Subject: Re: Real ID Act and the Threat of a Police State
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BuzzOfTheStar wrote on Tue, 10 July 2007 00:56cheesesoda wrote on Tue, 10 July 2007 11:21I don't know why everybody goes, "well, it's eventually going to happen" as if that's a logical reason to not try and prevent it. It's a pathetic cop-out. Maybe it is inevitable. I won't deny that possibility, but that doesn't mean that we should just sit by until it happens so we can say "See, I knew it would happen!"

Those under 18 may not have a voice, but those of us 18 and older should be fighting for what's right instead of sitting back and letting our freedoms fade away as if they never existed.

So you are indirectly saying that I am below 18? Maybe you should learn to not make stupid hasty assumptions. I am way older than you think me to be and I have a voice and I am a fucking arrogant SOB who thinks rationally and will kick the bullshit out of anyone who try to force their shit on me.

You greatly misunderstood my statement...to equate me with the "See, I knew it would happen!" statement is an insult against my personality. Cuz you have no fucking clue as to who I am in real life.

I meant that eventually the majority of the people will be sold on the idea as to make the cause of the few hopeless.

This trend is quite true...when a radical concept is proposed, there is a lot of opposition initially. But as time goes on, people get used to it and adapt to the situation. Even those who vehemantly opposed it get tired and settle in. In the end, only a few will be left defending what they believe.

I don't want to derail the topic but take the case for the acceptance of homosexuality. In 1999, there were more Americans who were opposed to it...now in 2007, that percentage has drastically fallen. Why? The idea became more accepted...it looked very "wrong" at first but more and more people came to realize that it was harmless after all. And this will continue.

So likewise, I am sure that will be the case with this chip too...what? You think people are gonna learn how to live in the woods and not go buy groceries? Hell, people will give up too easily.

Forget Bush's bill...this is gonna take a long time, maybe decades to implement (but this will come true). This is a progressive thing...like a slow (but very active) spreading cancer. The government is not going to fix a day and set up centers to inject you with this chip...they are gonna do it one area at a time. And the technology to make it all work in a massive scale is not everywhere yet and it will cost money. It's not gonna happen overnight. And this is the greatest disadvantage (to the people) because time is in the hands of the government...and the longer it takes, the more time people have to think about it and let the idea sink in. And the more people put the idea into the bottom drawer thinking it will not happen any time soon. Eventually, thanks to them putting it off, they will be forced to become accustomed to it, accept it as the reality and Mr. Government will come out on top.

That's why we need to fight right now...we must fight right now and cripple the development of such privacy-invading technologies. But how many people will stand up today, right now against this? Count me in but just a few will resist...because to many people, this is a far off thing. They think it will never affect their lives but they will be surprised when it catches them...and they will lose then.

But I am sure, the government will face a very difficult battle because this involves your own physical body...the last place you want the government to invade.

But the populations of the future (the babies of today and their descendants) will have a different mindset...an attitude that makes it easy for the governemnt to implement such technology on a personal level. Recall how fast technology grew in the 20th century? Likewise, our descendants will grow in a technology rich environment...since they will grow up surrounded by these things, they will be more used to it and more open to technology.

Look around you...do you see any senior citizens with a fucking godamned iPhone? Or a cellphone or laptop or a computer as a matter of fact? The vast majority of them do not embrace these things because it is new to them...but the generations that came after them do because they grew in a technology-rich place....and this trend is only going to accelerate even further as time goes on. I will let you decide if that is good or bad.

We have people today who camp outside the Apple store to get thir hands on a iPhone like as if it's a shit they can't live without. I don't blame them...they (and us) grew in an age of technology...some embrace it and others are more conservative...but the conservatives in this matter are vastly outnumbered and eventually, unless they are all prepared to live in the desert/jungle OR rise up right now, they will have to bow down to the harsh reality.
I never implied that you are under 18. I included everybody who reads this when I said that, including you in case you're under 18.

It is a cop-out to just say that it will eventually happen. At least, that's what it came across to me, and far too many people use it.

While I agree with most of what you said, the difference between the iPhone and the microchip is that the iPhone is just a possession. A microchip will be much more than that. It'll be a tracking device. It'll destroy whatever privacy we thought we had. The iPhone just makes you look cool (or so one thinks).