

A National ID Card For American Citizens? Get Ready – The Real ID Act Goes Into Effect On May 11



For a moment, imagine a future where you are not able to drive a car, get on a plane, get on a train, vote, enter a federal building, open a bank account or get a job without a national ID card. You don't think that could ever happen in America? Well, you might want to brush up on the Real ID Act because it is going to go into effect **on May 11, 2011** unless something is done to stop it. When I first learned this, I was absolutely stunned. After all, wasn't the Real ID Act supposed to be "dead"? A few years ago state legislatures across the nation were in an uproar over this law. The Department of Homeland Security was forced to delay implementation of it several times. But now it is back. You see, this is what the federal government often does. They will try to push something very unpopular through, and if they meet resistance they will "play dead" until the uproar has died down and then they will come right back and implement it anyway. This is what is happening with the Real ID Act.

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As of May 11, all driver's licenses across the United States will be required to conform to federal national security standards. In essence, our licenses are now going to be federalized.

Yes, this is really happening. [A Fox News article](#) from a couple weeks ago confirmed that these "national ID cards" will be required to board airplanes and enter federal buildings....

States must be in compliance by May with the regulations laid out in the 2005 REAL ID Act. The law, a recommendation of the Sept. 11 commission that investigated the 2001 terror attacks, creates a national security standard for state-issued identification cards to be used for purposes like boarding airplanes and entering federal buildings.

Isn't that great?

Now security goons will be able to ask us for our "papers" just like they used to do in Nazi Germany and the USSR.

Back in 2008, former U.S. Representative Bob Barr [wrote the following](#) about how not having one of these new national ID cards will automatically strip us of some of our most fundamental rights....

"A person not possessing a Real ID Act-compliant identification card could not enter any federal building, or an office of his or her congressman or senator or the U.S. Capitol. This effectively denies that person their fundamental rights to assembly and to petition the government as guaranteed in the First Amendment."

Of course the Department of Homeland Security insists that the Real ID Act is just here to "help" us and to make life "better" and "more secure". [According to their website](#), some of the goals of the Real ID Act are "to help prevent terrorism, reduce fraud, and improve the reliability and accuracy of personal identification documents."

But is this really what we want America to become?

A nation where we are constantly passing through checkpoints and where security goons are constantly checking our national ID card?

What kind of liberty and freedom is that?

Eventually these national ID cards will likely be required for virtually every single interaction that we have with the federal government.

Can you imagine the kind of power that the federal government will have to watch us and track our activities if this thing gets fully implemented?

The more you really think about the notion of a national ID card for Americans the more repulsive it becomes.

Eventually, without a "Real ID" you will not be able to be hired by most employers. So in essence, you will be required to get the permission of the federal government before you can work.

Without a "Real ID", your ability to travel will be greatly restricted. Eventually there will be very few modes of public transportation that you will be able to use without having a national ID card.

And what if you lose your national ID card? Talk about a headache!

Hey, eventually they might just decide to solve that problem by putting a microchip directly into our hands.

Wouldn't that be convenient?

Can you see **where all of this is headed?** Many of the people that are attempting to implement this thing may have "good intentions", but we all know what they say about "good intentions".

We do not need a national ID card to have a nation that is safe and secure.

Please contact your representatives in Washington D.C. and let them know that you want the Real ID Act repealed once and for all.

If we put up with a national ID card, then the Obama administration will be emboldened to try to implement the "**universal Internet ID**" that they have been talking about.

The sad truth is that America is no longer "**the land of the free**". The government has decided that in order to keep us "safe", everything that we do must be watched, tracked, traced, recorded and controlled.

It doesn't matter whether the Democrats are in power or if the Republicans are in power - every year the United States becomes even more like a prison camp.

Hopefully the American people will wake up and will realize that this is not what our founding fathers intended.

So what do you all think about the coming implementation of the Real ID Act? Please feel free to leave a comment with your thoughts below....

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Rich

March 1st, 2011 at 2:49 pm

Sounds like a great way to round us all up when they get ready to throw us into FEMA camps.



Tao Jones

March 1st, 2011 at 3:16 pm

Contact your Congressman?

Are you for real?

Do you actually still believe that these criminals represent your interests? The only way to combat the Beast is by refusing to comply—if every citizen simply refuses to carry, issue, or participate in any way with this program then it would not be possible to further enslave us.

Contacting your Masters to beg them to keep you free will be as productive as requesting a corpse to loan you a million dollars to buy the Wind.

If you want to be free you're going to have to start behaving as if you were free. advising people to keep swallowing the medicine that made us sick in the first

place is Complicity, whether you realize it or not.

Free your minds!



FireSteel.com

March 1st, 2011 at 3:29 pm

It has been quite some time since the USA, in reality, has been the “land of the free home of the brave.

The real terrorists have all along been our own governments. Thomas Jefferson and the other founding fathers of the United States recognized this early on. The Constitution and Bill of Rights are attempts at keeping the government from going terrorist.

Looks like it's not working.

Fact is, the biggest terrorist in the world IS the United States Government. Just open your eyes and look around you. An inescapable fact.

Once they get this ID system in place, whenever they want they can stop anyone – including you – from getting a job (or get you fired from the job you have), separate you from your money, stop you from making payments on your home or car, kick you out of your rental, keep you from buying food and other necessities. In short, make your life impossible to live and make it impossible for you to defend yourself.

They wouldn't do this? They already do. Many has been the person suddenly cut off from their finances by the US Government with no judge, no jury. How do you legally defend yourself when all your assets have been seized?

Exactly. You can't.

“Land of the Free, home of the brave”. Nice sentiment. Wish it were true but alas it is just a pipe dream.



nick

March 1st, 2011 at 3:37 pm

Well considering that most Americans wanted security over freedom, this latest development is hardly surprising. The patriot act, detention without legal cause, overt spending on the military...and now surprise! National id cards. Wonder whats next?



courtney

March 1st, 2011 at 4:43 pm

What can be done about this??



michelle simpson

March 1st, 2011 at 5:08 pm

I applaud you for standing up and telling the truth everyday. “You” have shown me a constructive way to bring “the message” in with everyday conversation.

-Thank You, Michelle Simpson, TX-



mondobeyondo

March 1st, 2011 at 5:29 pm

The U.S has managed to survive for nearly 235 years without a “national ID card”. Why do we need one now? It's just another attack on our freedoms

and civil liberties.

And you definitely wouldn't want your ID card to be suspended or revoked. Talk about big time trouble. Would you have to show the feds this card when you get your food stamps? Social Security check? Income tax refund?

I'm seriously considering voluntarily applying for one more piece of government paperwork – a passport. Their next step will probably be to make it so difficult to leave America, that you'll be stuck here, in a neo-East Germany type dictatorship. Heck, Uncle Sam might just make foreign travel overseas illegal – already in effect with regards to Cuba!! That is not the future I want for me and my family.



Chicago Don

March 1st, 2011 at 6:42 pm

They that can give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety. — Ben Franklin, 1759

Is life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God. I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death! — Patrick Henry

If men, through fear, fraud, or mistake, should in terms renounce or give up any natural right, the eternal law of reason and the grand end of society would absolutely vacate such renunciation. The right to freedom being the gift of Almighty God, it is not in the power of man to alienate this gift and voluntarily become a slave. — Samuel Adams

Read, think and ponder friends. What would the founders say about society today.



Hal (GT)

March 1st, 2011 at 6:44 pm

Among all the other things you've listed it seems like just another example of government bloat. I've got a passport and a social security card that is used by a host of government services and banks in spite of the fact that it's not supposed to be used for identification. So another card just sounds like another agency wanting to duplicate what's already being done.



tommy

March 1st, 2011 at 6:59 pm

So what are we supposed to do? How can we sop it?



Timothy Crowe

March 1st, 2011 at 7:58 pm

Honorable agents of the legislature,

On May 11th 2011 the REAL ID ACT is set to go into effect. Should any such provisions go into effect I will openly defy them.

In the manner of John Hancock, So that the king may see my name with out his specticals; I, Timothy Leo Ernest Crowe do so defy this law.

A person not possessing a Real ID Act-compliant identification card could not enter any federal building, or an office of his or her congressman or senator or the U.S. Capitol. This effectively denies that person their fundamental rights to assembly and to petition the government as guaranteed in the First Amendment.

I am a citizen of liberty. Her test of citizenship is not this bureaucratic regulation or piece of silicon and plastic. Her citizenship is the "sure possession of those willing to defend it".



Green

March 1st, 2011 at 8:18 pm

Would be nice if you had a link to the votes in the House and Senate regarding the Real ID Act so we know exactly how our legislators cast their ballots.



Trisha

March 1st, 2011 at 8:41 pm

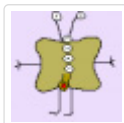
Let me tell you this, I am upset already about all the BS the government has been allowing to happen such as the "Pat Downs" and "X-RAY" machines at our airports all in the name of U.S. security and its citizens. What rights do they have other than the rights we give up. This exactly is what it is. We gave up those rights through fear that our own government put upon us. Yes, the Government is creating "False Threats" to get us where they want us mentally. Creating "False Threats" just like Adolf Hitler did with the Jews. Rounding them up into gas chambers so called showers....Let me tell you I will question every "false Threat" there is after 911 because even that tragic day has become a huge question mark. I am not old enough to really know history like my Grandparents lived it but I will not be Gullable either. There is something very evil about all this and my intuitions are usually right.



ExposeNWO

March 1st, 2011 at 8:49 pm

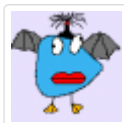
Non-compliance on a mass scale. It's the only way to stop it.



Becky

March 1st, 2011 at 9:35 pm

Hey, eventually they might just decide to solve that problem by putting a microchip directly into our hands. Read Revelations... it is in there and it is coming. Just don't know when, but it seems like it will be sooner or later.. after all, it is for our own good!



Canadian Reader

March 2nd, 2011 at 12:28 am

<http://www.snopes.com/politics/traffic/realid.asp>



winston smith

March 2nd, 2011 at 12:41 am

i think its 1984 and the population is a bunch of Sheeple who talk and do nothing
i want to take the Sunset Limited asap .



winston smith

March 2nd, 2011 at 12:48 am

The United States not America as there are 3 of them you morons. its the land of the free and land of the slave . You all look in the mirror as you let

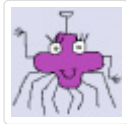
this happen . revolution is the only solution which can never happen as we are a divided group. situation hopeless!



Alex

March 2nd, 2011 at 1:13 am

Whether we like it or not history repeats itself. This is a means to an end, let them do it. This country will have revolution one way or another, bring it.... I'm ready to fight for what I believe I in.



Colin

March 2nd, 2011 at 1:27 am

Libya is a nation of tribes and, yet, they are working collectively to remove MQ. So, no, our situation is not entirely hopeless.



David

March 2nd, 2011 at 1:44 am

Just another reason to reduce your dependence on anything from the government.

David

Free Food 2 Go



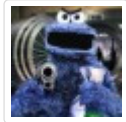
ISN Coins

March 2nd, 2011 at 1:48 am

You're right, the topic of Real ID seemed to die off. Now that they've quieted the TSA issues, they're ready to take the next step.

David

International Silver Network



Gary

March 2nd, 2011 at 2:28 am

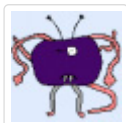
I think we need to worry more about taxing the rich and spreading the wealth. As long as this is done I could care less about a ID card.



Ron Morrison

March 2nd, 2011 at 2:38 am

I was with you until it got down to the part that said: "A Fox news story" Fox Lies!



Andrew Francis

March 2nd, 2011 at 2:44 am

I am running for President of the United States in 2012. I will get rid of this. We do not live in Nazi Germany The Sequel. I refuse to allow this Country you and I love so much go down a path where we lose our Rights, Liberties and Freedoms.



Randy Wilkinson

March 2nd, 2011 at 2:48 am

I have lived in many countries who require national ID cards. I found no problems in obtaining these cards and requiring them to do business and otherwise. This is just another issue for the right to raise hell about while neglecting the real problems we are facing.



MitchellFerrenBurg

March 2nd, 2011 at 2:52 am

I welcome anything that will keep the Antisemitic Muslims as far as possible from our citizens. They will stop at nothing (see 9-11) to kill as many innocent women and children as possible. According to their sick 'religion', they get 'virgins for demented sex' for killing innocents.

God bless America and Israel.



Kelly

March 2nd, 2011 at 4:36 am

I think we have bigger problems in the US than getting another form of ID. If you aren't doing anything criminal or illegal, what do you have to worry about? Does anyone think a "real ID" is the government's magic window to spying on you? If they want to, they will do it regardless. Our government and our country are far from perfect and we have a long way to go to fix things, but an ID is a small issue. If you don't like it here, leave.



Bo McBrayer

March 2nd, 2011 at 5:17 am

It's not going to be a "national ID card." it's a new way for state departments of motor vehicles to comply to a set of standards that conform to the national agenda on security. you will still only have the one ID card, but as is happening already, they are forced to consult with the Dept of Homeland Security on what goes on the ID. I agree it's ludicrous, but it has to be clear that we won't be carrying around a "federal ID card" like the Jews in Nazi Germany. the biggest example is that you can no longer smile in your photo because it has to register in the facial recognition software they use to combat terrorism.



rhea

March 2nd, 2011 at 11:22 am

The Republican-backed National Security bill originally contained language to create a national driver's license AND a federal computerized worker registry.

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Doe

March 2nd, 2011 at 1:36 pm

And this is the next step...

Genetic Patdown at airports by DHS

...they won't stop at fingerprints and iris scans.



jerome

March 2nd, 2011 at 3:21 pm

it was written long long ago that there will be a time that unles you have a mark on your hand or forehead you will not be able to buy or sell anything! this is the last step before this prophecy is fulfilled ! are you ready? got Jesus?



Trisha

March 2nd, 2011 at 3:27 pm

I have come to realize that creating "false threats" and creating "detours" are the governments way of creating frenzie and confusion. If we remain confused and frenzied we will all become sheep in a feild with no way out and the government will let in the wolves with their laws in the name of national security to make us all feel safer. In retrospect we are going to lose our freedoms that the founding fathers so diligently worked hard to create from their own experiences in their own countries they fled from. Now is the time to Wake up and get your heads out of the sand (comfort zone) and create some confusion and frenzing for your politicians whom are to be working for us in the first place. Speak up and tell them how you feel. You will not vote for them again if they don't stop this crap. Finally, our freedoms are not being taken from us we are giving them up freely through fear. Remember WE run this country it is our hard work and our getting up every morning to go to work, which pays their very high salaries and retirement benefits. Make them work hard for these and start demanding some change that is going to benefit the hard working white collar folks out there. The national ID is just a detour to take your minds off of what is really important your freedoms. Lets try and look into the future a bit and see just what these IDs are going to do exactly? Give up your freedom to fly on a plane, check, give up your freedom to ride on a train, check, give up your freedom to walk into a government building, check, give up your freedom to privacy, check, all of these things are already in force and why? Because you where that sheep in the field terrified of the wolves.



Eva

March 2nd, 2011 at 7:08 pm

Complete and total bullshit...just another reason for the government to try and control us.



DENISE ROBERTS

March 2nd, 2011 at 9:55 pm

Now let me see if I get this right. We,as Americans, will need an ID card,but law enforcement cannot ask an Illegal Mexican or other nationality, for legal status when stopped for a traffic violation. There's got to be some way to stop this!



Gutter Economist

March 3rd, 2011 at 12:12 am

Coming Soon: Government-Issued Hall Passes to Function on the Internet

Uncle Sam is clearly developing a capability to issue cyber "hall passes," without which you may ultimately be blocked from commerce on the Internet!

<http://www.planorperish.com/?p=4363>



Bob Dooley

March 3rd, 2011 at 12:16 am

According to an email sent to me today about this ID card you can send faxes to congress about it, but they charge a fee. Here is the address:
https://secure.conservativedonations.com/caa_realid/?a=5726



CarmRaney

March 3rd, 2011 at 12:22 am

This is so frightening!!! Little by little the government is taking over our lives. Pretty soon we will have no freedom at all.

It is difficult for me to understand how people can blindly let their freedoms evaporate.

Call, write, fax, visit in person your representatives (that's a joke son) and insist they listen to you. (that's also a joke). The only interest your representatives have in you is how much money you can contribute to their campaign. Other than that.....squat!!!

I am a conservative and my main representative in Washington is Harry Reid!!!! I'm sure he'd be delighted to hear from me. I don't even bother as he has said " I only take phone calls from Senators". Nuff said!!!!

I for one will never show a National ID Card in order to do anything. Hopefully there are a lot of you out there who will do the same.



Colleen Jeffries

March 3rd, 2011 at 5:30 am

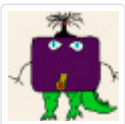
Nazi America is here, folks. We are no longer a free society. We are totally under government control. There is no way out of this. The government has the upper hand now. I figure the majority of Americans will go along with the National ID Card, just like they are going along with the TSA pat downs, and body scanners. It is frightening that we are losing our personal liberties, as well as our civil liberties. I am willing to say that within the next ten years, America will become unrecognizable. Hey folk, we are almost there.



DevilDog911

March 3rd, 2011 at 10:20 am

It is VERY STRANGE that MAINLY, United States Citizens are 'THOROUGHLY' SEARCHED before boarding a plane at U.S. AIRPORTS!! WE THE PEOPLE of the USA are SEARCHED, FELT UP, & PHYSICALLY INVADED--AS IF WE ARE THE TERRORISTS!! TO MY KNOWLEDGE, SINCE 9/11, there has been NO ACTS of TERRORISM ON PLANES FLYING FROM ANY U.S. AIRPORTS!! ONLY THOSE FROM OTHER COUNTRIES WERE SUSPECT...AS FAR AS DOCUMENTATION IS CONCERNED, I WILL SHOUT RACISM, or, MY RELIGION RESTRICTS ANYONE FROM TOUCHING ME!!
****ALL U.S. CITIZENS TRAVELING BY AIR-REQUIRING 'TSA' 'INSPECTIONS' NEED TO UTILIZE THE SCHEMES of OUR ENEMIES!!! CREATE A HUGE AND NOTICEABLE SCENE, THAT NO ONE CAN IGNORE!! START RECITING PASSAGES FROM THE BIBLE, CONSTITUTION..AND SO ON!!



LibertyRinger

March 3rd, 2011 at 11:50 pm

Keep hearing of this and some say the new real ID cards will include one's political and religion preference, social security #, eye retina scan code, blood type, employment and more. Went to all government sites to verify but all they do is confirm it's going into effect but don't list what extra info will be included in the cards. Can anyone relay an official site we can see exactly what's coming?



LibertyRinger



March 3rd, 2011 at 11:54 pm

UGH! Dear "endoftheamericandream". Wish you'd consider a new artist.

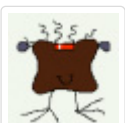
Those are the ugliest cartoon pics to put up, aren't they? Please don't "profile" me as a reptilian vegetable onion with red tipped appendage hanging down like a tongue or other member, ok,
UGLY



BoB6791

March 4th, 2011 at 1:00 am

You guys are idiots. There is no 'national ID card'. REAL ID is a standard all states must follow when issuing a driver's license. Most states have no requirement to carry a driver's license except when driving on public roads.



Nick

March 4th, 2011 at 1:46 am

if you're not doing anything wrong why would you have an issue with carrying an ID, issued by the state to prove who you are? This is the same as having a driver's license. Are you really concerned about having government track your movements every time you swipe your DL to buy beer? Not to mention that if they really wanted to they could access your Credit Card information as well after obtaining a search warrant. And if you're really against the government being able to search an identifiable database then you should also be against gun registration because the Nazi's also used these to subject their citizens to their rule.



Luther

March 4th, 2011 at 7:46 pm

@Tao Jones

He's absolutely right.

The ONLY way to fight this is to REFUSE to get one. I will, and who knows what will happen, but I feel my American counterparts won't be by my side. Please people,

FIGHT THIS. DON'T BE SCARED THAT THEY'LL THROW CUFFS ON YOU OR WHATEVER. IF EVERYBODY UNITES, EVERYBODY IS STRONG, WE CAN OVERCOME THE TRAMPLING OF OUR RIGHTS.

FIGHT!!!!!!



Mark0645

March 4th, 2011 at 10:18 pm

"They who can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety"
-Benjamin Franklin
