DHS Launches Taxpayer-funded Program To Illegally Scan Our Faces

Rogue agencies run by Technocrats will do whatever they feel is justified by their data, regardless of legal authorization or legal basis. It is easier for them to act first, then risk censure later, which is usually ignored for a few weeks or months before restarting the same practices. TN Editor

As TSA agents continue to prove their incompetence in the "War on Terror," the Department of Homeland Security is now allocating $1 billion in taxpayer funding to create a facial recognition program that will illegally scan Americans' faces.

A study conducted by Georgetown Law's Center for Privacy and Technology looked at the biometric scanners that are creating an inventory of the faces of individuals leaving the country at airports across the United States. While they are only at certain major airports right now, the full implementation of these scanners could cost Americans up to $1 billion.

The study [noted](#) that while the *"9/11 Response and Biometric Exit*

Account" created by Congress has the funds for the program, "**neither Congress nor DHS has ever justified the need for the program**."

In addition to the fact that Congress has never provided a reason why the system is needed in the U.S., the study claimed that DHS has *"repeatedly questioned 'the additional value biometric air exit would provide' compared with the status quo and the 'overall value and cost of a biometric air exit capability,' even as it has worked to build it."*

Not only is a government agency pouring $1 billion into a program to increase the country's security measures even though it lacks full confidence, and has no evidence that the program it is implementing will do so, there is also the fact that the program requires Americans to give up their civil liberties, and it has never been explicitly authorized by the government. As the researchers from Georgetown Law noted:

> *"DHS' biometric exit program also stands on shaky legal ground. Congress has repeatedly ordered the collection of biometrics from foreign nationals at the border, but has never clearly authorized the border collection of biometrics from American citizens using face recognition technology. Without explicit authorization, DHS should not be scanning the faces of Americans as they depart on international flights—but DHS is doing it anyway. DHS also is failing to comply with a federal law requiring it to conduct a rulemaking process to implement the airport face scanning program—a process that DHS has not even started."*

The study also found that the biometric scanners used by DHS are not reliable, and often make mistakes. In fact, "**according to DHS' own data, DHS' face recognition systems erroneously reject as many as 1 in 25 travelers using valid credentials**." This means that at the country's busiest airports, more than 1,500 travelers could be wrongfully denied boarding in a single day.

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