

# **HOME SCHOOL RESIDENCY CONFERENCE PROPOSAL**

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## Session I

There seems to be a growing debate as to whether the United States should adopt a National ID card that would be linked to a central clearing house database containing specific details about every single American Citizen. Some say that National ID cards would help guard our nation against illegal immigrants and would help to protect against terrorist making their way into the United States. Some say that National ID cards invade our privacy and would offer another way for hackers to obtain private information. A spokesperson from the Electronic Privacy Information Center states that

Americans have constantly rejected the idea of a national id card. Extension of the Social Security Number to the status of an ID card was rejected in 1971 by the Social Security Administration task force on the SSN. In 1973, the Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) Secretary's Advisory Committee on Automated Personal Data Systems concluded that a national identifier was not desirable. In 1976, the Federal Advisory Committee on false Identification rejected the idea of an identifier. In 1977, the Carter Administration reiterated that the SSN was not to become an identifier, and in 1981 the Reagan Administration stated that it was "explicitly opposed" to the creation of an ID card. Throughout the debates over health care reform, the Clinton Administration also constantly stressed that it was opposed to a national identifier. In 1999 Congress repealed a controversial provision in the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 which gave authorization to include social security numbers on drivers' licenses.

In response to the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001 there has been renewed interest in the creation of national ID cards. Larry Ellison, head of Oracle Corporation, the California based software company, has called the development of a national identification system and offered to donate the technology to make this possible. He proposed ID cards with embedded digitized thumbprints and photographs of all legal residents in the U.S. Proposals for a national ID card are also now being considered by the UK Home Secretary, David Blunkett. So far, however, no such measures have been proposed in Congress and the White House is reportedly "not even considering the idea".

To understand whether we should vote for or against a National ID card system, we should understand the specific pros and cons of this system, we should understand the nature of security that would be implemented to protect our digitized data, and we should have a vote in the demographic information that our government requests from us beforehand.

With this in mind, I would like to have a videoconference specifically discussing this issue that would include the pros and cons of this topic. I expect that there

will be individuals for and against a National ID card system and bringing correct information and lively ideas to the table will help each of us make an informed decision regarding this issue.

## Timeline

The timeline for preparing this conference is as shown:

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Preliminary discussion with advisors.</li> <li>2. Preliminary discussion with Dr. Coddington</li> <li>3. Residency Requirements Published</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Conduct Preparation Chats</li> <li>5. Determine Topics</li> <li>6. Draft Proposal</li> <li>7. Submit Proposal</li> <li>8. Schedule A/V tests</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9. Test A/V equipment</li> <li>10. Dry Run of Conference</li> <li>11. Invite Guests</li> <li>12. Send instructions to Guests</li> <li>13. Conduct Conference Sessions I</li> <li>14. Conduct Conference Session II</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15. Submit Success Report to all advisors</li> <li>16. Respond to any questions asked during conference as a follow-up</li> </ol>
<p><b>September 2001</b></p>	<p><b>October 2001</b></p>	<p><b>November 2001</b></p>	<p><b>December 2001</b></p>