

Real ID Act: The Death of our Liberty

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I am very concerned about the Real ID and its threat to our personal privacy and total surveillance by government. Most people have been led to believe that Real ID and E-Verify are the answers to controlling illegal immigration and make us safer from fraud, and even terrorist attacks. Not so. Government has repeatedly proven to be untrustworthy and unworthy to be the keepers of our most valuable and precious personal information. Yet, today, most Americans are simply accepting and ignoring the growing government invasion of their lives.

For many years the American Policy Center, has worked directly with the Constitutional Alliance to expose the dangers of empowering government with our personal data, especially through the use of biometrics. The Constitutional Alliance is the nation's leading expert on personal privacy matters, meeting with government officials and elected representatives at every level to issue their warnings of the dangers of a total surveillance system that is growing at an alarming rate. Now the Alliance has prepared a special report detailing this threat and what can be done about it. The Alliance has provided this vital report to APC to distribute across the nation.

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Either the people control government or the government controls the people

One former National Security Advisor when asked said people would have to get over it when they learn the real purpose their information is being collected, retained, and shared. We know our information goes from one company to another for money and to the federal government so the government knows more about each of us.

You will learn from the leading identity expert in our country what the truth is about collecting our personal information. If you think our federal government or states care if you are who you say you are, you are wrong. The identity expert does not belong to any advocacy group. This person is doing the work the 9/11 Commission said must happen. This person is not a whistleblower. He is not hiding his identity. He cares and his colleagues care about our country and your safety. Primarily the federal government and states fund their agency.

Congressman Sensenbrenner (R-WI) authored the Real ID Act. Congressman Sensenbrenner is the same individual who authored the USA PATRIOT Act. How the legislation became law is a moot point today. What is important to know is why the law is so dangerous to our liberties now. You cannot reconcile a free society with a surveillance state.

You will learn and be outraged that we still do not know if a person is who they say they are before issuing driver's licenses. We cannot say if a person has multiple driver's licenses in multiple states using multiple birth certificates, including the birth certificates of deceased people.

The Constitutional Alliance is a non-partisan group that has existed for many years. As individuals, we have testified all over the country. We have met with presidential candidates, members of congress, committee staff including counsels and provided advice to presidential advisors. Continue to read this series of articles, if not for you, then for the children and grandchildren of today.

The Real ID Act essentially allows DHS (Department of Homeland Security) control over state driver's licenses. This paper provides solutions that allow Department of Motor Vehicles to know a person is who they say they are, and does not have multiple driver's licenses in their own name or the names of others. We will show why there is no need for biometrics to obtain a driver's license.

EVVE AND OFFICIAL PURPOSES – REAL ID ACT

As you read this paper, it will become evident that the Real ID Act was not about keeping our country safer. If the Real ID Act were about keeping our country safer, we would be verifying the authenticity of birth certificates. We also would make sure people are not using the birth certificates of deceased people to obtain driver's licenses.

The EVVE (Electronic Verification of Vital Events) is a network of databases that allows the verification of birth certificates. EVVE can make it very difficult at the best for an individual to have more than one driver's license in their name, or another person's name. EVVE also would prevent the use of fraudulent birth certificates. EVVE has a companion program, FOD (Fact of Death) that would stop people from using the birth certificates of deceased people for acquiring a driver's license. Neither EVVE nor FOD requires a centralized national database. States are

not using EVVE or FOD before issuing driver's license. EVVE is more accurate than biometrics. There are state laws that prohibit sharing some biometrics with other states without a warrant.

Today, we are fifteen years out from the Real ID Act becoming law. There was a time during the fifteen years when the majority of states by either state law or resolution prohibited the respective state agencies/departments from implementing the Real ID Act. Because of coercion and deceit, the federal government was able to manipulate states into compliancy. DHS expects Oklahoma, Oregon, and New Jersey, the only remaining states to be Real ID compliant by 1 October 2020. Today, people can actually fly if they have no identification. The people without identification go through additional security procedures.

There are four Official Purposes that the federal government requires a person to have a Real ID compliant driver's license. 1) Accessing federal buildings. 2) Entering nuclear power plants. 3) Boarding federally regulated commercial aircraft. 4) Any other purpose established by the Secretary of Homeland Security. There is an exclusion for federal buildings. Any federal building where a person would apply for, or receive federal benefits does not require a Real ID compliant driver's license. If a national park required identification before the Real ID Act became law, then you should take a compliant Real ID compliant license or other acceptable federal ID document to the park now.

The fourth Official Purpose is one of the most egregious reasons that the Real ID Act is a threat to our freedom. We, at the Constitutional Alliance refer to the fourth Official Purpose as the Dictator Clause. Former Secretary of DHS, Michael Chertoff is on record as saying that a Real ID compliant license could be required to cash checks, hire a baby sitter, or any other reason the Secretary of DHS deems appropriate. The Secretary can add any Official Purpose he or she would like. Congress cannot stop the Secretary without new legislation/law. Once a Secretary adds an Official Purpose, another Secretary down the road cannot remove any Official Purposes.

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