Dover wrote on Fri, 14 January 2011 13:14CarrierII wrote on Thu, 13 January 2011 09:27Dover wrote on Thu, 13 January 2011 14:52EvilWhiteDragon wrote on Thu, 13 January 2011 04:23Spyder wrote on Thu, 13 January 2011 11:25Can't say I care even one bit. I'm not hiding anything, I have a clean record...
A dangerous statement, do you realize that? Now you may not have anything to hide, but it's impossible to say what the future might bring.
You know that because the Netherlands had a very good citizen registration system with a lot of information like religion and other rather unimportant info, the nazi's where able to kill a whole lot of dutch jews during WWO2?
Now I'm not saying this will happen again, but it is rather difficult to get privacy sensitive information removed once it's stored somewhere.

If I have something to hide that's truly worth hiding, I probably shouldn't be allowed to hide it.

The problem with your example isn't in the information being stored, but in the Nazis running around killing people.

It would've been harder (not impossible) to find them if that data wasn't found / didn't exist.

Also, if gunpowder was never invented, nobody would ever have gotten shot. It's all the Chinese's fault!

There's no holding back progress. Every advance that humanity has ever made has the potential to be abused. It's nobody's fault but humanity's for not being grown up enough to handle it. Sit and think about it for a minute. What reasonable, rational person would say "Hey, we should have a really shitty census system, just in case we get invaded by Nazis!"?

Your mistake is in assuming I think that - I was merely indicating it was unfortunate, not proof of the census system's EVIL!!!!

As to the topic, I just don't have an account with google...