



MASS SURVEILLANCE TECHNOLOGIES AND THE FUTURE OF LIBERAL DEMOCRACY

An Age Old Debate Revisited: The “Freedom vs. Security” Dilemma in the 21st Century

Technological changes, if large enough, may lead to massive transformation in the way human societies organize themselves. Today, hundreds of millions of individuals share data about themselves, their immediate environment and their ideas at any moment. These data, if aggregated for a sufficient amount of time, might reveal important information about a) the individual and b) long-term trends within the society. These aggregated data are used by private interest groups to achieve a plethora of different purposes from product development to market orientation. It is also used by governments for various ends that are or might, potentially, be harmful for individual liberties and privacy. On the other hand, with the rise of ICT, security challenges became extremely complex and multi-layered which requires intervention on different levels. The on-going intrusion by governments and private interest groups into the private sphere of individuals around the world is an issue that is inadequately handled using current technological and organizational measures.

With this roundtable we aim to explore the possible short and long-term effects of the use of certain technologies, especially the mass surveillance technologies, on human rights, governance, statehood and the society. In addition, we want to address relevant responses, policies to ensure better coordination vis-à-vis increasingly complex security challenges presented by increased capacity and willingness on the part of states/ private interest groups to interfere with the lives of individuals/citizens.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

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ABOUT THE RALF DAHRENDORF ROUNDTABLES

By connecting the roundtable series with the name of Lord Dahrendorf, ELF wishes to underline his achievements. In his many functions he championed liberal democracy and European integration. He consistently promoted the role of the EU as a guarantor of human rights and liberty. His wide experience combining science and politics provided an excellent background to his activity in the German Parliament for the liberal Free Democratic Party, as European Commissioner, as member of the British House of Lords and as Chairman of the Board of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation (1982-1987).

During his four years in Brussels (1970 – 1974), Lord Dahrendorf was responsible for the European Community's Foreign Relations and Trade, and later for Research, Science and Education. He actively supported a stronger Europe. As Commissioner he was a sharp critic of European Union bureaucracy while he was passionately in favour of a European Parliament exercising greater power.