

I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS SOMEWHAT LESS THAN I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO MY NEXT ROOT CANAL...

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Subject:

The highly distasteful but increasingly necessary to introduce a national identity card and legislation forcing its verification for certain activities.

Ref:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Identity\\_document](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Identity_document)

<http://www.myfoxboston.com/story/20501831/2013/01/04/herald-mass-cant-find-19000-missing-welfare-recipients#ixzz2H74BJgzS>

<http://www.cnn.com/2012/03/26/opinion/frum-identity-cards/index.html>

<http://www.feig-electronics.com/en/products/obid/applications/national-identity-card.html>

<http://www.datacard.com/success-stories/case-studies>

While on the visceral level I am adamantly opposed to any need for an American to possess an “identity card” to conduct many of their daily activities, intellectually and practically the time has come, as the benefits which \*WILL\* occur, now far outweigh the drawbacks, most of which \*MAY\* occur. The basic changes in American society and culture have long ago eliminated the practicality of relying on the mutual familiarity of residents in isolated and small communities to verify identity and legitimacy, and the anonymity of the rapidly growing mega urban areas has become the new norm. The huge increase in “globalization” and ease of international travel has further compounded and exacerbated what has been a serious and rapidly increasing problem for at least a generation.

Operationally, we already have a set of quasi identity documents, such as social security cards, driver licenses and credit cards, but these are not particularly effective or efficient, these are subject to forgery and fraud promoting ID theft, and many legal citizens are unable to obtain these because of limited literacy, low/no income, lack of fixed residence, etc. WE CAN AND MUST DO BETTER.

It is imperative that the average citizen be as inconvenienced as little as practicable and receive the maximum direct and indirect benefits of the imposition of a system of national identity cards. The primary benefit to the citizen is increased protection against identity/credit theft, protection of the legitimacy of the franchise [vote], apprehension of fleeing criminals, and the minimizing of tax payer funded benefits to the unqualified. As one of the major rationales for the imposition of such a document requirement is “security” and/or confirmation of citizenship, it is necessary that verification of this document be required for certain common activities such as air line and intercity rail/bus travel,

employment, voting, firearm purchase, social assistance such as welfare or SNAP/food stamps, use of credit cards, utility connection, driver's licenses, major purchases such as land, residences, an automobile w/insurance, etc.

This is not to say those unfortunates without documentation but needing assistance, who are unqualified for “normal” tax payer funded benefits, should be allowed to die in the streets, but rather these individuals should be identified, the situation corrected [possibly by humane deportation], and the expense for humanitarian assistance tracked.

One possible expansion/application would be the integration of “wants and warrants” data from the NCIC [National Crime Information Center] into the national identity card database such that individuals with outstanding felony warrants (including spousal child abductions) could be identified and apprehended whenever they attempted to use long distance public transportation, use a credit card, open a bank account, etc.

Before we again reinvent the wheel, it is strongly suggested we contact countries which have recently upgraded their national identity documents to determine the successes, and any changes they would suggest, and in what ways their national identity document system has been beneficial and disadvantageous for the community. From the available information, Argentina's recent upgrade/update has proven to be one of the more successful, and their implementation of their comprehensive DNI [Document of National Identity] program appears to have produced mainly good results such as the inclusion of all citizens and legal residents in the community.

[http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate\\_c?depth=1&ei=Ur7pUKLLHMOw2wXfuYDQDg&hl=en&prev=/search%3Fq%3DDNI%2Bargentina%26hl%3Den%26lr%3D%26tbo%3Dd%26as\\_qdr%3Dall%26biw%3D1288%26bih%3D537&rurl=translate.google.com&sl=es&twu=1&u=http://www.nuevodni.gov.ar/tasas.htm&usg=A LkJrhjESQLmHKiiWdKirbMC6aqGrhHIQ](http://translate.googleusercontent.com/translate_c?depth=1&ei=Ur7pUKLLHMOw2wXfuYDQDg&hl=en&prev=/search%3Fq%3DDNI%2Bargentina%26hl%3Den%26lr%3D%26tbo%3Dd%26as_qdr%3Dall%26biw%3D1288%26bih%3D537&rurl=translate.google.com&sl=es&twu=1&u=http://www.nuevodni.gov.ar/tasas.htm&usg=A LkJrhjESQLmHKiiWdKirbMC6aqGrhHIQ)