

REFUSE REAL ID - 10 REASONS

A National ID System Endangers Your Freedom

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REAL ID Creates a National ID—Without a Vote

REAL ID was pushed through Congress after 9/11 without full debate. Americans never approved it. Most states initially rejected it under the 10th Amendment—but now it's back.

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REAL ID Violates Privacy Rights

As U.S. Senator Patty Murray said on the Senate floor in 2005, it has implications for personal privacy. Indeed, it's a violation of the 4th amendment and your privacy rights. State DMVs plan to digitize it, put it on your phone, and have remote access to it. Every time you use it, it'll ping the DMV.

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REAL ID Erodes State Sovereignty

REAL ID violates the 10th Amendment by coercing states to comply with the federal REAL ID Act (law) and Dept. of Homeland Security standards (rules), and all future changes the federal government dictates. Note: States are not forced to do it. They were coerced into submission, but they can pull out any time.

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REAL ID Enables Biometric-based Surveillance

DMVs under the REAL ID Act collect and store facial geometry data and precise triangulated body measurements ("biometric coordinates")—the building blocks of a total surveillance state.

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REAL ID Can Be Used to Control Access to Daily Life

Federal law allows future expansion of the "official purposes" of the REAL ID. Beyond boarding flights and entering federal buildings, these purposes could include banking, employment, or health care.

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REAL ID Sets the Stage for a Social Credit System

REAL ID provides the digital and biometric infrastructure to implement a China-like control grid, where your access to services could depend on behavior, beliefs, or health status.

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REAL ID Opens the Door to Global ID Systems

Digital identity systems are being pushed by the United Nations (UN), World Economic Forum (WEF), and World Health Organization (WHO). REAL ID harmonizes U.S. identification standards with expanding global control frameworks.

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You Cannot Opt Out of REAL ID Without Consequences

You can refuse REAL ID—but you'll lose ready access to essential services like commercial air travel and entry into federal facilities. If you want access, you'll have to pay extra for a passport and/or passport card and allot sufficient time to get those identification documents before you need access.

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REAL ID is a Trojan Horse for Vaccine Passports

With digital health credentials already being tested, a digital REAL ID would make it easy to link your REAL ID to your vaccination status or other private medical data.

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REAL ID Trains Americans to Submit to a 'Papers, Please' Authority

REAL ID inculcates submission. Government approval as a requirement to move and transact freely would be normalized in American society – the antithesis of freedom. REAL ID becomes pre-authorization for living life.

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