

Defy I.D.

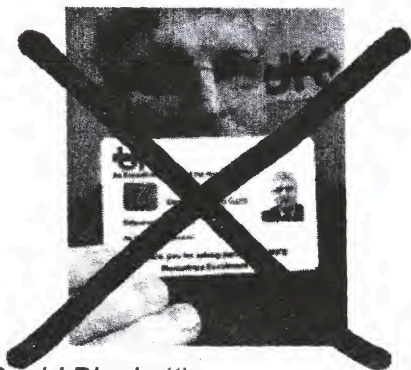
The government's ID card scheme is part of a sustained assault on our civil liberties.

- ★ An identity card scheme will require a national database of every British citizen. With our present data protection laws, we cannot be confident that this information would be stored securely or used sensitively.
- ★ The scheme will cost £3,100 million according to the home office (this does not include the cost of scanners and other infrastructure needed to implement the scheme.) Some estimate the cost will spiral to £6,000 million.
- ★ The trial cost alone is estimated as £185 million, involves 10,000 people across Glasgow, London, Leicester, Newcastle and is now starting... Five months late. That means the total cost per head is £18,500.
 - Greater Glasgow Health Board is to close two hospitals, both centres of excellence in their fields, in order to save £58 million over two years.
 - Council tax is going up in Glasgow by 4.5%
 - Primary schools closing all over Glasgow
 - No money has been found in order to settle public sector pay disputes with nursery nurses, fire-fighters and civil servants.
- ★ The ID card is a licence to live - that can be taken away (or lost) at any time. You will need it to access essential services such as the NHS, benefits and education.
- ★ Claims that the ID card will help stop terrorism are dubious. The Madrid bombers had compulsory ID cards but these did not prevent their bombings. The government has not explained how they might help with terrorism, crime or illegal immigration.
- ★ Privacy is a right and an essential aspect of democracy seriously undermined by ID cards and the scheme's comprehensive data-base(s). The associated national database will be accessible by all future governments, not just the present one.
- ★ History shows that concentration of arbitrary power in the state can be dangerous. Through a series of legislative acts, this government has acquired considerable power over individuals. This proposal will accelerate the process.

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They say it will be only voluntary but how long will that last?

If you wish to work...
If you wish to drive...
If you wish to open a bank account...
If you wish to use Council facilities...
If you wish to go to college or university...
If you wish to travel overseas....
If you wish to use the health service...
IF YOU WISH TO LIVE!
You'll need the I.D. Card.



"I doubt non-use of it will last very long" (David Blunkett)

Attempts to introduce I.D. Cards in Australia failed when people realised what it would mean. Companies were being fined for employing people without I.D. cards, you couldn't rent or buy houses without an I.D. card. Not reporting losing your card was a criminal offence, not keeping the details about you kept on the database up-to-date was a criminal offence.

You will have to tell the state every time you move home and the state will easily be able to know where you live, where you work, what medical care you are accessing, what you are studying, whether you have ever been convicted of a crime, what bank accounts you have.

In countries where I.D. cards are in place, people on their way to legitimate, legal demonstrations have been hampered and obstructed by the police demanding to see everyone's I.D. cards before allowing them to take place.

I.D. cards will mean the police will be able to stop and demand your identity whenever they feel fit. In Britain, in the past, groups have been victimised by the police using their powers to stop and search selectively—there is a real danger of that happening again.

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