



### The Issue

The central argument against a national identity scheme is not the seemingly harmless bit of plastic in your wallet - but a massive and intrusive database that fundamentally changes the nature of UK Citizenship. It shifts the balance of power further away from the citizen to the Government. They want to do this by fingerprinting and taking iris scans from everyone as if they were common criminals.

### Privacy

Through a National Identity and ID Card scheme the Government wants a monopoly over your identity. They want to define who you are and create corporate lists of citizens in an attempt to modernise. There are no guarantees on who will access those lists and who will be able to buy those lists or the audit trails of your day-to-day activities.

### Cost

Independent estimates have put the annual cost to the taxpayer of an ID scheme at £3 billion. The Government says it is cutting down the

size of the Civil Service but says it will create a new agency to service the scheme. Surely there is a more effective way to spend these resources. Lets identify the problems the ID scheme is suppose to address and see if there is a better way.

### Terrorism

The Government admits that an ID Card and a national identity register will not be effective against terrorism - but continues to allow certain sections of the press to incorrectly imply that it will. September 11 Terrorist had correct papers - and terrorists have operated in Germany and Spain where both countries have ID Cards.

### Fraud

Benefit fraud is not pretending to be someone you aren't but lying about your circumstances. ID Fraud is best tackled by personal vigilance and using multiple checks. Creating one forgeable document makes it easier not harder.

### Immigration

ID Cards have not stopped illegal immigration into Europe - ID Cards will not stop it here. They will cause unrest and racial tension in Britain as 'foreign looking people' are routinely stopped and checked.

### Europe

Europe has had ID Cards since the Nazi occupation introduced them as means of population control. By having them Europe has escaped none of the social problems that have beset the UK since then. The European Union's drive for a national register of citizens for centralised control may not worry other Europeans who have written constitutions - but in the UK we have no such safeguards.

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## Stop ID cards and the database state

We are a non-partisan, highly diverse group of people and organisations who stand against the Government's attempt to introduce intrusive, expensive and potentially oppressive control of personal identity.

Government proposals to create a National Identity Register and ID Card would fundamentally change the nature of the relationship between citizen and state. Government should be the servant of the people. You should not need the Government's permission to exist.

It is your fundamental right to assert who you are without being checked against an approved list. You should not be fined or imprisoned for failing to report a change of address to officials. The Government cannot tell you who to trust. It may not demand you trust all officials absolutely, for ever.

There is no case for a National Identity Register that would enhance the surveillance powers of all branches of Government. The Government's plans are an insult to privacy, and a threat to liberty.

We are opposed to a national identity scheme that will:

- be incalculably expensive and inconvenient;
- waste police time, and encourage official bullies;
- provide a new target for identity fraud and organised crime;
- have serious negative effects for the vulnerable and ethnic and religious minorities.

## Stop ID cards and the database state

- ID won't stop terrorists
- ID won't control immigration
- ID won't catch criminals
- ID won't prevent fraud
  
- ID will be vastly expensive
- ID will waste your time
- ID will strip your privacy
- ID will risk your safety

ID cards and the identity register behind them will put you and yours at the mercy of *any* future government

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