



Uncle Sam Wants Your DNA: The FBI's Plan to Create a Nation of Suspects

Congress passed and President Trump signed the Rapid DNA Act that allows police to collect and test DNA immediately following arrests without any conviction of a crime. Police booking stations in several states will be able to connect Rapid DNA machines to the national DNA database beginning this year. Those who were suspects at the time of arrest but were innocent of any crime will forever be linked to criminal databases. By accessing DNA, the government will have data on everyone's ancestry, appearance, medical history, and inclination to accept authority, to name just a few of the traits in which they may be interested. -GEG

"As more and more data flows from your body and brain to the smart machines via the biometric sensors, it will become easy for corporations and government agencies to know you, manipulate you, and make decisions on your behalf. Even more importantly, they could decipher the deep mechanisms of all bodies and brains, and thereby gain the power to

engineer life. If we want to prevent a small elite from monopolising such godlike powers, and if we want to prevent humankind from splitting into biological castes, the key question is: who owns the data? [Does the data about my DNA, my brain and my life belong to me, to the government, to a corporation, or to the human collective?](#)”—Professor Yuval Noah Harari

Uncle Sam wants you.

Correction: Uncle Sam wants your DNA.

Actually, if the government gets its hands on your DNA, they as good as have you in their clutches.

Get ready, folks, because the government— helped along by Congress (which adopted legislation allowing police to collect and test DNA immediately following arrests), President Trump (who signed [the Rapid DNA Act](#) into law), the courts (which have [ruled](#) that police can routinely take DNA samples from people who are arrested but not yet convicted of a crime), and local police agencies (which are chomping at the bit to acquire this new crime-fighting gadget)—is [embarking on a diabolical campaign to create a nation of suspects predicated on a massive national DNA database.](#)

As the *New York Times* [reports](#):

“The science-fiction future, in which police can swiftly identify robbers and murderers from discarded soda cans and cigarette butts, has arrived. In 2017, President Trump signed into law [the Rapid DNA Act](#), which, starting this year, will enable approved police booking stations in several states to connect their Rapid DNA machines to Codis, the national DNA database. [Genetic fingerprinting is set to become as routine as the old-fashioned kind.](#)”

Referred to as “magic boxes,” these Rapid DNA machines—portable, about the size of a desktop printer, highly unregulated, [far from fool-proof](#), and so fast that they can produce DNA profiles in less than two hours—allow police to go on fishing expeditions for any hint of *possible* misconduct using DNA samples.

Journalist Heather Murphy explains: “As police agencies build out their local DNA databases, they are collecting DNA not only from people who have been charged with major crimes but also, increasingly, [from people who are merely deemed suspicious, permanently linking their genetic identities to criminal databases.](#)”

Suspect Society, meet the American police state.

Every dystopian sci-fi film we've ever seen is suddenly converging into this present moment in a dangerous trifecta between science, technology and a government that wants to be all-seeing, all-knowing and all-powerful.

By tapping into your phone lines and cell phone communications, the [government knows what you say](#).

By uploading all of your emails, opening your mail, and reading your Facebook posts and [text messages](#), the [government knows what you write](#).

By monitoring your movements with the use of license plate readers, surveillance cameras and other tracking devices, the [government knows where you go](#).

By churning through all of the detritus of your life—[what you read, where you go, what you say](#)—the [government can predict what you will do](#).

By mapping the synapses in your brain, scientists—and in turn, the government—[will soon know what you remember](#).

And by accessing your DNA, the [government will soon know everything else about you that they don't already know](#): your family chart, your ancestry, what you look like, your health history, your inclination to follow orders or chart your own

course,
etc.

Of course, none of these technologies are foolproof.

Nor are they immune from tampering, hacking or user bias.

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