linking each ground pixel in the picture to a georeferenced location on a map. This means that when the camera sees a person or vehicle, the computer also knows in terms of map coordinates where it is looking.

That in turn makes it possible for a new camera to be trained on the target as he/she/it passes out of the first one's field of view. In this way, a subject can be followed automatically anywhere that the monitoring computer has CCTV coverage. There's no need for a human operator to manually train cameras around, using up man-hours and sooner or later making a mistake and losing track.

"That's the advantage of linking all the cameras together in one system - you could follow a person's trajectory seamlessly," says Davis.

For now, such camera networks are small and localised. However, the Home Office here in the UK has said it would like to "create an effective cross country strategic CCTV network". Such a network, combined with Davis and Sankaranarayanan's new software, would allow plods or spooks to track people completely hands-off. That said, until facial-recognition software gets a lot better the computers would lose their target as soon as he or she left CCTV coverage.

Not content with his efforts so far, Davis wants to go even further and write code which can pick out people "engaging in nefarious behaviour".

"We are trying to automatically learn what typical activity patterns exist in the monitored area, and then have the system look for atypical patterns that may signal a person of interest," he says.

Such systems are already being trialed, and are known to be more than a bit flaky. The panoramic-map software with its people-tracking abilities seems more promising - from a surveillance operator's point of view, anyway.

The following article was published by the Associated Press.

Unmarked "Star Wars" Chopper keeps Tabs on people from high above. The era of the "Black Unmarked Government helicopter" Spy has arrived

May 23, 2008

NEW YORK (AP) - On a cloudless spring day, the NYPD helicopter soars over the city, its sights set on the Statue of Liberty.

A dramatic close-up of Lady Liberty's frozen gaze fills one of three flat-screen computer monitors mounted on a console. Hundreds of sightseers below are oblivious to the fact that a helicopter is peering down on them from a mile and a half away.

"They don't even know we're here," said crew chief John Diaz, speaking into a headset over the din of the aircraft's engine.

The helicopter's unmarked paint job belies what's inside: an arsenal of sophisticated surveillance and tracking equipment powerful enough to read license plates—or scan pedestrians' faces—from high above the nation's largest metropolis.

Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly has said that no other U.S. law enforcement agency "has anything that comes close" to the surveillance chopper, which was designed by engineers at Bell Helicopter and computer technicians based on NYPD specifications. The chopper is named simply "23"—for the number of police officers killed in the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

Kelly even envisions someday using futuristic "stationary airborne devices" similar to blimps to conduct reconnaissance.

Civil rights advocates are skeptical about the push for more surveillance, arguing it reflects the NYPD's evolution into ad hoc spy agency.

Police insist that law-abiding New Yorkers have nothing to fear.

"Obviously, we're not looking into apartments," Diaz said during a recent flight. "We don't invade the privacy of individuals. We only want to observe anything that's going on in public."

The helicopter's powers of observation come from a high-powered robotic camera mounted on a turret projecting from its nose like a periscope. The camera has infrared night-vision capabilities and a satellite navigation system that allows police to automatically zoom in on a location by typing in the address on a computer keyboard.

The surveillance system can beam live footage to police command centers or even to wireless hand-held devices.

"The commander on the ground can see what we're seeing," Diaz said.

Chapter IX

Kiss Privacy Bye Bye

"The right to be left alone—the most comprehensive of rights, and the right most valued by a free people." — Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis, *Olmstead v. U.S.*, 277 U.S. 438 (1928)

Your mother's maiden name is not the secret you think it is. That sort of "personal identifier" is being used by banks, credit agencies, doctors, insurers and retailers -- supposedly to protect you against the theft of your identity -- can be found out in a flash from a member of the new security-industrial complex. There goes the "personal identifier" that you presume a stranger would not know, along with your Social Security number and soon your face and DNA.

Record Retention in the Digital Age

In the past five years, what most of us only recently thought of as "nobody's business" has become the big business of everybody's business. Perhaps you are one of the 30 million Americans who pay for what you think is an unlisted telephone number to protect your privacy. But when you order an item using an 800 number, your own number may become fair game for any retailer who subscribes to one of the booming corporate data-collection services. In turn, those services may be -- and some have been -- penetrated by identity thieves.

Another chilling surveillance program, thanks to Patriot Acts I and II, includes total surveillance of your movements at your public library. Anyone who takes out, or reads a book; uses a computer and other facilities at a public library is subject to government surveillance and your details are placed on numerous databases for profiling and other nefarious purposes.

Confidentiality of library records should be a core value for all libraries and for all citizens and users. One cannot exercise the right to read if the possible consequences include damage to one's reputation, ostracism from the community or workplace, or criminal penalties. Choice requires both a varied selection and the assurance that one's choice is not monitored.

For libraries to flourish as centers for uninhibited access to information, librarians must stand behind their users' right to privacy and freedom of inquiry. Sadly this is no longer the case in Amerika thanks to Patriot Acts I and II.

Just as people who borrow murder mysteries are unlikely to be murderers, so those seeking information about terrorism are unlikely to be terrorists. Assuming a sinister motive based on library users' reading choices makes no sense and leads to fishing expeditions that both waste precious law enforcement resources and have the potential to chill Americans' inquiry into current events and public affairs.

The right to privacy is the right to open inquiry without having the subject of one's interest examined or scrutinized by others, especially the government, which is suppose to protecting its citizens, not profiling them. Confidentiality relates to the possession of personally identifiable information, including such library-created records as closed-stack call slips, computer sign-up sheets, registration for equipment or facilities, circulation records, Web sites visited, reserve notices, or research notes.

As with library surveillance above, the same is true with your web browsing history. US and UK ISP's if not being done already, will soon be required by law to store all your on-online data, read that behavior, for years. Personally I don't believe they'll ever be destroyed in spite of a very limited opposition to the contrary from a few privacy organizations. The FBI and multiple members of Congress have insisted that Internet service providers must be legally required to keep records of their users' activities for later review by police.

Their suggestions for mandatory data retention revive a push for potentially sweeping federal laws--which civil libertarians oppose--that flagged the resignation of Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, the idea's most prominent proponent.

Multiple proposals to mandate data retention have surfaced in the U.S. Congress. One, backed by Rep. Diana DeGette, a Colorado Democrat, said that any Internet service that "enables users to access content" must indefinitely retain records that would permit police to identify each user. Another came from Wisconsin Rep. F. James Sensenbrenner, a close ally of President Bush, and a third was written by Rep. Smith.

ISP snooping time line

In a series of events first reported by CNET News.com, Bush administration officials have lobbied to force Internet providers to keep track of what Americans are doing online:

- June 2005: Justice Department officials quietly propose data retention rules.
- December 2005: European Parliament votes for data retention of up to two years.
- April 14, 2006: Data retention proposals surface in Colorado and the U.S. Congress.
- April 20, 2006: Attorney General Gonzales says data retention "must be addressed."
- April 28, 2006: Rep. DeGette proposes data retention amendment.
- May 16, 2006: Rep. Sensenbrenner drafts data retention legislation, but backs away from it two days later.
- May 26, 2006: Gonzales and FBI Director Mueller meet with Internet and telecommunications companies.
- February 6, 2007: Rep. Smith introduces bill that would give the Justice Department broad authority to write data retention rules. – Source http://news.cnet.com/8301-13578_3-9926803-38.html

Your medical records are another "at risk" category that sadly lacks oversight.

Your Permanent Medical Records

Laurie Rinehart-Thompson, JD, RHIA, CHP, assistant professor of clinical allied medicine at The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio says that unfortunately for patients, even among paper-based facilities, medical records departments often retain data long after the state-mandated period for retention. Many times, records are never destroyed. "I surveyed a range of hospital types," she said. "It wasn't necessarily just teaching or academic medical centers that wanted to keep records permanently for research or teaching purposes. Community and rural hospitals were also keeping records permanently, and those were often paper records."

Some facilities put a cap on the number of years they'll hold a record, but Rinehart-Thompson said she was surprised to find how many facilities assume the burden of permanent retention to best serve patients.

"Even if that [state] law says 10 years or 25 years, the majority are still going above and beyond and keeping [records] permanently," Rinehart-Thompson said.

Protection?

The Terrocrats are hard at work saving and protecting you from the bad guys. The UK authorities have stripped searched a clown. See <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1099322/PC-Konk-clown-strip-searched-airport-security-guards--thought-terrorist.html>

I'm sure we're being protected from a clown that has the potential to hit you or someone else with a party balloon. Should a occurrence would certainly hurt you wouldn't it? The incredible dumbing down continues.

The authorities have gone so far overboard with this so-called terrorism business, at your expense, it's ridiculous. That is unless you understand what they're real purpose is? The real purpose is, of course, to have total surveillance over EVERYONE'S physical and financial movements, wherever you are and whatever you're transactions are worldwide!

Terrorism is big business. The bureaucracies, military and all governmental agencies budgets have grown exponentially since the end of the cold war. Of course they have to have a war to fight and a purpose for their applications in order to implement, use and expand their surveillance programs, weapons and the huge personnel at the numerous bureaucracies created in their "war in terrorism," don't they? Can you imagine Tiger Woods practicing for thirty years without ever entering a golf tournament?

Chapter X

Why Privacy?

"The right to privacy is a part of our basic freedoms. Privacy is fundamental to close family ties, competitive free enterprise, the ownership of property, and the exchange of ideas."

- PT Shamrock - issue one PTBuzz, 1994

Why do you and I need privacy? Privacy is essential to the exercise of free speech, free thought, and free association.

If we are observed in all matters, we are constantly under threat of correction, judgment, criticism, even plagiarism of our own uniqueness. We will become children in a nanny police state, fettered under watchful eyes, constantly fearful that—either now or in the uncertain future—patterns we leave behind will be brought back to implicate us, by whatever authority has now become focused upon our once-private and innocent acts. We lose our individuality, because everything we do is observable and recordable forever.

Lack of privacy and confidentiality chills users' choices, thereby suppressing access to ideas. The possibility of surveillance, whether direct or through access to records of speech, research and exploration, undermines a democratic society.

ADVISE - Homeland Security's Super-Snoop Program

Homeland Security officials have tested a super-snoop computer system that sifts through personal information on U.S. citizens to detect possible terrorist attacks, prompting concerns from lawmakers who have called for investigations.

The system uses the same data-mining process that was developed by the Pentagon's Total Information Awareness (TIA) project.

Information was gathered by the Government Accountability Office (GAO) investigation of the project called ADVISE - Analysis, Dissemination, Visualization, Insight and Semantic Enhancement. ADVISE ranks right up there at the top alongside **BLACK WIDOW** as one of the most intrusive governmental programs for stealing one's privacy.

The ADVISE and TIA data-mining projects rely on personal data to track individual behavior and consumer transactions to develop computer algorithms that create a pattern that some behavioral scientists say can predict terrorist behavior.

Data can include credit-card purchases, telephone or Internet details, medical records, travel and banking information.

Homeland Security spending bill tucked away \$100 million in funding to go forward in the budget for the project.

"The ADVISE program is designed to extract relationships and correlations from large amounts of data to produce actionable intelligence on terrorists," the spending bill said, although protection for the average citizen is lacking.

"Recent increased awareness about the existence of the TIA project provoked expressions of concern about the potential for the invasion of privacy of law-abiding citizens by the government, and about the direction of the project by John Poindexter, a central figure in the Iran-Contra affair," the CRS report said.

ADVISE was initiated in 2003 and has grown exponentially ever since. The newer system includes data-mining tools to digest "massive quantities of information from many different sources" to find "hidden relationships in the data," according to a report by Sandia National Laboratories and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory on a Homeland Security workshop that outlined this and other technology under development.

The technology analyzes more than 3 million "relationships" or connections per hour, says the report, which included an example of how friends, family members, locations and workplaces can be linked by pinging the data.

On another privacy stealing note, a British company has developed a system of seat-based body sensors that measure passenger anxiety levels. Locked into a control panel, it signals the aircraft cabin crew. At that point, the crew would make decisions on whether or not to subdue the passenger.

The rationale for this system of emotion and thought monitoring is based on stopping "air rage" or potential terrorists.

"The thin-film sensors could aid cabin crew in monitoring passengers for things like anxiety or high stress or someone who has been motionless for some time," said Mel Foster of QinetiQ Plc, the British government-owned company behind the sensors.

Airlines and governments are becoming increasingly strident in controlling the actions and words of passengers. By hooking passengers up to what is essentially a polygraph built into each seat, they will be making subjective decisions on whether to restrain an anxiety ridden passenger who just might be upset over visiting a relative or going on a business trip.

Upon landing, the passenger under restraint could be met and interrogated by government agents.

QinetiQ said its proposed seat sensors could also help combat "economy class syndrome" -- potentially fatal blood clots suffered by some passengers flying long distances in cramped conditions.

Foster said the sensors cost tens of dollars each and could be ready in 12 to 18 months, although the big cost would be in integrating them into existing aircraft systems.

No mention has yet been made of combining this system with either auto restraints or something triggered by a flight attendant pressing a button on a control panel.

Robot cameras To Target Citizens based on Actions and Personality

In the interest of predicting crimes before they happen, Computers and Closed Circuit TV monitors could soon be targeting people and alerting police based on their own intuition. According to the Independent (UK), computers can be taught "acceptable" and "unacceptable" patterns of behavior.

Moving in the direction of computers making life decisions based on approval of someone's actions, is alleged to predict and prevent crimes before they happen.

At Kingston University in London, scientists claim to have developed software able to anticipate if someone is about to mug an old lady or plant a bomb at an airport. It works by examining images coming in from close circuit television cameras (CCTV) and comparing them to behavioral patterns that have been pre-programmed into its memory.

The software, called Cromatica, can then mathematically work out what is likely to happen next. And if it decides that your actions are "undesirable" it can send a warning signal to a security guard or police officer.

The system was developed by Dr Sergio Velastin, of Kingston University's Digital Imaging Research Centre. Dr Velastin explained that not feeling safe was a major reason why some people did not use public transportation. "In some ways, women and the elderly are effectively excluded from the public transport system," he said.

Mr. Velastin went on to explain that humans can miss things but action-analyzing cameras will not. "Our technology excels at carrying out the boring, repetitive tasks and highlighting potential situations that could otherwise go unnoticed," he added.

Dr Velastin believes his creation has a much wider social use than just improving transport although he does admit that "we are still a long way off from machines replacing humans."

Computer processors tend to double their speed every year, allowing for the running of ever more sophisticated software. Combined with a fear driven era of government imposed uniformity, personal freedom might very well be based on the pre-programmed prejudices of a mechanical bureaucrat.

Clearly one can see within this report that privacy is nearly gone. Should privacy be outlawed all I can repeat is the words of Philip Zimmermann, creator of ppg: **"If privacy is outlawed only outlaws will have privacy."**

Chapter XI

What to Do?

“One day in the not so distant future, your children or grandchildren might ask you:
‘Grandpa, what was privacy?’” – Walter Belford

There are a number of steps that can be taken to preserve and retain what’s left of your privacy and civil liberties. In most cases most everyone can use some or all of the following regardless of your wealth and situation.

1. Gold might be a good bet to hold some or a majority of your liquid assets. Gold is set to soar to US\$2,000 to \$5,000 per ounce, so gold bugs say. - Source <http://www.meadowfreepress.com/investing/0,1873,350528,00.html>
2. Stocking up on a three to six months supply of food and water, might be an excellent and safe investment for you and your loved ones.
3. Owning a gun, if legal in your locale, would also be a good bet.
4. Obtain a secure mail drop both across town from where you live and outside your country.
5. Pay cash for all products and services obtained and or purchased for under US\$/Eur 3,000 if at all possible.
6. Use an alias. This is not against the law in most countries so long as you do not use to defraud a business or person.
7. Starting you own business that can be operated anywhere from a laptop computer.
8. Own or rent a vehicle in a company name and use a mail drop for the vehicle registration. Do check your local Vehicle Agency rules and regulations regarding this step, as in a few cases like within the European Union, this would against the law, unless the vehicle was registered in another country, province or state.
9. Move to a much smaller town or province if at all possible. Big cities will take the brunt of the carnage when it comes.
10. Have an unlisted telephone or mobile number in a company name.
11. Obtain an anonymous non clipper chip [spy chip] mobile phone and sim chip from outside your country. This is still legally possible in the US and UK. However there are pending laws that might soon outlaw purchasing such items.
12. Use secure pgp email for sending and receiving of emails.
13. Pay off all credit card (and other) debt. Interest rates can reach towards the high 20 percent area if not paid on time.
14. Use a virtual or offshore credit card for sensitive purchases only when necessary. Paying cash or by money orders or travelers cheques is always best.
15. Having a majority of your liquid assets in a currency other than the USD and or GBP is highly recommended, outside your home country, especially if you’re located within the USA and or the UK.
16. Have an atm or debit card from offshore so you can repatriate your assets when needed.
17. Having or obtaining a second nationality is no longer a luxury. It is now an absolute and essential prerequisite for the survival of you, your family and your assets.
18. Leave your present country and move to a more privacy friendly nation that respects your rights and freedoms.

One day when you’ll require a second nationality and passport, and you will, it will be too late to obtain one as they’ll be outlawed. We would be remiss if we didn’t encourage you in the strongest possible terms for you to act now and obtain a second nationality and passport legally before they’re outlawed. Holding a second nationality and passport

currently might be grandfathered in and allowed legal when the American Terrocrats outlaw second nationalities in the not too distant future.

Chapter XI

Predictions

"Modern Americans are so exposed, peered at, inquired about, and spied upon as to be increasingly without privacy--members of a naked society and denizens of a goldfish bowl."
- Edward V. Long

Whilst we don't have a crystal ball, our leprechauns' forecasts since 1994 have been fairly accurate and quite informative if I say so myself. We'll leave you with our leprechaun's predictions regarding privacy and civil liberties for the future.

Happy New Year from the Terrocrats!

- Your DNA will be required in order to be granted various of your government's "privileges," i.e. obtaining a passport, driver's license and most other federal 'entitlements'.
- There will be a worldwide database tracking everyone's travels, i.e. entry into and departure out of each and every country in the world. This tracking has already begun and the Terrocrats are using as much pressure and leverage as possible on one country at a time, until all agree to this horrific tracking.
- All new passports, in all Western and most other countries, will have new tracking devices [think RFID] embedded in your passports, driver's licenses and or residency or national ID cards. [Think green cards and cedula's.]
- The (US) army will soon be mobilized within the USA in preparations for riots and serious mayhem, a la the recent Greek style upheavals.
- Biometrics will proliferate worldwide, being mandated for entry and exit from most countries of the world, entry to all government buildings and most large public facilities. [Think malls, etc.]
- Your biometrics, i.e. eye scan and fingerprints, will be required in order to enter most shopping malls. This will most likely in the form of some 'security' card to be implemented. The plan for this is already on the books, just waiting for the right time to implement it. This and other 'security' measures are sure to be enacted after the next, if any, 'terrorist' attack.
- Your biometrics, i.e. eye scan and fingerprints, will be required in order to rent an automobile. This is already required at several auto rental agencies in the United Kingdom. Source-
http://www.schneier.com/blog/archives/2006/11/uk_car_rentals.html
- You will be required to produce your passport or drivers license as positive ID in order to purchase or rent a mobile phone and or sim/roaming chip.
- You will be required to produce positive ID in order to purchase a computer or laptop in most western countries.
- Computers and laptops will have a secret tracking device inside that will identify the owner with a secret and unknown to you, trail back to you. PC's and laptops will also be able to send via embedded hidden and traceable data in every web page you visit, which will be accessible by your ISP. They will be similar to the color printers in the US that have secret chips identifying the owner with each printed sheet. –
Source
http://www.pcworld.com/article/118664/government_uses_color_laser_printer_technology_to_track_documents.html

- Taxes will rise to levels not seen in more than 6 decades.
- Your biometrics will be mandated and placed in a tiny chip within all credit and debit cards in the US, UK and other major Western countries. This will be common place before you have the privilege of receiving the new and secure "theft proof" cards which are forthcoming.
- Several major western countries will outlaw the holding of a second nationality, including the united States [correct spelling] and not so Great Britain.
- There will be severe currency controls on US and UK nationals. In essence travel restrictions will be imposed on US citizen's unseen previously that will greatly restrict the movement of citizens into and out of Amerika for travel to and from overseas. Not so Great Britain will follow suit soon thereafter, as usual.
- Your online browsing history will be retained forever by your ISP under penalty.
- More and more computer and security programs will have secret built in back doors for use by the government without your knowledge or approval.
- A Western European Union country will split into two separate nations because of the current financial crisis.
- The EU constitution will be rammed down the throats of all European Union nations, in spite of three nations NOT ratifying it and the EU being required to have ALL EU nations approve it before implementation. UK citizens have not and will not be given the opportunity to vote for or against the proposed EU constitution, in spite of Blair's and Brown's Labor party promises to the contrary.
- Another currency, not the USD, will become the de facto world currency.
- Government, as it did in the 1930's, will make the current depression much worse, lasting possibly as long as 5 to 10 years, possibly longer.
- Commodity prices, with gold possibly being an exception, will nose dive causing shortages for food, water and other vital resources for day to day living.
- Riots, a la Greece style in December 2008 will proliferate worldwide due to government's forthcoming failures to provide basic services for their citizens.
- As a consequence of government bailouts for the auto, financial and other industries, the US will cease to be a free capitalist market. It will become like not so Great Britain, a socialist nation where the government owns a majority of the industry and oversees almost all aspects of large and small businesses.
- Thousands of banks will close/fail in 2009.
- Oversight by the US authorities on all sectors of society will become unprecedented as the financial crisis worsens.
- Government regulations and compliance requirements will proliferate to unprecedented levels never before thought possible in the united States [correct spelling.]
- The dollar will be replaced by a new US currency after failure of being unable to pay all its debts.
- Soon to be US President Barack Obama will pass into law numerous and some very unpopular laws, causing great hardship on the working class and proletariat.
- Privacy as you knew it will cease to exist in Amerika and Western Europe.
- Governmental power will continue to expand further, especially after the government bailout bills passed into law in October/November 2008.

Recommended reading:

1. The Thief of Privacy -by Doctor Walter Belford
Dr. Walter Belford is an authority in beating the bureaucracy, whilst living a life free of Terrocratic interference. To say this report is causing considerable consternation would be an understatement. Available as a free download at http://www.ptshamrock.com/secret/thief_privacy.html
2. Privacy Lost: How Technology Is Endangering Your Privacy by David H. Holtzman. An excellent book, albeit a bit winded at times. Available at amazon.com for around US\$20
3. Robert O'Harrow Jr.'s "No Place to Hide" – available at www. amazon..com
4. How to Be Invisible: The Essential Guide to Protecting Your Personal Privacy, Your Assets, and Your Life (Revised Edition) by J.J. Luna –around US\$16 at amazon.com
5. Privacy in Peril: How We are Sacrificing a Fundamental Right in Exchange for Security and Convenience by James B. Rule
6. Bulletproof Privacy: How to Live Hidden, Happy and Free! by Boston T. Party and Kenneth W. Royce
7. Cover Your Tracks Without Changing Your Identity: How to Disappear Until You WANT to Be Found by B. Wilsons
8. Stealing Your Life: The Ultimate Identity Theft Prevention Plan by Frank W. Abagnale. BTW Abagnale is the actual person played by Leonardo DiCaprio in the hit movie, "Catch Me If You Can." A worthwhile read if I say so myself.

Other recommend urls for privacy related reading material;

- <http://www.edenpress.com>
- <http://www.ptshamrock.com/store/sect1.html>
- <http://www.ptshamrock.com/reports/index.html>
- <http://ptshamrock.com/shame.htm>

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