

Watching and Being Watched



*How surveillance shapes our lives —
and what AI is changing*

Part 1

It's Already Everywhere

Questions 1 – 3 · Awareness & Observation

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Discussion Question



Where did you notice a camera or sensor today — before you even got here?

Think: parking lot, store entrance, doorbell camera, phone in your pocket...



Have you ever felt safer because of a camera or monitoring device? What was the situation?

There's no wrong answer — the goal is to notice your own experience.



What are the best reasons someone would give for putting up more cameras in a neighborhood?

Play devil's advocate if you need to — argue the case for surveillance.

Part 2

The Upside of Watching

Questions 4 – 5 • Benefits & Protection



If you were a small business owner, how would you use cameras and sensors — and what would you want customers to know about it?

Think about theft, insurance, employee safety, liability...



Should public spaces — parks, buses, town squares — have cameras to reduce crime and help find missing people?

Where do you draw the line between 'public safety' and 'public space'?

Part 3

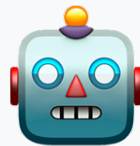
The Flip Side

Questions 6 – 8 • Privacy, Power & AI



If cameras recorded everywhere you went for a month, what would feel uncomfortable — even if you have nothing to hide?

This isn't about guilt. It's about what a permanent record of your life would feel like.



AI can now recognize your face, your walking pattern, even your emotions in a crowd. Does that change how you feel about public cameras?

Before AI, cameras recorded. Now they can identify, track, and judge.



Who should be allowed to watch you — and who should decide?

Government? Business? Employers? Landlords? Your own family? Consider who you trust, and why.

Part 4

Your Call

Questions 9 – 10 • Values & Decisions



Has your thinking shifted at all during this conversation — or did it confirm what you already believed?

No right answer. Honest reflection is the goal.



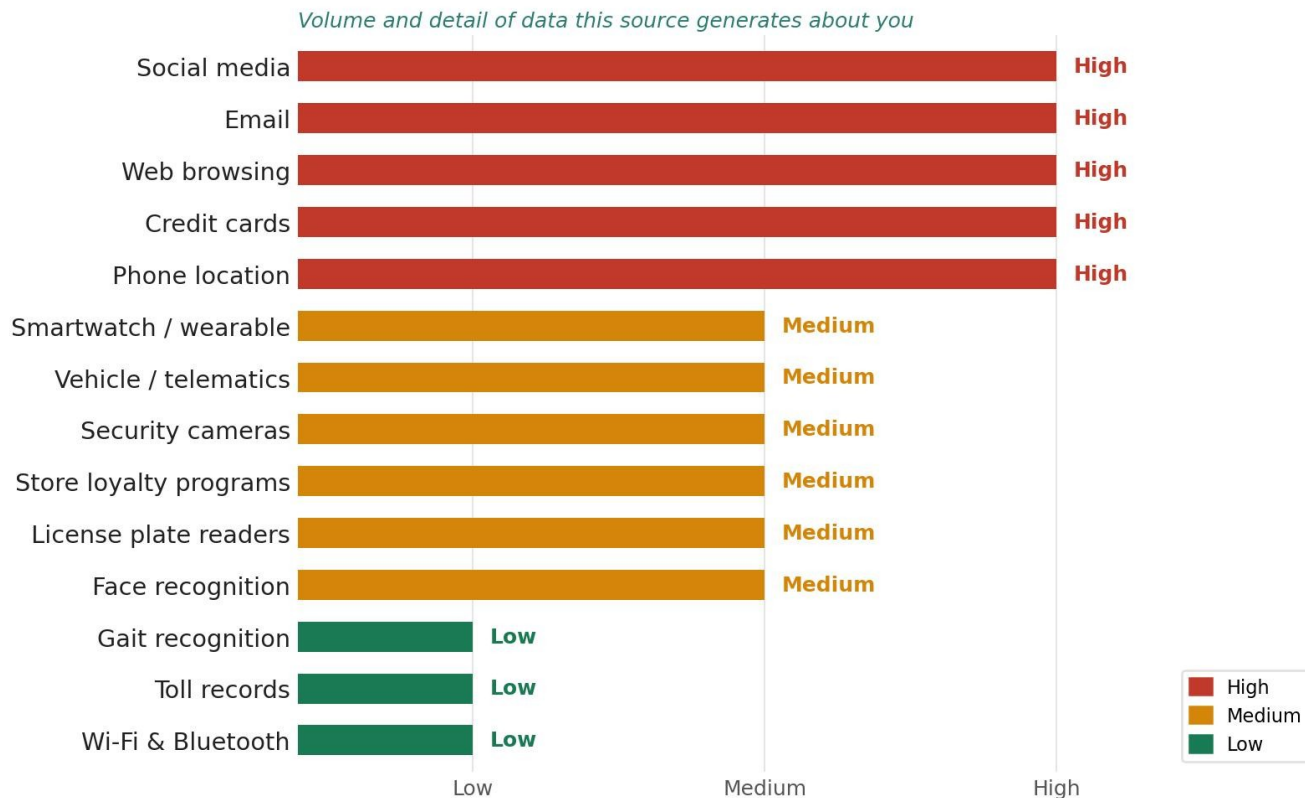
If you had to set one personal boundary around how you're watched — something you'd actually do — what would it be?

A camera you'd cover? An app you'd delete? A question you'd ask before moving somewhere?

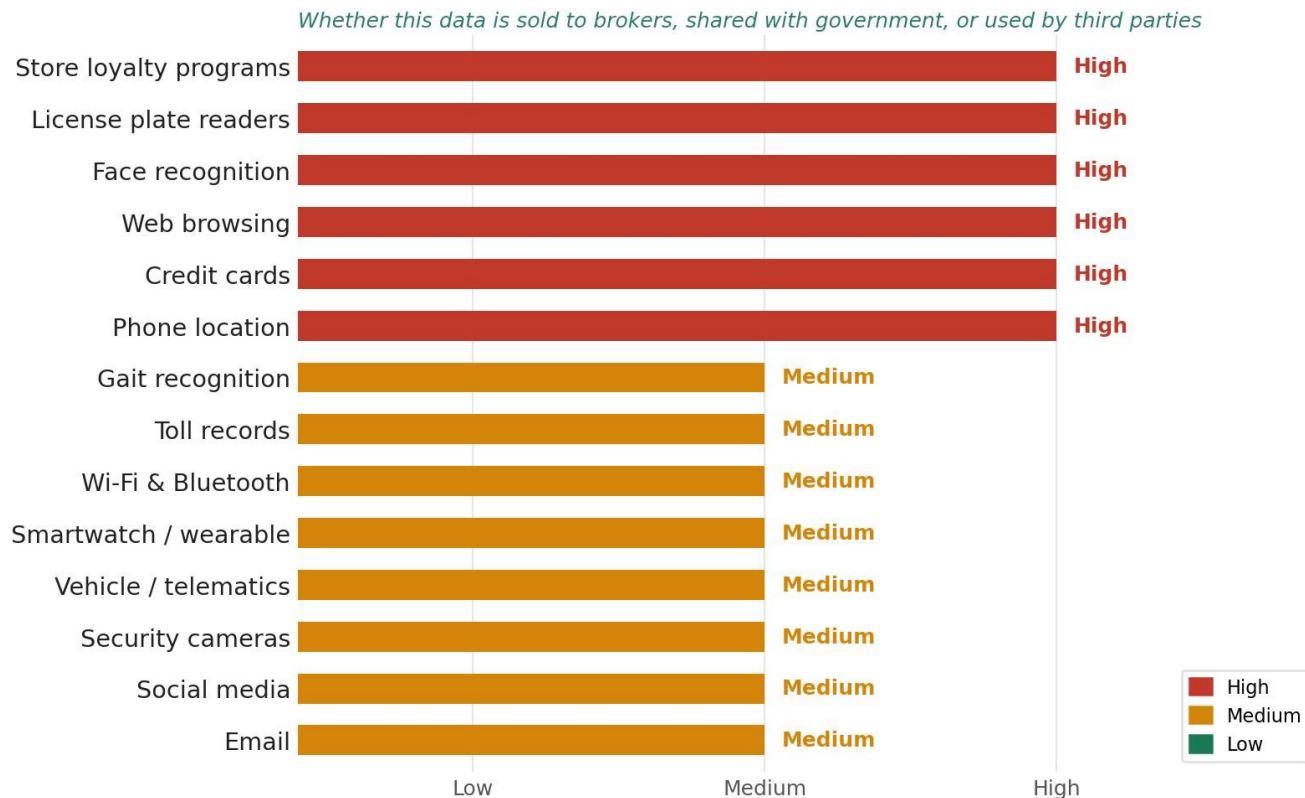
There are no easy answers — only more informed ones.

*The goal isn't to be for or against surveillance.
It's to think clearly about tradeoffs — and make choices that reflect your values.*

How much data is collected



How widely the data is shared



How hard it is to avoid

