# Our Final Electronic Police State Report

This is our third and final Electronic Police State Report. There will not be another; at least not from us. Producing the report is a job too large for us, and although we have reached out to quite a few organizations, asking for help, none of them have expressed a bit of interest.

And, at this point, most people are defending their ignorance; not much good will come from us repeating ourselves.

A lot has happened in the past year, but most of the large events were published on news sites. The information is known:

- Tracking credit card use in real time.
- Intel bureaus shutting down web sites to assist intellectual property enforcement.
- Countries arresting thousands of people for looking at porn.
- Governments saving every email.
- Putting spy chips in millions of garbage cans.
- Putting surveillance cameras into the homes of "problem families."
- A man being arrested for saying that he had "an explosive headache" over his cell phone.
- New identity documents.
- Installing spy devices at telephone exchanges.

All of these stories, and many, many more, were displayed in public. There's not much for us to add.

The one thing that is a little bit harder to see (but not much), is the increasingly tight connection between police and intelligence departments. Police departments world-wide are being militarized. Police work used to be focused on the local people and their daily lives, but not anymore - the police are becoming judgment-less enforcers of words written by distant politicians. This is a bad, bad change.

Just to be thorough, we will repeat that an electronic police state is characterized by *state use of electronic technologies to record, organize, search and distribute forensic evidence against its citizens.*

The information gathered under an electronic police state is criminal evidence, ready for use in a trial. It is gathered universally ("preventively") and only later organized for use in prosecutions.

This is the world going forward:



He who wants to know, will know.