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The Defender's Big Brother NewsWatch brings you the latest headlines related to governments' abuse of power, including attacks on democracy, civil liberties and use of mass surveillance.

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'Unfair Surveillance'? Online Exam Software Sparks Global Student Revolt. [Thomson Reuters Foundation News reported:](#)

"As [COVID-19](#) restrictions force students to take remote exams, universities around the world are relying on proctoring software like Examplify. But many students are [wary of the technology](#), including mass data collection and bias in facial recognition."

The Post Covid World, The WEF's Diabolical Project: 'Resetting the Future of Work Agenda' – After 'The Great Reset.' A Horrifying Future. [Global Research reported:](#)

"They call 'Resetting the Future' a White Paper, meaning it's not quite a final version. It is a draft of sorts, a trial balloon, to measure people's reactions. It reads indeed like an executioner's tale. Many people may not read it – have no awareness of its existence. If they did, they would go up in arms and fight this latest totalitarian blueprint, offered to the world by the WEF.

“It promises a horrifying future to some 80%-plus of the (surviving) population. George Orwell’s “1984” reads like a benign fantasy, as compared to what the WEF has in mind for humanity.”

How Artificial Intelligence May Be Making You Buy Things. [BBC News reported:](#)

“‘Our AI system tracks people’s behaviour patterns rather than their purchases, and the more you shop the more the AI knows about what kinds of products you like,’ he says.

“‘The AI module is designed not only to do the obvious stuff, but it learns as it goes along and becomes anticipatory. It can start to build a picture of how likely you are to try a different brand, or to buy chocolate on a Saturday.’”

On U.S. Digital Rights, Biden Presidency Could Be ‘a Real Opportunity.’ [Thomson Reuters Foundation News reported:](#)

“U.S. President-elect Joe Biden should move fast to protect digital rights by curbing the use of facial recognition and surveillance, regulating big tech and tackling discrimination perpetuated by algorithms, campaigners said this week.

“As the Democratic former vice president lays the groundwork for his administration, 10 U.S.-based digital rights and racial justice groups signed a statement setting out their [policy proposals for his first 100 days](#) in office.”

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How Ticketmaster Plans to Check Your Vaccine Status for Concerts. [Billboard reported:](#)

“Here’s how it would work, if approved: After purchasing a ticket for a concert, fans would need to verify that they have already been [vaccinated](#) (which would provide approximately one

year of [COVID-19](#) protection) or test negative for coronavirus approximately 24 to 72 hours prior to the concert. The length of coverage a test would provide would be governed by regional health authorities – if attendees of a Friday night concert had to be tested 48 hours in advance, most could start the testing process the day before the event. If it was a 24-hour window, most people would likely be tested the same day of the event at a lab or a health clinic.”

San Diego City Council backs surveillance technology ordinances. [Cities Today reported:](#)

“The move comes after San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer [recently ordered](#) sensors and cameras on the city’s 3,200 smart streetlights to be deactivated until an ordinance is in place. The [Smart Streetlight Program](#), which originally aimed to save costs and use data to improve mobility, public safety and more, faced mounting criticism over [privacy and surveillance](#) and additional controversy recently relating to San Diego police accessing [video footage](#) from streetlights to help solve crimes.”

Contact Tracing Apps Were Big Tech’s Best Idea for Fighting COVID. Why Haven’t They Helped? [Time reported:](#)

“‘Concern about privacy is one of the things that’s suppressing adoption,” says Christian Sandvig, director of the Center for Ethics, Society, and Computing at the University of Michigan. That’s despite the fact that the Google-Apple protocol – which doesn’t track or share users’ locations or identities – represents the ‘gold standard’ for privacy protection, Sandvig says . . .

“But many users may not see it that way, especially in an era when Americans’ trust in Big Tech is [eroding](#) and technology firms are catching flak from all sides of the political spectrum. In some instances, privacy concerns are even killing contact-tracing apps in the cradle – South Carolina, for

instance, announced plans in May to deploy a Google-Apple powered contact-tracing app, only to [shelve the plan](#) the next month after lawmakers banned such software over privacy concerns.”

Video Greatly Enhances Contact Tracing at Chicago Juvenile Detention Center. [Infection Control Today reported:](#)

“Video surveillance isn’t available in most healthcare settings, at least not the sort of video surveillance employed at a juvenile detention center. The use of video surveillance greatly increased the ability of administrators and medical personnel to contact trace at the Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center (JTDC) in Chicago, according to a preprint [study](#) in the American Journal of Infection Control.”

Compliance Revolution: Digital ID Apps to Exceed 6.2 Billion By 2025 Says Research. [Finance Feeds reported:](#)

“A new study from [Juniper Research](#) has found that the number of digital identity apps in use will exceed 6.2 billion in 2025, from just over 1 billion in 2020. The research found that civic identity apps, where government-issued identities are held in an app, will account for almost 90% of digital identity apps installed globally in 2025; driven by the increasing use of civic identity in emerging markets and the lasting impact of the pandemic.”