

# Social Media Is a Tool of the CIA: “Facebook, Google and Other Social Media Used to Spy on People”

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*A CBS news article published in 2011 entitled [“Social Media Is a Tool of the CIA. Seriously”](#) reveals the “unspoken truth” which the mainstream media including CBS have failed to address.*

*According to CBS, the CIA is “using Facebook, Twitter, Google (GOOG) and other social media to spy on people.”*

*The article published by CBS refutes the lies of the MSM (with the exception of CBS?). It confirms the insidious relationship between the CIA, the Search Engines, Social Media and major advertising conglomerates:*

*“You don’t need to wear a tinfoil hat to believe that the CIA is using Facebook, Twitter, Google (GOOG) and other social media to spy on people.*

*That’s because the [CIA publishes a helpful list of press releases](#) [link inactive] on all the social media ventures it sponsors, via its technology investment arm In-Q-Tel. ... “*



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# Social Media Is a Tool of the CIA. Seriously

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Screenshot of CBS article

The CBS report acknowledges that "privacy" is threatened by the advertisers, yet at the same time these advertisers are "in bed with the CIA", acting on behalf and in liaison with US intelligence.

information. It shouldn't be surprising, therefore, to learn that the **CIA and the worlds largest ad agency network, WPP** (WPPGY), have been in bed together on a social media data-mining venture since at least January 2009. WPP currently claims to own the **world's largest database of unique individual profiles** -- including demographic, financial, purchase and geographic histories. WPP's

Screenshot of CBS article

## The Privatization of Spying

Spying on individuals is a highly profitable undertaking for private companies on contract to the CIA, NSA, Homeland Security. The CBS report suggests in no uncertain terms that the personal information pertaining to millions of Americans collected by one of the World's largest ad agencies is sold to the CIA.

According to [an earlier Wired News July 2010 report by Noam Schachtman](#):

THE INVESTMENT ARMS of the CIA and Google are both backing a company that monitors the web in real time — and says it uses that information to predict the future.

The company is called Recorded Future, and it scours tens of thousands of websites, blogs and Twitter accounts to find the relationships between people, organizations, actions and incidents — both present and still-to-come. In a white paper, the company says its temporal analytics engine “[goes beyond search](#)” by “looking at the ‘invisible links’ between documents that talk about the same, or related, entities and events.”

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# EXCLUSIVE: GOOGLE, CIA INVEST IN ‘FUTURE’ OF WEB MONITORING

U.S. spy agencies, through In-Q-Tel, have invested in a number of firms to help them better find that information. Visible Technologies [crawls over half a million web 2.0 sites a day](#), scraping more than a million posts and conversations taking place on blogs, YouTube, Twitter and Amazon. Attensity applies the rules of grammar to the so-called “unstructured text” of the web to make it more [easily digestible by government databases](#). Keyhole (now Google Earth) is a staple of the targeting cells in military-intelligence units.

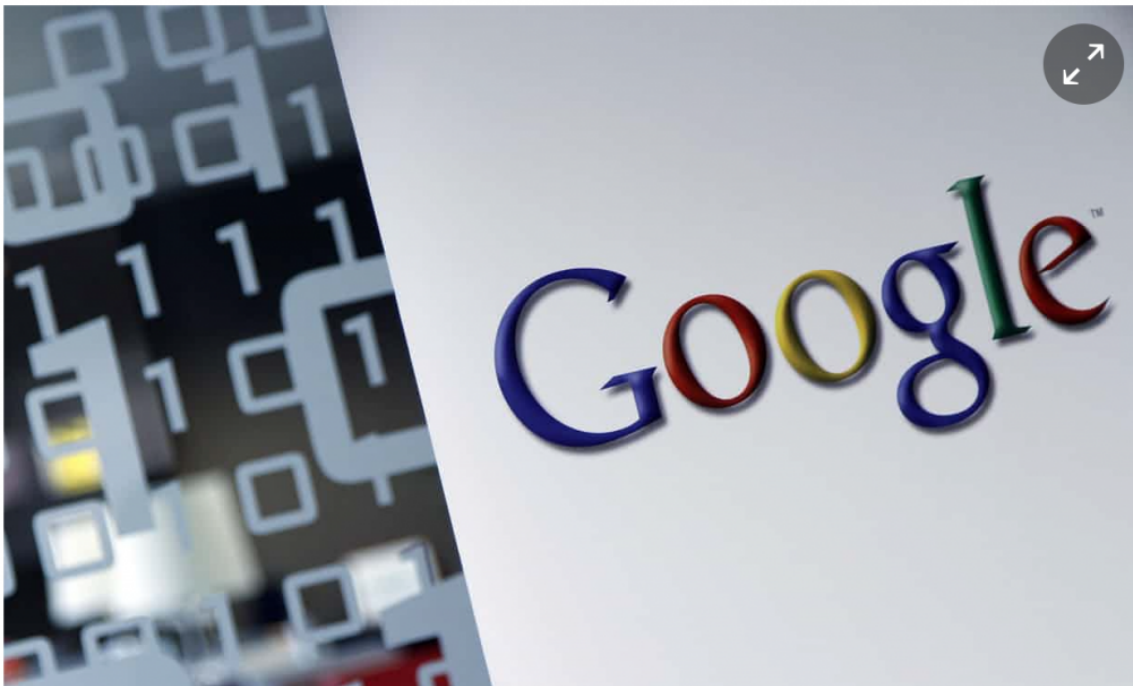
Screenshots of Wired News report

Social Media and Search engines are being used to Spy on Americans! But not only on Americans. The process of personal data collection is worldwide.

What is at stake, however, is not only the issue of "Privacy". The online search engines also constitute an instrument of online media censorship.

Google has introduced algorithms intended to downgrade independent and alternative media. In this regard, the Guardian reported (December 2016) on "[How Google's search algorithm spreads false information with a rightwing bias.](#)"

Search and autocomplete algorithms prioritize sites with rightwing bias, and far-right groups trick it to boost propaganda and misinformation in search rankings



i Manipulations by Google and third parties trying to game the system impact how search engine users perceive the world, even influencing the way they vote. Photograph: Virginia Mayo/AP

Google's search algorithm appears to be systematically promoting information that is either false or slanted with an extreme rightwing bias on subjects as varied as climate change and homosexuality.

Screenshot of Guardian article

Independent online media is targeted. Freedom of Expression on internet based news outlets is being routinely shunted by Google:

["New data compiled by the World Socialist Web Site,](#) with the assistance of other Internet-based news outlets and search technology experts, proves that a massive loss of readership observed by socialist, anti-war and progressive web sites over the past three months has been caused by a cumulative 45 percent decrease in traffic from Google

Below are excerpts of the CBS News 2011 article, [to read the entire article click here:](#)

The world's largest database on individuals

One of the main [threats to privacy comes from advertisers](#), who want to track everything consumers do on the web and scrape their online accounts for personal information. It shouldn't be surprising, therefore, to learn that the [CIA and the worlds largest ad agency network, WPP](#) (WPPGY), have been in bed together on a social media data-mining venture since at least January 2009. WPP currently claims to own the [world's largest database of unique individual profiles](#) — including demographic, financial, purchase and geographic histories. WPP's Visible Technologies unit took an investment from In-Q-Tel in fall of 2009. Visible Technologies develops tools that can scan social media networks such as Twitter and Facebook. ...

Google and CIA: old friends

Are you seeing a trend yet? [Google \(GOOG\) has been a partner with the CIA](#) since 2004 when the company bought Keyhole, a mapping technology business that eventually became Google Earth. In 2010, [Google and In-Q-Tel made a joint investment on a company called Recorded Future](#), which has the *Minority Report*-style goal of creating a "temporal analytics engine" that scours the web and creates curves that predict where events may head.

Google is already helping the government write, and rewrite, history. Here, from its [transparency report](#), are some stats on the amount of information it has either given to the government or wiped from the web based on requests by U.S. agencies:

- 4,601 requests from U.S. government agencies for "[user data](#)"
- Google complied with government requests for user data 94% of the time.
- 1,421 requests for "[content removal](#)"
- Google complied with content removal requests 87% of the time.
- 15 requests were from "executive, police etc."
- 1 was a national security request.

emphasis added. To Read the complete CBS News article [by Jim Edwards click here](#).

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