COVID-19 Used As Excuse to End Civil Rights

Do policymakers and governors understand their limits under the U.S. and state constitutions, in particular freedom of movement under the first Amendment and freedom from surveillance under the 4th Amendment?

Laws and executive orders are building snitch phone lines, tracing contacts, restricting movement, and building databases. We could lose everything the Founding Fathers risked their lives to put in place.

Attorney General Bill Barr says stay-at-home orders come “disturbingly close to house arrest.” Social-distancing Americans are being handcuffed and hauled away. Congress just created a $500 million public health surveillance system for real-time, Internet-access to our private medical records. It doesn’t go away after the crisis ends. Government is using this virus as an excuse to undo civil rights. It’s got to end.


“The Barr calls stay-at-home orders ‘disturbingly close to house arrest’” Pete Williams, NBC, April 21, 2020: https://nbcnews.to/2KtedDg