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Health Surveillance to Predict Violence?

The Washington Post reports on a controversial proposal to study “whether mass shootings could be prevented by monitoring mentally ill people for small changes that might foretell violence.” The White House may establish a new research arm called the Health Advanced Research Project Agency, or HARPA, which would explore “whether technology including phones and smartwatches can be used to detect when mentally ill people are about to turn violent.”

Concerns include civil liberty violations and false positives. Joe Biden claims HARPA could solve health problems like Alzheimer’s and obesity. Some say it could lead to new ways of preventing suicide and child abuse. I say it could lead to a new level of tyranny.

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