

Eyes on You: The Rise of Mass Surveillance in Ohio

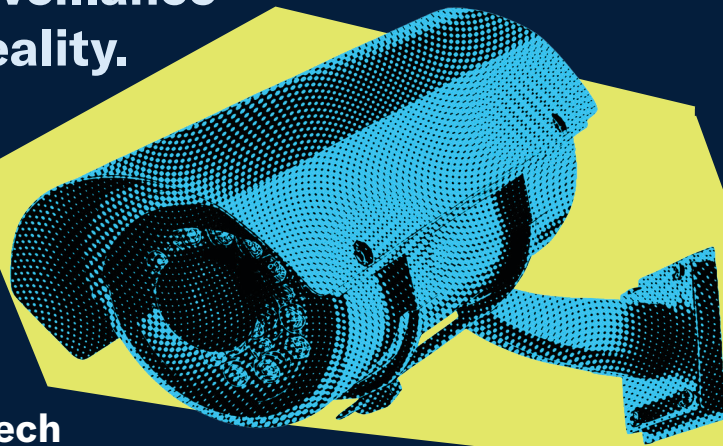


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What You Need to Know

Sweeping government surveillance has become a terrifying reality.

With the help of companies like Flock Safety, Axon, and Motorola Solutions, **our government has created a vast surveillance network, and law enforcement agencies across the country are contracting with these Big Tech companies.** Dragnet technologies monitor our travel, activities, and even our faces and features, spying on us throughout our daily lives.



Mass surveillance technologies take many forms such as:

- Automatic license plate readers (ALPRs) tracking vehicles;
- Gunshot detectors logging audio;
- Drones surveilling from the skies;
- SignalTrace devices, capable of collecting data from any Bluetooth, Wi-fi, or radio frequency device passing by.

Currently, there are over 100,000 ALPRs tracking our movements throughout the United States.

The ACLU of Ohio is taking a stand against this dangerous violation of our privacy and calling for the removal of surveillance devices, as well as the termination of contracts with these companies.



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Why We Care

Government surveillance in Ohio at its current scale and magnitude violates our civil liberties, inviting abuse and misuse of technologies that harm us and our communities.

Constant surveillance allows our governments to collect our personal information like party affiliation, sexual orientation and gender identity, religion, the people and organizations with whom we associate, our daily routines, and more. Unceasing eyes can chill expression and participation in daily and civic life, creating fear, unease, and pressure to conform. Legislation in Ohio is failing to account for these and many more problems, leaving the handling of many surveillance technologies, such as ALPRs, entirely unregulated. This leads to surveillance data — images, video, and audio of ourselves and our communities — vulnerable to access by federal agencies, third parties, and bad actors.



What You Can Do

Communities around the state are waking up to government surveillance and fighting back.

Learn about technology in your community, reach out to your decision-makers and neighbors, and be a voice for positive change and privacy protections. For example, you can advocate for legislation prohibiting the use of ALPRs or for community control over surveillance decisions. **You and your neighbors know what is best for your community — not massive tech companies and politicians.**

For more information or inspiration, you can refer to the ACLU of Ohio's Eyes on You: The Rise of Mass Surveillance in Ohio.

This toolkit dives into the state of surveillance and how you and other Ohioans can organize to protect and fight for our civil liberties amid pervasive government surveillance in our communities.

