

The Information Revolution - And the Bill of Rights

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"The great danger is that we could become 'information bound', because each step in the development of an 'information tyranny' appeared to be constructive and useful. I suspect that it would be much easier to guard against a malicious oppressor than to avoid being slowly but increasingly dominated by an information Frankenstein of our own creation. (Though we should recognize, I believe, that an effective means of citizen surveillance and intimidation could also provide attractive opportunities for a would-be dictator.)"