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San Francisco bans facial recognition software

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190517-big-brother.html>

San Francisco has become the first city in the USA to ban facial recognition software. The city has said police and other public departments cannot use the software. San Francisco already uses surveillance cameras for reading car number plates and police officers wear body cameras. There is facial recognition at airports. Many officials wanted to introduce facial recognition in the city to increase security. They said facial recognition technology would make it cheaper and faster for police to find crime suspects and identify missing people. An expert on information technology said: "A ban on facial recognition will make [San Francisco] frozen in time with outdated technology."

There are many opponents of the technology, which is being widely used in other parts of the world. San Francisco official Aaron Peskin called facial recognition a "Big Brother" technology. Big Brother is a character in the book "Nineteen Eighty-Four" by George Orwell. The phrase Big Brother is now used to describe attempts by governments or authorities to increase surveillance and "spy" on citizens. Mr Peskin said: "We can have security without being a security state. We can have good policing without being a police state." He added that: "Part of that is building trust with the community based on good community information, not on Big Brother technology."

Sources: <https://news.sky.com/story/san-francisco-becomes-first-us-city-to-ban-police-from-using-facial-recognition-technology-11720324>
<https://www.foxnews.com/tech/san-francisco-1st-us-city-outlaw-police-facial-recognition-technology>
<https://www.bbc.com/news/technology-48276660>

WARM-UPS

1. BIG BROTHER: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Big Brother. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

San Francisco / city / USA / facial recognition / software / police / airports / frozen / technology / character / Big Brother / 1984 / surveillance / spy / security / community

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. SURVEILLANCE: Students A **strongly** believe there should be more surveillance in cities; Students B **strongly** believe there shouldn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. SOFTWARE: What are the good and bad things about the following software? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Good Things	Bad Things
Facial recognition		
GPS		
Language translation		
Grammar checker		
Microsoft Windows		
Music streaming		

5. CITY: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "city". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. FACIAL RECOGNITION: Rank these with your partner. Put the best places for facial recognition at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- airports
- schools
- prisons
- shops
- hospitals
- banks
- parks
- train stations

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------|--|
| 1. ban | a. Of or concerning the people as a whole. |
| 2. public | b. A person who has a lot of or skill in a particular area. |
| 3. surveillance | c. Close observation, especially of a spy or criminal. |
| 4. introduce | d. Officially or legally stop people doing something. |
| 5. security | e. Bring something into use or operation for the first time. |
| 6. crime | f. The safety of a country or organization against criminal activity such as terrorism, theft, or espionage. |
| 7. expert | g. Illegal activities. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|---------------|---|
| 8. opponent | h. The belief in the truth, ability, or strength of someone or something. |
| 9. official | i. A country, nation or territory. |
| 10. character | j. A person who holds a passport of a country. |
| 11. citizen | k. Someone who competes against or fights another in a contest, game, or argument. |
| 12. state | l. A group of people living in the same place or having something in common. |
| 13. trust | m. A person in public office or being a representative of an organization or government department. |
| 14. community | n. A person in a novel, play, or movie. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190517-big-brother.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. San Francisco is the first U.S. city to ban facial recognition software. **T / F**
- b. There is facial recognition at airports in San Francisco. **T / F**
- c. Officials said facial recognition increases the cost of policing. **T / F**
- d. An expert warned about San Francisco having old-fashioned technology. **T / F**
- e. There are very few opponents of facial recognition software. **T / F**
- f. A writer called George Orwell wrote a book called "Big Brother". **T / F**
- g. The phrase "Big Brother" means a country looking after children. **T / F**
- h. An official said information was better than Big Brother technology. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. ban | a. establish |
| 2. surveillance | b. extensively |
| 3. introduce | c. confidence |
| 4. identify | d. representative |
| 5. outdated | e. observation |
| 6. widely | f. watch |
| 7. official | g. prohibit |
| 8. spy | h. country |
| 9. state | i. recognize |
| 10. trust | j. old-fashioned |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. police and other public | a. of the technology |
| 2. cameras for reading car | b. with the community |
| 3. increase | c. technology |
| 4. frozen in | d. on citizens |
| 5. outdated | e. number plates |
| 6. There are many opponents | f. departments |
| 7. widely used in other parts | g. in the book |
| 8. Big Brother is a character | h. security |
| 9. spy | i. time |
| 10. building trust | j. of the world |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190517-big-brother.html>

San Francisco has become the (1) _____ city in the USA to ban facial recognition software. The city has said police and other (2) _____ departments cannot use the software. San Francisco already uses surveillance cameras for reading car (3) _____ plates and police officers wear body cameras. There is facial recognition at (4) _____. Many officials wanted to introduce facial recognition in the city to (5) _____ security. They said facial recognition technology would make it (6) _____ and faster for police to find crime suspects and identify (7) _____ people. An expert on information technology said: "A ban on facial recognition will make [San Francisco] (8) _____ in time with outdated technology."

airports
public
missing
increase
frozen
first
number
cheaper

There are many (9) _____ of the technology, which is being widely used in other (10) _____ of the world. San Francisco official Aaron Peskin called facial recognition a "Big Brother" technology. Big Brother is a (11) _____ in the book "Nineteen Eighty-Four" by George Orwell. The (12) _____ Big Brother is now used to describe attempts by governments or authorities to (13) _____ surveillance and "spy" on citizens. Mr Peskin said: "We can have security without being a security state. We can have (14) _____ policing without being a police state." He added that: "Part of that is building (15) _____ with the community based (16) _____ good community information, not on Big Brother technology."

parts
good
phrase
on
opponents
trust
increase
character

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190517-big-brother.html>

- 1) San Francisco has become the first city in the USA to ban facial _____
 - a. recognition softly ware
 - b. recognition soft where
 - c. recognition soft wares
 - d. recognition software
- 2) San Francisco already uses surveillance cameras for reading _____
 - a. car numeral plates
 - b. car numbered plates
 - c. car number plates
 - d. car numbers plates
- 3) officials wanted to introduce facial recognition in the city _____
 - a. to increase security
 - b. to increased security
 - c. to increases security
 - d. to in crease security
- 4) cheaper and faster for police to find crime suspects and _____
 - a. identify missing people
 - b. identify miss in people
 - c. identify mixing people
 - d. identify mix in people
- 5) A ban on facial recognition will make San Francisco _____
 - a. froze in time
 - b. frozen in time
 - c. froze on time
 - d. freeze in time
- 6) There are many opponents of the technology, which is being _____
 - a. widely use
 - b. widely abused
 - c. widely used
 - d. widely abuse
- 7) San Francisco official Aaron Peskin called facial recognition a " _____ " technology
 - a. Big Brother
 - b. Big Sister
 - c. Big Mother
 - d. Big Father
- 8) The phrase Big Brother is now used to describe _____ governments
 - a. attempts buy
 - b. attempts bye
 - c. attempts by
 - d. attempts bay
- 9) We can have security without being a _____
 - a. secure city state
 - b. secured city state
 - c. secular state
 - d. security state
- 10) He added that part of that is _____
 - a. building trust
 - b. built-in trust
 - c. build in trust
 - d. bidding trust

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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San Francisco has become (1) _____ in the USA to ban facial recognition software. The city has said police and other public departments cannot (2) _____. San Francisco already uses surveillance cameras for reading (3) _____ and police officers wear body cameras. There is facial recognition at airports. Many officials wanted to introduce facial recognition in the city (4) _____. They said facial recognition technology would make it cheaper and faster for police to find crime suspects (5) _____ people. An expert on information technology said: "A ban on facial recognition will make [San Francisco] (6) _____ with outdated technology."

There are (7) _____ the technology, which is being widely used (8) _____ of the world. San Francisco official Aaron Peskin called facial recognition a "Big Brother" technology. Big Brother is a (9) _____ book "Nineteen Eighty-Four" by George Orwell. The phrase Big Brother is now used to (10) _____ governments or authorities to increase surveillance and "spy" on citizens. Mr Peskin said: "We can have security without being (11) _____. We can have good policing without being a police state." He added that: "Part of that is building trust with the community (12) _____ community information, not on Big Brother technology."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190517-big-brother.html>

1. How many U.S. cities have banned facial recognition software?
2. Where in San Francisco is facial recognition software used?
3. What do officials hope facial recognition software will increase?
4. Who would facial recognition software help police find?
5. What kind of technology did an official worry about San Francisco having?
6. Where is facial recognition software being widely used?
7. What is the name of the book that has a character called "Big Brother"?
8. What did an official say the city could have without being a security state?
9. What did an official say the city could have without being a police state?
10. What did the official say could build trust in the community?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190517-big-brother.html>

- 1) How many U.S. cities have banned facial recognition software?
 - a) 3
 - b) 1
 - c) 2
 - d) 4
- 2) Where in San Francisco is facial recognition software used?
 - a) schools
 - b) police stations
 - c) prisons
 - d) airports
- 3) What do officials hope facial recognition software will increase?
 - a) technology
 - b) police numbers
 - c) security
 - d) army bases
- 4) Who would facial recognition software help police find?
 - a) crime suspects
 - b) a new governor
 - c) better police officers
 - d) lost children
- 5) What kind of technology did an official worry about San Francisco having?
 - a) facial recognition software
 - b) outdated technology
 - c) Microsoft software
 - d) technology with viruses
- 6) Where is facial recognition software being widely used?
 - a) other parts of the world
 - b) Asia
 - c) Brazil
 - d) the U.K.
- 7) What is the name of the book that has a character called "Big Brother"?
 - a) "Happy Families"
 - b) "The Spy"
 - c) Nineteen Eighty-Four
 - d) "George Orwell"
- 8) What did an official say the city could have without being a security state?
 - a) security
 - b) technology
 - c) more police officers
 - d) fun
- 9) What did an official say the city could have without being a police state?
 - a) more money
 - b) crime
 - c) community policing
 - d) good policing
- 10) What did the official say could build trust in the community?
 - a) facial recognition
 - b) technology
 - c) good community information
 - d) software

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190517-big-brother.html>

Role A – Airports

You think airports are the best place for facial recognition. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their places don't need facial recognition. Also, tell the others which of these places definitely do not need it (and why): schools, banks or shops.

Role B – Schools

You think schools are the best place for facial recognition. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their places don't need facial recognition. Also, tell the others which of these places definitely do not need it (and why): airports, banks or shops.

Role C – Banks

You think banks are the best place for facial recognition. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their places don't need facial recognition. Also, tell the others which of these places definitely do not need it (and why): schools, airports or shops.

Role D – Shops

You think shops are the best place for facial recognition. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their places don't need facial recognition. Also, tell the others which of these places definitely do not need it (and why): schools, banks or airports.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190517-big-brother.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'big' and 'brother'.

big	brother
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• first• other• body• wanted• faster• time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• many• character• phrase• spy• policing• trust
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BIG BROTHER SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Big Brother in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

BIG BROTHER DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'big'?
3. What do you know about facial recognition?
4. What are the advantages and disadvantages of facial recognition?
5. Should facial recognition be everywhere?
6. Do you think police officers should wear body cameras?
7. How else can police find criminals quickly?
8. Do we have too much technology?
9. What happens to cities with outdated technology?
10. Would you like to see facial recognition in your town?

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BIG BROTHER DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'brother'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you know about Big Brother?
15. Why are people afraid of the idea of Big Brother?
16. Are you worried governments have too much information on us?
17. Do you worry that people are spying on you?
18. Is it a bad thing to live in a police state?
19. How can governments build trust in people?
20. What questions would you like to ask San Francisco's mayor?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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There are many opponents of the technology, which is being (7) _____ used in other parts of the world. San Francisco official Aaron Peskin called facial recognition a "Big Brother" technology. Big Brother is a (8) _____ in the book "Nineteen Eighty-Four" by George Orwell. The (9) _____ Big Brother is now used to describe attempts by governments or authorities to increase surveillance and "(10) _____" on citizens. Mr Peskin said: "We can have security without (11) _____ a security state. We can have good policing without being a police state." He added that: "Part of that is building (12) _____ with the community based on good community information, not on Big Brother technology."

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1. | (a) first | (b) fast | (c) fist | (d) firstly |
| 2. | (a) drastic | (b) users | (c) public | (d) caller |
| 3. | (a) spelling | (b) writing | (c) reading | (d) creating |
| 4. | (a) quick | (b) by | (c) that | (d) to |
| 5. | (a) fund | (b) fend | (c) find | (d) frond |
| 6. | (a) up | (b) in | (c) to | (d) of |
| 7. | (a) widen | (b) widely | (c) width | (d) wide |
| 8. | (a) punctuation | (b) character | (c) letter | (d) numeral |
| 9. | (a) phase | (b) parse | (c) phrase | (d) appease |
| 10. | (a) shy | (b) sty | (c) sly | (d) spy |
| 11. | (a) were | (b) been | (c) be | (d) being |
| 12. | (a) wrist | (b) crust | (c) rust | (d) trust |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. ban facial recognition twrasofe
2. police and other liucpb departments
3. to increase seucyrit
4. An exretp on information technology
5. ezonefr in time
6. eatddtou technology

Paragraph 2

7. There are many etnsppono of the technology
8. a threareacc in the book "Nineteen Eighty-Four"
9. governments or uhiaerttois
10. spy on sitniec
11. being a police ttsea
12. building trust with the cuinmtmyo

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190517-big-brother.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () plates and police officers wear body cameras. There is facial recognition at airports. Many officials wanted
- () community based on good community information, not on Big Brother technology."
- (**1**) San Francisco has become the first city in the USA to ban facial recognition software. The city has said police and other
- () of the world. San Francisco official Aaron Peskin called facial recognition a "Big Brother" technology. Big Brother is
- () public departments cannot use the software. San Francisco already uses surveillance cameras for reading car number
- () to introduce facial recognition in the city to increase security. They said facial recognition
- () policing without being a police state." He added that: "Part of that is building trust with the
- () technology would make it cheaper and faster for police to find crime suspects and identify
- () attempts by governments or authorities to increase surveillance and "spy" on
- () missing people. An expert on information technology said: "A ban on facial recognition will
- () There are many opponents of the technology, which is being widely used in other parts
- () make [San Francisco] frozen in time with outdated technology."
- () a character in the book "Nineteen Eighty-Four" by George Orwell. The phrase Big Brother is now used to describe
- () citizens. Mr Peskin said: "We can have security without being a security state. We can have good

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. use Police cannot the and departments other software .
2. for reading car cameras plates . number Surveillance
3. wanted facial to in recognition cities . introduce Officials
4. it technology recognition Facial make would cheaper .
5. with Make outdated frozen technology . time in it
6. are the many technology . opponents of There
7. increase and to spy citizens . Authorities on surveillance
8. being security a without Have security state .
9. policing Have being state . good a police without
10. based with community information . trust on Building the

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190517-big-brother.html>

San Francisco has become the *fast / first* city in the USA to ban facial recognition software. The city has said police and other *public / publicly* departments cannot *use / useful* the software. San Francisco already uses surveillance cameras for reading car *letter / number* plates and police officers wear body cameras. There is *facial / facially* recognition at airports. Many officials wanted to *introduction / introduce* facial recognition in the city to increase security. They said facial recognition technology would make it *cheaper / cheaply* and faster for police to find crime suspects and *identity / identify* missing people. An expert on information technology said: "A *ban / bin* on facial recognition will make [San Francisco] *cold / frozen* in time with outdated technology."

There are many *opposes / opponents* of the technology, which is *been / being* widely used in other *parts / part* of the world. San Francisco official Aaron Peskin called facial recognition a "Big Brother" technology. Big Brother is a character in *a / the* book "Nineteen Eighty-Four" by George Orwell. The phrase Big Brother is now used to describe *attempts / trying* by governments or authorities to increase surveillance and "spy" *on / in* citizens. Mr Peskin said: "We can have *secure / security* without being a security state. We can have *good / well* policing without being a police state." He added that: "Part of *that / what* is building trust with the community *basted / based* on good community information, not on Big Brother technology."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190517-big-brother.html>

S_n F_r_n_c_s_c_ h_s b_c_m_ t_h_ f_r_s_t c_t_y _n t
h_ U_S_A t_ b_n f_c__l r_c_g_n_t__n s_f_t_w_r_. T
h_ c_t_y h_s s__d p_l_c_ _n_d _t_h_r p_b_l_c d_p_r
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__r_p_r_t_s. M_n_y _f_f_c__l_s w_n_t_d t_ _n_t_r_d_c_
f_c__l r_c_g_n_t__n _n t_h_ c_t_y t_ _n_c_r__s_
s_c_r_t_y. T_h_y s__d f_c__l r_c_g_n_t__n t_c_h
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t_c_h_n_l_g_y s__d: "A b_n _n f_c__l r_c_g_n_t__n
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w_t_h __t_d_t_d t_c_h_n_l_g_y."

T_h_r_ _r_ m_n_y _p_p_n_n_t_s _f t_h_ t_c_h_n_l_g_y, w
h_c_h _s b__n_g w_d_l_y _s_d _n t_h_r p_r_t_s _f
t_h_ w_r_l_d. S_n F_r_n_c_s_c_ _f_f_c__l A_r_n P_s
k_n c_l_l_d f_c__l r_c_g_n_t__n _ "B_g B_r_t_h_r"
t_c_h_n_l_g_y. B_g B_r_t_h_r _s _c_h_r_c_t_r _n t_h_
b__k "N_n_t__n E_g_h_t_y - F__r" b_y G__r_g_ O_r
w_l_l. T_h_ p_h_r_s_ B_g B_r_t_h_r _s n_w _s_d t_
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1905/190517-big-brother.html>

san francisco has become the first city in the usa to ban facial recognition software the city has said police and other public departments cannot use the software san francisco already uses surveillance cameras for reading car number plates and police officers wear body cameras there is facial recognition at airports many officials wanted to introduce facial recognition in the city to increase security they said facial recognition technology would make it cheaper and faster for police to find crime suspects and identify missing people an expert on information technology said a ban on facial recognition will make san francisco frozen in time with outdated technology there are many opponents of the technology which is being widely used in other parts of the world san francisco official aaron peskin called facial recognition a big brother technology big brother is a character in the book nineteen eightyfour by george orwell the phrase big brother is now used to describe attempts by governments or authorities to increase surveillance and spy on citizens mr peskin said we can have security without being a security state we can have good policing without being a police state he added that part of that is building trust with the community based on good community information not on big brother technology"

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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San Francisco has become the first city in the USA to ban facial recognition software. The city has said police and other public departments cannot use the software. San Francisco already uses surveillance cameras for reading car number plates and police officers wear body cameras. There is facial recognition at airports. Many officials wanted to introduce facial recognition in the city to increase security. They said facial recognition technology would make it cheaper and faster for police to find crime suspects and identify missing people. An expert on information technology said: "A ban on facial recognition will make [San Francisco] frozen in time without dated technology." There are many opponents of the technology, which is being widely used in other parts of the world. San Francisco official Aaron Peskin called facial recognition a "Big Brother" technology. Big Brother is a character in the book "Nineteen Eighty-Four" by George Orwell. The phrase Big Brother is now used to describe attempts by governments or authorities to increase surveillance and "spy" on citizens. Mr Peskin said: "We can have security without being a security state. We can have good policing without being a police state." He added that: "Part of that is building trust with the community based on good community information, not on Big Brother technology."

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. BIG BROTHER: Make a poster about Big Brother. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. FACIAL RECOGNITION: Write a magazine article about facial recognition. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on Big Brother. Ask him/her three questions about this concept. Give him/her three of your opinions on it. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. d 2. a 3. c 4. e 5. f 6. g 7. b
8. k 9. m 10. n 11. j 12. i 13. h 14. l

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a T b T c F d T e F f F g F h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1. ban | a. prohibit |
| 2. surveillance | b. observation |
| 3. introduce | c. establish |
| 4. identify | d. recognize |
| 5. outdated | e. old-fashioned |
| 6. widely | f. extensively |
| 7. official | g. representative |
| 8. spy | h. watch |
| 9. state | i. country |
| 10. trust | j. confidence |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- One (San Francisco)
- Airports
- Security
- Crime suspects
- Outdated technology
- Other parts of the world
- Nineteen Eighty-Four
- Security
- Good policing
- Good community information

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

- Police and other departments cannot use the software.
- Surveillance cameras for reading car number plates.
- Officials wanted to introduce facial recognition in cities.
- Facial recognition technology would make it cheaper.
- Make it frozen in time with outdated technology.
- There are many opponents of the technology.
- Authorities to increase surveillance and spy on citizens.
- Have security without being a security state.
- Have good policing without being a police state.
- Building trust with the community based on information.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b 2. d 3. c 4. a 5. b 6. a 7. c 8. a 9. d 10. c

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)