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## Surveillance Selfie: Drones, Phones And The Coming Big Data Beast

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**We should really be questioning right now – the social and nonethical imperative which is currently driving the adoption of these new technologies.**

Surveillance technology is moving by leaps and bounds, and artificial intelligence (AI) is now able to detect and track multiple targets over a wide area. Add facial recognition and data profiling to the mix, and it's a recipe for a [full-on AI grid](#) future.

The ultimate hands-free surveillance selfie – compliments of Big Brother.

Now, imagine a day when you're simply walking down the street and pointing to something in the air. All of it is being captured on a 1.8 billion pixel video stream from the sky. They already know your identity and location with the phone in your pocket. [They just might already have your face](#). Or worse, they are [“predicting” that a crime is about to take place](#). They'll close the Big Data loop by storing the video footage with your profile, and later mash it up with other potentially 'suspicious' activity in the area.

This all can happen thanks to DARPA's latest creation, the ARGUS camera – Autonomous Real-Time Ground Ubiquitous Surveillance ([www.darpa.mil](http://www.darpa.mil)). 21WIRE first heard about ARGUS in early 2013, and you can read more about the technical aspects of the project on [Engadget's website](#).

*Editor's Note: A previously published technical description on DARPA's website now returns a message of “Access Denied” to the public.*

According to the video below, ARGUS “melds together video from each of its 368 chips to create a 1.8 billion pixel video stream” all in real-time and archived. Wow. Watch:

21WIRE readers know that DARPA is no stranger to [transhumanist designs](#). But their latest development with high resolution imaging systems fits like a glove with the larger narrative coming from the technocratic elite:

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The century of ‘big data’ will be the century of unprecedented surveillance. The dream of tyrants down through history has been the total monitoring, control and management of the public, with the ability to predict the behaviour of entire populations the most efficient means of achieving this objective. For millennia, this has mainly existed in the realm of fantasy, however with the vast leap in technology in recent decades, this idea is becoming less a dystopian science fiction movie and more the daily business of totalitarian high-tech regimes.

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