

COMMON SENSE

"We're Mad As Hell, And We're Not Going To Take It Anymore!"

PRIVACY is a natural right of all people. It is an essential part of a free society and it offers protection from those who would harm us. Is there a right to privacy in the Constitution? Of course, but like most of our rights it's not explicitly listed because the Constitution isn't about what people can do; it's about what government can do. The **CONSTITUTION** was created to spell out the very limited rights and powers given to the federal government, and the Founders included the 4th, 9th and 10th amendments to reinforce the unlimited rights of the people.

Why is it that the government violates our Constitutionally protected, sacred right to privacy? It's because **Republicans and Democrats** believe that government should control every aspect of our lives, and they alone are the architects of all laws which allow government to violate our privacy rights. They give many reasons for these laws, but all boil down to "it's for your own good, and for your security." Examples of these violations are laws enacted to supposedly combat drugs, poverty, illiteracy, disease, terrorism, corporate malfeasance, etc. Under the **Patriot Act**, mere suspicion can condemn American citizens to continual observation and tracking, searches and property seizures without a warrant, secret arrest, and secret

trials without representation. Reinforcing this, the **Real ID Act** mandates that government collect and store all of your personal and financial information and put it on a card so it can be read by anyone. By law, that information must be shared with Mexico and Canada. How do these unjust and unconstitutional laws protect our privacy when they allow any government employee access to our private information, and even mandate giving it to corporations and other countries?

The methods by which they **spy** on us are insidious. They range from the obvious, such as surveillance cameras, to the secretive, such as software and computers which monitor our phone calls and emails and track which websites we visit. Social Security Numbers are used to monitor our bank and brokerage accounts, credit cards, insurance, paychecks, purchases, travel and healthcare. Now our Republican and Democrat Big Brothers intend to use microscopic RFID chips to uniquely identify and track all of our money and mail, and mandate GPS systems to continually locate our cars and cell phones. Lastly, like the old communist-block countries, they openly encourage co-workers, neighbors, friends and family to spy on each other. Literally and figuratively, we have entered an age of "**SHOW ME YOUR PAPERS!**"

This is all designed to create **distrust** of one another and force people to rely on the State. This distrust leads to chaos, which then leads people to believe that more government control and intrusion are necessary. It is a system designed solely to empower and enrich government. How can we be a free and responsible society if we distrust of our fellow man and rely on big government for everything? Now, how important is privacy?

Our Founders knew that a free peoples' security and welfare are their own responsibility. We must all work to keep privacy in the hands of the **individual** - where it belongs. Let's put an end to these Republican and Democrat programs which are stripping our right to privacy. If you believe in a free society based on privacy, trust and Constitutionally limited government, then you must vote for pro-Liberty candidates who understand that trust and freedom reside with the individual, not with big government. Remember, evil flourishes when good people do nothing. **Take action by supporting independent candidates who are pro-Liberty!**