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Here in California a major concern recently has been the 'offence' known as "driving while black." This is, of course, a result of profiling of suspicious characters. Are blacks, per capita, more likely to commit crimes? Certainly. Is it acceptable to stop a black individual because of this? Hell no. I have little to no doubt that you people will hoard the data you are collecting, and that much of your profiling will be racially discriminatory, especially against Arabs. Some Saudi man's mother dies, so he buys a one-way ticket to Saudi Arabia, leaving immediately. I'm guessing that a man with an Arabic last name, travelling on short notice on a one-way ticket would kick off your racial profiling, and very unfairly so.

I for one and sick and tired of these ridiculous and ever-growing invasions of privacy. You people in government don't seem to understand that no longer are you viewed as a servant of the people, but increasingly, as the chief enemy of the people.

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