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## Amazon Doubles Down on Ring Partnerships With Law Enforcement

The company's top hardware executive told WIRED he's “proud” of the controversial program and hinted at a future with more facial recognition.



# SURVEILLANCE

“Panopticon”

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Guy's security camera catches kid tearing it up on his driveway almost every day, so he decides to do something about it.



10.4M views

4:01 PM · 8/27/20 from Los Angeles, CA · Twitter for iPad

108K Retweets 21K Quote Tweets 484K Likes

Mike Sington ✅ @MikeSington · 8/28/20

UPDATE: All of you are amazing! Thanks to your input I've identified the guy in the video with the driveway. I've reached out to him directly, he wants to remain anonymous. One person found the driveway- it's in Salt Lake City. Still looking for the kid, NASCAR has gifts for him!



81 477 8,054

Mike Sington ✅ @MikeSington · 8/28/20

SECOND UPDATE: Neighbor just sent me this photo taken about an hour ago. Guy is still doing the chalk track, and the kid was there riding it! (Photo: @Wonkaton1)



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# COERCION



THE VERGE

Amazon Halo

SCIENCE

## AMAZON ANNOUNCES HALO, A FITNESS BAND AND APP THAT SCANS YOUR BODY AND VOICE

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By Dieter Bohn | @backlon | Aug 27, 2020, 9:00am EDT

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A screenshot of a mobile device's screen. At the top, the time is 12:51 and there are signal strength, Wi-Fi, and battery icons. Below that, the URL "onezero.medium.com" is visible. The main content of the screen is a news article about the Amazon Halo device.

other wearable trackers, it also monitors physical activity, heart rate, and sleep phases.

One of the oldest and largest North American life insurers, John Hancock, is partnering with Amazon to offer its members a free Amazon Halo device and a three-year membership, which typically costs \$3.99 a month. In exchange, members will have to hand over their data to their insurer, which will use it to award discounts on premiums and other rewards.

Other insurers could follow Hancock's lead. Insurance companies are increasingly turning to tracking apps to monitor policyholders more closely, raising concerns over privacy, accuracy, and even discrimination.

Amazon Halo

## TECHNOLOGY

# Everything We Know About Facebook's Secret Mood Manipulation Experiment

It was probably legal. But was it ethical?

ROBINSON MEYER JUNE 28, 2014



REUTERS

Updated, 09/08/14

Facebook's News Feed—the main list of status updates, messages, and photos you see

A judge said police can search the DNA of 1 million Americans without their consent. What's next?

By **Jocelyn Kaiser** | Nov. 7, 2019 , 2:40 PM

For the first time, a state judge has forced a public genealogy site, GEDmatch, to allow police to search its entire database of DNA profiles. A detective wanted to find distant relatives of a serial rapist in hopes that their family trees could help him home in on a suspect—even though most of the 1.3 million people who have shared their DNA data with the site haven't agreed to such a search.

The search warrant, [reported](#) this week by *The New York Times*, raises the alarming possibility of similar police searches of giant direct-to-consumer DNA sites such as Ancestry.com and 23andMe that are now closed to everyone except company customers who willingly submit a saliva sample.

## **ACTIVITY TIME**

## BREAK OUT AND...

### 1. Pick a topic

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### 2. Come up with some answers to the following:

- Who's vulnerable, or at risk of harm, in this situation?
- How are they at risk?
- What could you do to mitigate harm?

*You don't have to use the stories I shared; I'd prefer to hear something relevant to you, if you feel comfortable sharing.*

**5-ish minutes, then we'll debrief**