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The Soft Cage: Surveillance in America from Slavery to the War on Terror, by Christian Parenti

• “Surveillance” is not new in society
  – But with computers the quality of information improves (too much?)

• People are often more willing to give up information to corporations versus government agencies
  – But, what happens when government agencies purchase corporate data

• Many people are unconcerned about the collection or data or surveillance because they have nothing to hide?
  – But do people with nothing to hide lose something as well? (e.g. anonymous Quiz)
  – Self policing.

• No “one-way” glass
  – Should collectors of information be as equally transparent as those they collect information on?
Privacy

• Context
  – Home vs. Public Places
  – Blurred lines between the two (Telecommunications)

• Control
  – Over use of information deemed private

• Compensation
  – For collection and use of information

• Duration
  – Information could be set to expire, especially, when other factors are not practical
Privacy Violations

- Matching
- Inference Problem
- And more! E.g. profiling
Rights

• Bill of Rights
• Privacy Act of 1974
• Privacy Policies
Restrictions on Rights

• Privacy Policies
• Patriot Act, and other laws
• Inability to appeal
Mitigation

• Checks and Balances
• Trust
  – Trusted Authorities?
• Privacy requires social solutions