

Like, Totally Orwellian: ‘Government Surveillance Cameras In Every Household’

Description

Nearly one-third of Generation Z says they’d be just fine with government-installed surveillance cameras in every household under the guise of reducing domestic violence and other illegal activity. “Would you favor or oppose the government installing surveillance cameras in every household to reduce domestic violence, abuse, and other illegal activity?” asks a new survey from the Cato Institute. **Of the responses, 29% of those aged 18-29 said yes.**

As the [NY Post](#) notes;

In 1791, the utilitarian philosopher Jeremy Bentham proposed building a “panopticon” in which people’s behavior could be monitored at all times.

But Bentham’s panopticon was meant to be a prison. A sizable segment of Generation Z would like to call it home.

When it comes to other age brackets, **20% of millennials (between the ages of 30 and 44) also want everyone watched.**

Then, wisdom appears to kick in – as **just 6% of Americans aged 45 and older were OK with government surveillance in every home.**

Broken down by politics, **19% of liberals and 18% of centrists agreed** that our daily lives should be monitored by the government for our own safety, **while 9 – 11% of those who identify as conservative, very conservative, or very liberal agreed** in what appears to be a “horseshoe” issue that unites both ends of the political spectrum.

It’s the middle that has the ethic of old East German secret police — or the KGB. Maybe that’s not surprising considering the way respectable liberal institutions now run themselves.

From Ivy League campuses to the [publishing industry](#) and the [digital domains of Facebook](#), there is an Orwellian sense of perpetual emergency, an irrational fear that misinformation and hate speech will overwhelm society unless every utterance is subject to a censor’s scrutiny.

Even Orwell didn’t imagine Newspeak would require new pronouns. -NY Post

Broken down by race, **33% of black Americans said they’re fine with government in-home surveillance**, as did 25% of hispanics, 11% of whites, and 9% of asians respectively.

The question was asked as part of the [Cato Institute’s survey](#) on American attitudes on the prospect of a ‘central bank digital currency.’ What’s interesting about **that** is that **53% of Americans who support a CBDC also support in-home surveillance cameras.**

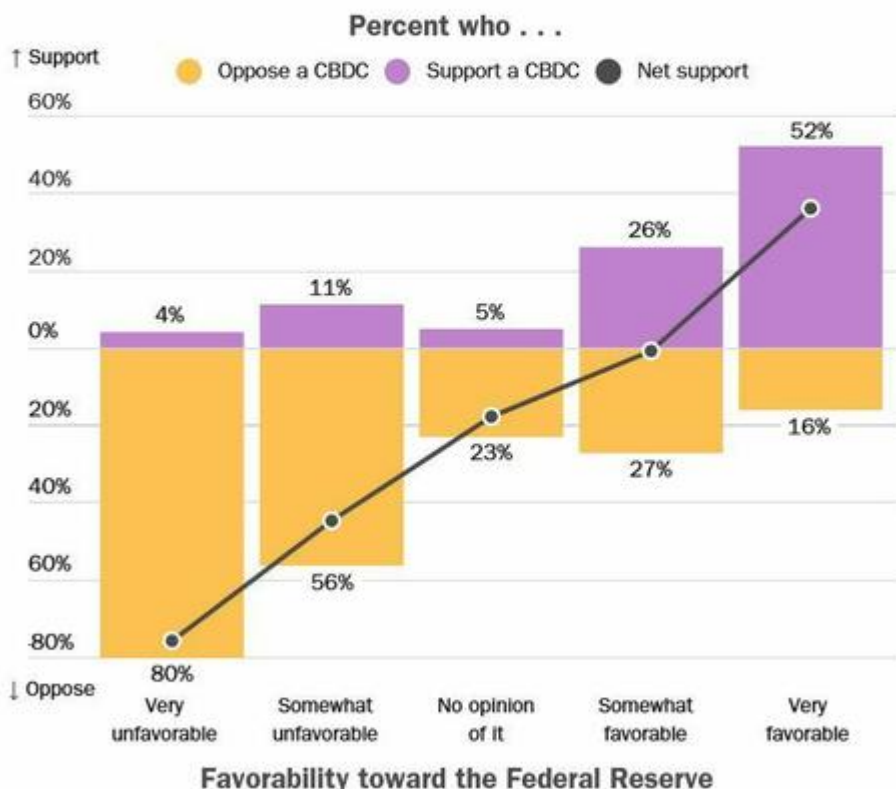
Notably, Americans who support a CBDC stood out in how they think about in-home government surveillance cameras. A majority (53%) of Americans who support a CBDC support the government installing in-home surveillance cameras to reduce abuse and

other illegal activity. This suggests that some of the psychology behind support for a CBDC springs from an above average comfort level with trading some personal autonomy and privacy for societal order and security. -Cato Institute

What's more, those who view the Federal Reserve favorably are more likely to support a CBDC (duh).

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There are proposals for the Federal Reserve to begin offering a government-issued digital currency, called a "central bank digital currency" (CBDC). Would you support or oppose the proposal?



Source: Cato Institute 2023 CBDC National Survey.

Note: Neither/No opinion not shown.

Sheep gonna sheep?