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I feel the 2 papers talk about the same idea – “Smart cities” but from 2 different perspectives. One talks more in social sense and neo-citizen as a concept and other talks about privacy and other ethical concerns. I personally feel though both do agree on the fact that in order to create smart cities we need to be more citizen-centric and work to empower them and not to dismantle the social norms and social structure of the society in order to create the smart cities. After reading the paper, I do believe that if a person does not want their data or any tracking information on them then their definitely does not exist any law to prevent them. May be government might additionally supply that the data they have on citizens from the surveillance cameras and other apps is safe. But what happens when there is a leak and how do we cover the harm that it might cause its citizens. Another though process that instigated by this paper was – If a person does something wrong in such smart living set up then for how long the data is stored for them? Will such legal data could affect the future generation’s job prospects in the same city or not. No body has the answer yet but I am definitely interested to know what follows. What I do not like about the paper is the fact it over generalizes the city spere and that might not be true every where. A smart city in US might be something to bring the cost down and may be to reduce the carbon emission but this might not be true for New Delhi where cities are still evolving, and smart city idea does not yet fit there yet.