



Dissecting the National ID System in America

Identity cards are often used to verify the identification of the bearer. The more common identification cards are the drivers' license and Social Security ID. These are essential to the users and bearer because they verify his identity and are used to enable him to drive and to transact with the government. The government, on the other hand, uses these identification cards to keep track of the individual's life and taxes.

Some people have a thing against ID's because they feel that they lose their privacy because they can be monitored when they use their ID's. There has been plenty of resistance against using a national ID system in the US. Others believe that it is the government's form of controlling the people and they do not like the idea of being controlled and told what to do regarding their identity. Some individuals and organizations are also afraid of identity theft and other complications which may arise when all their specs and data are stored in a single ID system.

The idea of a single ID system has always been in the background since the early 1970's. Plans for the utilization of a single ID system have been continually rejected by the people and even by the congress and senate. In lieu of the September 11 attacks on cities around the US, the rise of another (1) [modern ID system](#) was offered and yet still rejected by the government and most people. Several organizations strongly opposed the national ID system and give these reasons why they do not wish for this: there are no compelling evidences that show a National ID system can indeed be utilized as a crime fighting tool, the National ID system will also cost the country and people, not only in terms of money but also in privacy and freedom. Their last argument is that there is a high potential for abuse of the data and information in the National ID system by individuals in public and private sectors. Their concerns are regarding the misuse of people in power of these data and information and also the capacity of some individuals to infiltrate the National ID system.

Drivers' licenses are already being used to identify and sometimes monitor driving related crimes in the United States. The data and other information regarding the individual can be accessed by most government systems with high clearance like crime labs and police departments. The American government has strict policies regarding the use and misuse of ID's in their country.

Of course, there are also positive sides to having a single ID system for one country. It gives the police and other anti-crime agencies the ability to keep track and monitor possible individuals who may be involved in a crime. It also enables bearers to verify themselves anywhere using the (2) [single ID system](#) without having to continually state their data and other facts and information. Just one entry in the computer and all the pertinent data and information that belong to you will appear.

Other positive aspects of a National ID system are the efficiency of identity verification and the security of the nation. Supporters of the National ID system are after all just after the security of the nation. They want every body to be properly identified and they want the people who come into the land easy to track and monitor. This is in lieu of the attacks mad during September 11. The recent car bomb attacks in the UK could possibly spur on more talks about the National ID system for the UK.

The problem with the current ID's that people are using is that many unscrupulous individuals have managed to fake these and are currently using them for their own evil means. Identity theft is rampant and can be easily done by just gaining some common personal information of the original individual. Faking driver's licenses and other ID's can be done to aid the unscrupulous individuals who set out to takeover the lives of innocent people.

The government maintains that they will crack down on individuals who are identity thieves and also try to bring to halt the manufacture of fake ID's. One need for fake ID's stem from some people mostly minors who



Fluxcard.com Fake ID Articles
Original Research Articles © Fluxcard.com 2007

need to have an ID to enter a certain establishment. Others need fake ID's for work and for creating an entirely different person. The purposes for these actions could be to hide a previous record or a criminal record. Some establishments do not employ those with criminal records.

- (1) www.eff.org
- (2) www.aclu.org/privacy