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## NATIONAL ID SYSTEM: A NEVER ENDING DEBATE IN AMERICA

At first sight identity cards are a must. The most common identity cards used in the United States of America are driver's licence and social security ID. These are quite important to prove one's identity. Moreover at times they are used by the government agencies to verify their identification. These IDs give the authorities a chance to keep track of the activities of the card bearers.

A faction of the masses always cries against any kind of identity cards. They feel that a government issued card can easily violate their right to privacy. They believe that identity theft can be easily carried on just because of the existence of these IDs. Whenever a drive starts for a national ID system this faction of people become more aggressive in their rationale. According to the anti-national ID system people with the implementation of such a system government will enjoy full control over the lifestyle of the general public which is not good for a free and democratic society. Moreover if all the data are stored in a single and centralized system then anyone with an unsocial mindset can break into the personal information of a certain citizen.

Starting from the 1970s there has been a continuous effort by some people to bring about a national and single ID card system for the American citizens. But the move has been resisted by several parties including congress and senate too. The 9/11 demanded such a system with immediate effect in the country. But still the government and the masses opposed any such thinking by some security experts. Several reasons have been cited against these centralized ID cards. Those include:

There is no clear evidence of use of national ID system as a serious crime fighting tool. The experts have failed to prove it.

The cost associated with this endeavour will be very high.

There is a strong security threat with the use of this system.

Privacy will be highly compromised if the initiative is shown green light and

Heavy misuse of these stored data in the system and probable infiltration by unauthorised parties.

On the positive side these may bring a marked change to the entire crime and illegal activities scenario in the USA with the regular tracking of unsocial elements. Moreover just by single registration one can easily enjoy all the government provided benefits under this system. One need arrange documents every time he or she applies for a certain utility service etc. if they possess a valid national ID applicable to all departments. A single ID system has the potential to accomplish the identity verification within a very short span of time. Moreover according to the pro-ID system people this move will boost the security system in the country as each and every citizen will be noticed continuously for invalid moves. But the most important point regarding these cards is that a lot of people are engaged in the manufacturing of fake IDs to exploit the original ID card holder. These fake cards are used regularly by unsocial elements to gain access to undue advantages. This is the prime reason behind the large scale agitation against the single ID system.

So, all the aspects must be carefully considered prior to take any decision regarding the implementation of a single ID system.