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## NATIONAL ID CARDS: A NECESSARY EVIL

Privacy is an important aspect of an individual's life. No one likes to allow experimentation over his or her privacy. But the government initiated national identification projects are becoming a weapon to destroy one's right to privacy. Though these kinds of efforts are being lauded as of extreme significance but they are pretty vulnerable to exploitation by various parties with vested interest.

Privacy policy and internet governance are the two sides of the same coin. Both of them relate to the broad field of internet privacy protection. Privacy is a basic right of every individual. Moreover it has a correlation to economic development too. Expert groups like IGF or Internet Governance Forum which is a UN initiative and London School of Economics and Political Science Identity Project Team have expressed their concern over the issues of national identification projects. As per expert opinion, biometric technology (a trump card of such projects) and online databases of citizens are very much prone to information theft. Moreover they raise the question of security threat too. In addition to that government and private bodies in the UK are not capable to practically implement such a project. But at the end of the day, the ruling government has come out with a decision to carry about the national identity card project.

A uniform ID system and a centralized database will serve many purposes. That's a fact. But it has got thousand leaks in it. The system is quite vulnerable to illegal modification, access, input and deletion. Bribery can also play a strong negative role in the issue. Unsocial objects can play havoc in the identity project. Though the government has been bombarded with questions by various parties regarding these security issues but as of now there is no satisfactory answers have been delivered by them. This is the main reason behind the increased dissatisfaction among the public regarding the practicality of this endeavour.

The years 1939 to 1952 show the implementation of National Registration Act 1939 by UK. As per this Act all citizens were required to possess valid identity cards. This was primarily a security measure. Likewise Identity Cards Act 2006 has been implemented to tackle similar issues in the region. This modern act aims at various security objectives like prevention and detection of crime, assurance of national security, enforcement of immigration controls, and enforcement of prohibitions on unauthorized employment or working and finally maintenance & securing of public service provision.

As of now anyone above the age of 16 must register their data under this act. These data include addresses, facial measurements, fingerprints, iris scans etc. Moreover the citizens are required to visit the nearest centres to verify these data. Later these data will be stored in an online database. Any agency with proper permission can have access to these online databases as per government terms. These agencies may include both private and public ones. Same data will be stored in both of cards and National Identity Register. The prime concern regarding these provisions is that they can be easily trespassed by parties with illegal and destructive intentions. You need not be a rocket scientist to guess this. Moreover the biometric tests can easily be manipulated which have been proved by movies like 'Charlie's Angels'. Such tests can be easily spoofed by re-activating an underlying from a prior entry. They will be vulnerable to bribery too.



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So, the entire process of these ID cards is not looking handsome enough to trust by a common man. It needs large-scale remodelling to attain a better output and response.