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Subject: Re: Real ID Act and the Threat of a Police State

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Heh, sorry... lots of incomplete thoughts there. That's what you get for trying to answer questions in the middle of working.

"Liberty or death" is a joke because EVERYONE gives up some liberty by choice, whether they are aware of it or not. The second the government enacts any type of law, a liberty is eroded. Be it to prevent businesses lying to their shareholders, prevent murder from occurring, or to be able to locate someone at a given point and time. The concept of it is fine, but in practice it doesn't hold up.

"Privacy" being an essential freedom is correct, however you give up that freedom the moment you open a window or walk outside, or anywhere else someone can see you. That's all this does, with a lot less information than someone in visual range.

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