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POLICE STATE MADNESS

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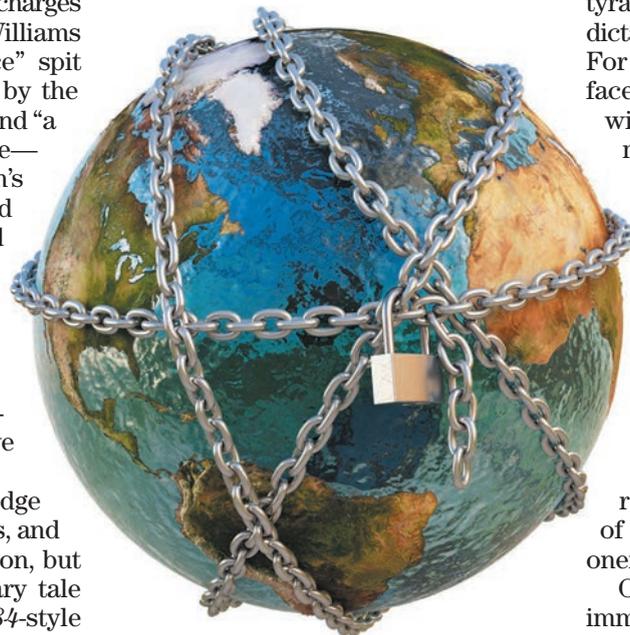
Michael Williams, a 65-year-old man from Chicago, Ill., had been rotting in jail for nearly a year, accused of killing another man at the height of the chaos brought on by the racial riots in the summer of 2020. The problem is, the charges filed by prosecutors against Williams were built solely on “evidence” spit out by a supercomputer used by the Windy City that analyzed video and “a loud noise”—supposedly gunfire—recorded on the night of the man’s murder, which had been picked up by sensors positioned around the city. There were no witnesses to the crime, and a murder weapon was never located, but that didn’t stop prosecutors from charging Williams with murder—all because a supercomputer indicated he must have done the crime.

Fortunately, in late July, a judge tossed the case against Williams, and he has been released from prison, but his story serves as a cautionary tale about the rise of a truly 1984-style world that’s rapidly being created through the use of sweeping, privacy-robbing mass surveillance tied to supercomputers that do the thinking for humans.

With the advent of Covid-19, more people than ever around the world now support the kind of government control that was once the sole purview of totalitarian communist countries like China and North Korea. Increasingly, once free nations like the United

States, the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand are succumbing to this fallacy, that trading their personal freedom and privacy will grant them security.

One of the worst examples of this is Australia, whose Parliament passed on Aug. 25 a sweeping surveillance package called the Surveillance Legislation



Amendment (Identify and Disrupt) Bill 2020.

According to multiple reports, Australian police, in the name of fighting cybercrime, have been handed the absolute power to break into your private phone or computer, collect your data, and pour over your social media accounts—all without a warrant from a judge. The scary part is that police can do this without ever even contacting you about it.

They can simply demand that the phone company or other service provider turn over your private information and that company must comply without informing you that you are under the microscope.

With onerous Covid-19 lockdowns imposed on New Zealand, Australia’s island neighbor is also on its way to tyranny once reserved for oppressive dictatorships and totalitarian countries. For the past 18 months, citizens there face arrest and jail time if they are unwilling to comply with government mandates that demand you “shelter in places for weeks at a time”—meaning you can’t even leave your house to go outside on your own private property.

On Aug. 17, New Zealand authorities put the country of 5 million on lockdown. The mainstream media claimed that the new measures would likely only last a few days, but two weeks later, the major city of Auckland still remains in lockdown while the rest of the country has had some of the onerous restrictions loosened.

Of course, Americans have been not immune to the slow creep of tyranny.

Despite no evidence the Jan. 6 protests were anything other than a demonstration that later turned rowdy, Democrats in Washington on the House commission investigating what happened that day are desperate to find something that confirms their hysteria. Recently, they sent letters to all of the major tech companies, demanding they turn over any data that could even loosely be conceived as related to that day. This includes public and private messages made by anyone anywhere in or around the United States—including Republican members of Congress. The tech companies are not even bothering to fight the wide, totally unconstitutional net that is being cast by Democrats, largely because of the hyperbolic, absurd rhetoric that has been tossed around in public forums about that day. George Orwell is turning in his grave. ★

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