Dear Mr. Camponovo,

I am submitting this report of my findings concerning the national status of human rights terms for the conventionally defined person, the identified person and human beings without identity in the United States.

For the last 2 years The 5-11 Campaign has been working almost exclusively in the realms of privacy, identity, technology and civil liberty. Our flagship is opposition to national identity and data surveillance applied to the individual. This matter of identity has extenuated itself as a rather indirect currency for purchasing items people need to function in society. The hyperinflated demand for identity and identity attributed to purchases squanders efforts to trade fairly in society with paper or alternate currencies.
Federal Reserve banking institutions have national lobbies to represent oppressive conditional demand for identity in order to bank or to engage in commerce in the United States in the *Know Your Customer* policies, which are reinforced, often driven, by international policies in foreign banking. Intrusive conditions and demands for intimate identity are being required in order to gain access to financial services. The entry of identity as conditional tender for purchasing and spending creates a slip stream of mechanical and digital data which is by and large not considered private, but owned by institutions which collect it. This practice is unethical and very illegal in some and many instances. However, oversight and prosecution for the illegal sale and trade of information attributed to identity between public-private institutions without personal permissions is virtually unheard of. If the case were made for an individual to sue every institution which bought and sold their personal information based on a unlicensed use of an identity patent, it would change the way information is handled. The consequence levied by individual’s power to grab the profits made by the illegal sale of their identity data would be so punitive it would stop being profitable to pretend an individual’s data belongs to anyone other than the individual.

**US Exceptionalism and Demand for Identity**

The Department of Homeland Security has adopted policies which are anchored in the Bush Administration’s exceptionalized foreign policies in support of US national security. Unconstitutional railroads such as the Real ID Act, the Patriot Act and the Homeland Security Act have critically endangered the 4th Amendment found in the Bill of Rights, in context of common privacy. Personal data becomes collected against legal precedence. Unreasonable search and seizure, probable cause, due process, and lines of reasonable suspicion established as law in America are waived or overlooked. The level of entitlement where personal data is procured by companies and public agencies as a saleable industry product or intelligence bartering tool is accepted as normal.

As a result, the average human being in America cannot make a commerce based phone call without a recording, shop in stores or bank without being in the accusatorial and predatory eye of at least 3 dome cameras streaming live information to private security firms. The business demand for very private information is casual and unapologetic. It is estranging to customers and alienating to people with reasonable expectations of buying goods and services in exchange for their legal tender. In essence, to buy clothing and groceries you are repeatedly asked to expose intimate parts of your identity such as a Social Security Number and drivers license containing a private address.

This practice is furthered into national security and immigration initiatives. US local police are being dispatched as immigration officials and de facto international intelligence agents. They gather non-criminal information and question passersby arbitrarily about their nationality. Identity or lack thereof becomes an issue of criminality.
Identity and nationality become a determination left to the common powers of police instead of due process. The information, which is often based on commerce, is warehoused in national criminal justice databases to fight terrorism. This is an abuse of national intelligence and it is against our laws.

This often lends to credence to the idea that a person in the United States can be jailed or imprisoned based on their status of “being”. Citizens and immigrants have the basic right to exist as people without fear of being inherently and strategically criminalized for profit. In this atmosphere, anyone whose papers, articles or effects are not recognized by the State slips to a dehumanized status where their civil and human rights become indefinitely imperiled.

Situations now exist which require the biometric capture of body images, again, levy tremendous burdens of proof onto the citizen and to the person to “prove” themselves innocent to the State in order to work or travel. The use of backscatter body scanners at US airports violate child pornography laws in the United Kingdom. A draft of a comprehensive immigration reform bill authored by Senator Chuck Schumer and Lindsay Graham calls for every person who works in America to possess a biometric ID card. Denying the State a copy of your fingerprints, possibly hair, iris scans or even DNA at some point might cost someone, otherwise qualified, a job opportunity if this passes. Essentially job candidates would be pre-paying the state with body imprints in order to work. Complying with these practices has undertones of coercion. If someone refuses to submit their biometrics to the TSA, the police or to their employer the State may disallow someone to pursue their livelihood.

On a much less intrusive level, there is the problem of accessibility to basic human needs in commerce or trade: food, shelter, clothing and companionable community. If you are not recognized by the State as a person you simply are denied access to doing basic things important to functioning in society. People do choose to disappear from society and their conventions. This action in and of itself is portrayed as suspicious and inherently criminal. The simple fact is there are human beings in the world who do not want to suffer with the Westernized conventions of identity and it’s subsequent entrapments. They still have the right to exist peaceably whether or not identity conventions are present.

Lack of identity articles should not be a criminal offense.

The burden of proof is on organizations, like mine, every day to inform and educate populaces about their rights to individual liberty. Surveillance directly applied to the identified person is of monumental harm to the individual. It creates indefinite numbers of scenarious situations specific to arbitrary descrimination and dehumanization. The assaults are so prevalent and so pervasive over the Western world and in North America that we have dedicated a blog, http://www.BeatTheChip.org which has become
a library and chronicle of the daily assaults to the individual. For lack of time and space in this documentation process, I submit the entirety of content on this blog as accounts of how troubled and endangered our societies are to personal injury due to data surveillance every day.

OUR RECOMMENDATIONS

It is our assessment those who have a strategy specific to eugenics and depopulation have infiltrated American politics through anti-immigrant and national security propulsions in the Republican caucuses and strategic complicity with this agenda through some of the Progressive Democrats and Conservative Democrats in US elected offices. A key part of this agenda is to routinely dehumanize the individual person and to break down personal boundaries by excessive and intrusive demands for identity to the identified person. The result is a dehumanized and systemically harassed individual who is denied what they need for not being able to verify at all times that they are in right standing with the state for “being”. Both side of the political aisle call for and support national identity in these instances against the railing and complaints of State governments and individual citizens. It has created a gap in government where individual States, in order to seek self-preservation for the citizen and to adhere to the US Bill of Rights, now reject a national identity agenda in whatever shape and form it may manifest from the federal government. They see it for what it is.

Our recommendation for the Universal Periodic Review processes is to levy the acknowledgement that abuse of the identified person is prolific and abused by the United States government.

We ask for a human rights investigation into the abuses and manipulation of individual data to the disadvantage of the woman, the worker, the consumer and to address the lack ethics as general public-private business practices where the individual may be routinely compromised to their detriment.

We are available for further consultation and research to assist your review process.

Thank you for your considerations.

Regards,

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