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ID
CARDS
FICTION
AND
FACT



ID CARDS WILL PROTECT US FROM TERRORISM

No they won't. The men thought responsible for the bomb in Madrid all carried valid ID cards.

Suicide bombers don't go to great lengths to hide their identity; they want the world to know who they are.

The Home Office has admitted that ID cards will not deter a determined terrorist.



**THEY WILL
CUT CRIME**

Why should having to carry an ID card deter a bank robber, a rapist or mugger? It doesn't in those countries that already have compulsory cards.

Street crime is just as much a problem in France, Germany, Italy and Spain, as it is here. Much crime is drug related and ID cards won't stop an addict stealing to fuel their addiction.



**THE GOVERNMENT
WILL MAKE SURE
MY PERSONAL
DETAILS REMAIN
PRIVATE**

No they won't. Your ID file will document where you live, what you earn, your medical details and much, much else. Within a few years it will almost certainly include a DNA sample.

Government officials in numerous different departments will have access to it, as will the employees of the private company the Government will pay to manage the information.



**IT WON'T COST
ME ANYTHING**

Yes it will. Not only will you be forced to have one, you will have to pay at least £75 for it.

If you lose it you will have to pay for a replacement.

If any detail on the card is wrong you will have to pay to get it changed.

You will have to pay again whenever you move, or get married.



IT WILL STOP ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

No it won't. People smugglers will continue to operate and there will be a lucrative market in forged ID cards.

Don't believe those who say it will be impossible to forge the new 'biometric' cards. They said that about bank and credit cards and it took the forgers just a few hours to prove them wrong.

If someone can produce it, someone else can forge it. Plus industry experts say that 1 in 10 biometric readings will be wrong.



IT WILL STOP BENEFIT CHEATS

It might make it marginally more difficult to claim benefit under a false name – but that's not what benefit fraud is.

Over 90% of benefit fraud is by people using their real names convincing a doctor they are too ill to work (dodgy back syndrome) or working cash in hand while claiming unemployment benefit.



**DON'T LET
THEM GET
AWAY WITH IT**

You don't have to stand by and watch as we lose our personal freedoms.

A National ID Card Scheme will be an expensive, foolish and damaging mistake.

Opposition is growing. Now is the time to join the campaign.

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