

Canada Partners With WEF to Unleash Digital IDs – Is the US Next?

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The World Economic Forum (WEF) is actively promoting digital IDs. The Known Traveler Digital Identity (KTDI) is a WEF initiative that, [according to its website](#), “brings together a global consortium of individuals, governments, authorities, and the travel industry to enhance security in world travel.” As you can probably tell by the name of the initiative, digital IDs are a core component of the WEF’s desire to “enhance security.” [Canada](#) is KTDI’s most prominent member. Now, Canada, supposedly a country interested in advancing human rights, wants to introduce a federal Digital Identity Program.

According to [a recent report](#) released by the Canadian government, those in charge want “to make it easier for Canadians to interact with the Government of Canada.” For this to occur, though, “modern, integrated systems and an unwavering focus on the needs and experience of citizens” are required. In plain human language: This will require the introduction of digital IDs. The elites in Davos, one imagines, are excited by the developments in Canada.

Last year, in a rather [revealing white paper](#), the WEF outlined the many ways in which digital IDs will turbocharge our digital future. The authors cite China’s use of digital IDs and biometric technologies; these, they insist, have “transformed consumer habits and delivered tangible benefits” to Chinese citizens. The fact that the WEF is using China as a shining example of why digital IDs work should worry anyone who cherishes the idea of freedom.

Should American citizens be concerned if Canada—the United States’ neighbor—is prepared to roll out digital IDs? The answer is yes. If it can happen in one of the most developed countries in the world, it can happen in the United States. In fact, some Democrats are actively pushing for digital IDs.

In a recent piece for [The American Conservative](#), I asked the question, “Why are Democrats pushing digital IDs?” Rep. Bill Foster (D-Ill.) first introduced the Improving Digital Identity Act in 2020, but his idea never gathered momentum. Foster decided to reintroduce the measure.

As [FCW reports](#), the bill “would also set up a task force on digital identity and establish a grant program at the Department of Homeland Security to support the creation of interoperable identity credentialing systems for digital identity verification on the state and local level.” Yes, the DHS, the very same federal executive department that was trying to introduce the Disinformation Governance Board earlier this year.

Foster, as I discussed in The American Conservative piece, isn’t the only Democrat pushing digital IDs. He’s just one of many. Which begs the question, why are a number of politicians on the left so interested in these problematic IDs? In short, they want to address identity fraud, [a growing problem](#) in the United States. In 2021, nearly [42 million Americans](#) were victims of identity fraud. Tens of billions of dollars were lost to opportunistic fraudsters. Now, only a fool would argue that identity fraud isn’t a problem in the United States; it is. Something must be done. However...

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