



## Nevada Senator: Should We Outlaw Microchipping Of Humans?

Nevada State Senator Becky Harris has submitted SB 109 that would make it a Class-C felony to microchip a human. Technocrats are not amused. □ TN Editor

State Sen. Becky Harris said [a bill to prohibit forced microchipping of people](#) is not as far-fetched as it might seem, because it happens in some places around the world.

Senate Bill 109 would make it a Class C felony to require someone to be implanted with a radio frequency identifier, such as microchips placed in pets.

The idea for the bill came from a constituent, the Las Vegas Republican said.

“As I began to look into the issue, I was surprised with the merit that I believe the issue warrants,” Harris told the Senate Judiciary Committee on Monday.

She said sales of radio frequency identifiers are escalating around the world, and a company in Australia as of June 2016 sold more than 10,000 implantable chips with do-it-yourself kits.

“Each kit costs about \$100 and includes a tag and an injection tool,” Harris said.

The Wall Street Journal has reported an estimated 30,000 to 50,000 chips have been sold globally, she said.

Harris said the technology is used by companies in Belgium and Sweden to identify employees.

“It’s done under the idea to unlock doors or use copy machines or maybe pay for lunch, you could use your hand,” she said.

Besides privacy concerns, Harris said the concept raises ethical questions, such as who owns the chip or the information contained on it, and how does someone get “de-chipped” if they are no longer employed by the company that required it. She also wondered if a chip could be hacked to harass or stalk someone.

Harris said the Nevada bill is modeled after legislation passed by at least 10 other states.

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## **‘Reflectable’ Glasses Thwart Camera Surveillance**

Necessity is the mother of invention, and a creative inventor has found a way to completely thwart iris scanning by CCTV cameras during low-light conditions. Expect other ‘resistance’ items to appear in the future. □ TN Editor

An innovative design for glasses that reflect both visible and infrared light will help budding criminals to dodge CCTV cameras. Scott Urban, 35, has developed retro-style glasses that keep people’s face hidden from cameras.

Two designs, Reflectacles Ghost and Originals, bounce light back from where it comes from causing their faces to appear blurred in images.

Mr Urban says he created the design for people who are “just completely fed up with the massive surveillance state”.

He claims the products are made from micro-prismatic retro-reflective materials.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GIqLTxRK4C4>

Mr Urban said: “If the material were to be viewed under a microscope, one would see many very small cube-like prisms that bounce light along each edge of the prism surface and then bounce it right back in the direction the light originated from.

“The material for Reflectacles Ghost works on the same concept, but is even more intensified by having micro-corner-cubes incorporated into the material.

“This material is the most reflective material that currently exists and it is used in laboratory situations or for signal/controller applications.



**Cashless India Update: Angry**

# Mobs Revolt, Raid ATMs, Demand Cash

The first identifiable global battle over cashless society has begun in India. The central bank is withdrawing cash from the financial system and the people are revolting. Bankers are bracing for angry mobs as payday approaches. If the people lose this battle, then the cashless society will sweep the world like a wildfire. □ TN Editor

India's demonetization campaign is not going as expected.

Overnight, banks played down expectations of a dramatic improvement in currency availability, raising the prospect of queues lengthening as salaries get paid and people look to withdraw money from their accounts [the Economic Times reported](#).

While much of India has become habituated to the sight of people lining up at banks and cash dispensers since the November 8 demonetisation announcement, bank officials said the message from the Reserve Bank of India is that supplies may not get any easier in the near future and that they should push digital transactions. "We had sought a hearing with RBI as we were not allocated enough cash, but we were told that rationing of cash may continue for some time," said a banker who was present at one of several meetings with central bank officials.

**"Reserve Bank has asked us to push the use of digital channels to all our customers and ensure that we bring down use of cash in the economy,"** said a banker. This confirms a previous report according to which the demonstization campaign has been a not so [subtle attempt](#) to impose digital currency on the entire population.

Bankers have been making several trips to the central bank's headquarters in Mumbai to get a sense of whether currency availability will improve. Some automated teller machines haven't been filled even once since the old Rs 500 and Rs 1,000 notes ceased to be legal tender, they said. Typically, households pay milkmen, domestic helps, drivers, etc, at the start of the month in cash. The idea is that all these payments



should become electronic, using computers or mobiles.

This strategy however, appears to **not** have been conveyed to the public, and as [Bloomberg adds](#), **“bankers are bracing for long hours and angry mobs as pay day approaches in India.”**

“Already people who are frustrated are locking branches from outside in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Tamil Nadu and abusing staff as enough cash is not available,” said CH Venkatachalam, general secretary of the All India Bank Employees’ Association. **The group has sought police protection at bank branches for the next 10 days**, he added.

Joining many others who have slammed Modi’s decision, the banker said that “this is the fallout of one of the worst planned and executed government decisions in decades.” He estimates that about 20 million people - almost twice the population of Greece - will queue up at bank branches and ATMs over the coming week, when most employers in India pay their staff. **In an economy where 98 percent of consumer payments are in cash, banks are functioning with about half the amount of currency they need.**

As Bloomberg notes, retaining public support is crucial for Modi before key state elections next year and a national contest in 2019, however it appears he is starting to lose it.

**“We are bracing ourselves for payday and fearing the worst,”** said Parthasarathi Mukherjee, chief executive officer at Chennai-based Laxmi Vilas Bank Ltd. “If we run out of cash we will have to approach the Reserve Bank of India for more. It is tough.”

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## Grassroots Digital Rights Alliance Expands Across U.S.

Resistance against Technocracy is growing and it is not naive about the dangers of expanded surveillance posed by the new administration. The Electronic Frontier Foundation has been a voice since 1990. □ TN Editor Observers around the world are scrutinizing the President-elect's transition team and prospects for digital rights under the incoming administration. Trump's campaign statements offered few reasons to be optimistic about the next administration's commitments, making the [unrestrained domestic secret surveillance regime](#) that President Trump will inherit an even greater threat not only to privacy, but also dissent, individual autonomy and freedom of conscience, and—ultimately—our democracy.

At EFF, we have committed ourselves to redoubling our efforts to defend digital rights. We know, however, that it will take the concerted actions of our supporters to help our goals find their reflection in law, policy, technology, and culture.

That's why we launched the [Electronic Frontier Alliance](#) (EFA), a network of grassroots groups taking action in their local communities to promote digital rights.

## **Training neighbors**

In places like Brooklyn, Baltimore, Chicago, Denver, and Los Angeles, local organizers have hosted workshops to train social movement activists [how to incorporate encryption](#) into their communication practices.

Their work not only helps encrypt the web—ensuring that privacy and dissent can survive, however the legal regime may empower intelligence agencies. It also enables and cultivates alliances with local communities and neighbors responding to underlying social issues from state violence and climate change to domestic violence and the rights of refugees.

## **Restraining police**

In other places, such as San Jose, Oakland, St. Louis, and New York, grassroots groups in the EFA have advocated in coalition with local allies for [legal protections at the municipal level](#) to ensure that police departments can no longer buy or use military surveillance equipment in secret.

Those campaigns help their neighbors stay safe from the secret and unaccountable use of surveillance devices that state & local authorities have used around the country—in some cities, thousands of times—for reasons including suppressing dissenting voices. They also help create opportunities for future policymakers, journalists, and activists by forcing a democratic decision-making process on what has otherwise been a secret metastasis of domestic surveillance, as thousands of agencies across the U.S. have been transformed under our feet from police departments into local spy centers.

## **Defending innovation**

Meanwhile, groups from Atlanta to Austin are pressing university administrations to [consider the public interest when licensing patents](#) to monetize scientific research.

Their work helps protect access to science, and ensure that discovery



enables innovation, rather than financial opportunism by parasitic patent trolls using the courts as a tool at the public's expense. It also builds a voice on campuses to challenge the orthodoxy of corporate rightsholders that have increasingly restricted access to culture and the right to tinker by, for example, forcing on device owners digital locks backed up by vicious and unreasonable legal penalties that treat innovators like criminals.

If you're concerned about the future of digital rights and working with a local group like a hacker space, a student organization, or community coalition, [we want to hear from you](#). If you're not yet organizing locally, join [our next EFA teleconference](#) to connect with the dozens of [allied groups around the country](#) who already are and learn how to follow their lead.

Dissent and resistance grow only more meaningful in times of crisis. And if the days to come prove as dark as some fear, we—not only EFF, but also you, the Internet, your rights, and our democracy—will need all the allies we can find.

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# Obama Warns Against “A Crude Sort Of Nationalism” Taking Root In The U.S.

Obama and his Technocracy cronies are fighting back against citizens who are clearly catching onto their clever scam of luring us into a Scientific Dictatorship. It is not up to these same citizens to ram the message home. □ TN Editor

President Obama warned Tuesday that Americans and people around the world “are going to have to guard against a rise in a crude sort of nationalism, or ethnic identity, or tribalism” taking root amid the populist movements that are gaining currency around the world.

Speaking at a joint news conference with Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras by his side, Obama refrained from criticizing President-elect Donald Trump directly as he discussed the impact of his electoral victory last week. But the president made it clear that he sees a dark side to the kind of populist movements Trump’s campaign embodied — ideals that other conservative leaders are advocating in Europe and elsewhere.

“We are going to have to guard against a rise in a crude sort of nationalism, or ethnic identity or tribalism that is built around an us and a them, and I will never apologize for saying that the future of humanity and the future of the world is going to be defined by what we have in common, as opposed to those things that separate us and ultimately lead us into conflict,” Obama said.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ahKmkAzrd3s>

“Take Europe,” he continued. “We know what happens when Europeans start dividing themselves up and emphasizing their differences and seeing a competition between various countries in a zero-sum way. The 20th century was a bloodbath.”

Obama, who made it clear during the course of the hour-long news conference that he did not view the recent U.S. election results as a

referendum on his own tenure or world vision, suggested that targeting specific racial, religious ethnic groups could backfire.

“In the United States we know what happens when we start dividing ourselves along the lines of race or religion or ethnicity. It is dangerous. It is dangerous, not just for the minority groups that are subjected to that kind of discrimination, or in some cases in the past, violence, but because we then don’t realize our potential as a country when we are preventing blacks or Latinos or Asians or gays or women from fully participating in the project of building American life,” he said.

“So my vision is right on that issue, and it may not always win the day in the short term in any particularly political circumstance, but I am confident it will win the day in the long term,” Obama added. “Because societies which are able to unify ourselves around values and ideals and character, and how we treat each other, and cooperation and innovation, ultimately are going to be more successful than societies that don’t.”

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# Nigel Farage Fears Brexit 'Betrayal' And Warns Of 'Public Anger'

British citizens fed up with globalism and the EU Britain shocked the world when they voted for Brexit to leave the EU. The Brexit figurehead, Nigel Farage, suspects that a betrayal is at hand, and warns of a massive backlash. □ TN Editor

Farage campaigned vigorously for Brexit and declared the June 23 referendum Britain's 'independence day' after the shock result was confirmed.

Nigel Farage has warned fellow politicians that any attempt to block or delay Britain's exit from the [European Union](#) will be met with untold anger from the public.

In a statement released after the historic High Court ruling on Article 50 the interim Ukip leader said he fears a [Brexit](#) "betrayal" is on the horizon.

The judges ruled that the government doesn't have the power to trigger two-year exit process [Article 50](#) without a vote by MPs.

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After the High Court ruling was announced on Thursday morning Farage said: "I worry that a betrayal may be near at hand.

"Last night at the Spectator Parliamentary Awards I had a distinct feeling that our political class, who were out in force, do not accept the 23rd of June Referendum result.

"I now fear that every attempt will be made to block or delay the triggering of [Article 50](#) .

“If this is so, they have no idea of the level of public anger they will provoke.”

Three of England’s top judges gave the ruling after a costly three-day hearing.

The Government immediately announced it would appeal to the Supreme Court.

Ukip millionaire donor Arron Banks accused the “legal establishment” of “declaring war on British democracy”.

He added: “Parliament voted six-to-one in favour of letting the people decide.

“They didn’t get the answer they wanted, and now they’re going to use every dirty trick in the book to try to sabotage, delay or water down [Brexit](#).”

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