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### **More on corporate and government spying.**

This follows up on today's earlier blog entry about paying taxes to be spied on, with the following information: A recent television documentary reports on the Electronic Frontier Foundation's revelations of the widespread extent to which private corporations assist surveillance of people, including attaching satellite GPS systems to track company employees' movements (sometimes without telling them they are being tracked), doing background checks on potential employees often with materially inaccurate information resulting in refusal to employ the applicant, the ability to be tracked geographically by one's cellphone even when it is not being used (as long as it is turned on), and microscopic tracking of printouts and copies made from some of the most popular copiers and printers. Information on this printout tracking is [here](#) and [here](#). - About the United States' surveillance of legitimate activities, here is an ACLU report about the FBI's amassing over one thousand documents on the ACLU, and documents on Greenpeace and United for Peace and Justice. On the one hand, some people might say that if they are breaking no laws, they have no reason to be concerned with this state of affairs. However, the amassing of so much information can even lead to erroneous criminal investigations (and arrests and convictions) of innocent people, and intimidation (both intentional intimidation and feelings of intimidation) of people who are innocent of any crimes. We can vote against this hyper-surveillance state of affairs with our dollars (as to corporate surveillance), and our voice and vote (as to government actions). Jon Katz.

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